

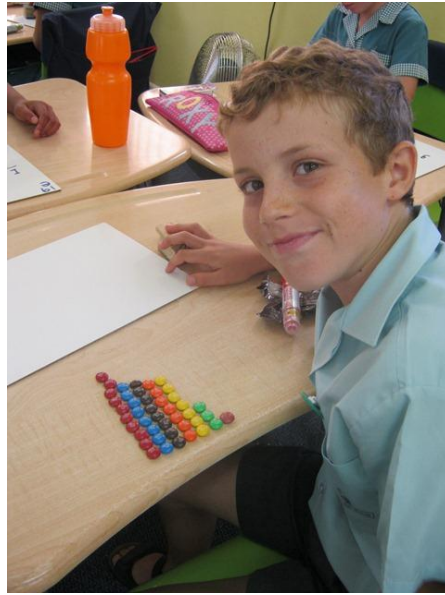


# *The Weekly Blah*

## **Grade 3 Smarties!**



The Grade 3 classrooms were showered with Smarties during a fun hands on Maths lesson. The children were able to estimate and sort the different colours and they then used the Smarties to make graphs and interpret information where they used words like sum of, difference, odd and even! What a sweet maths lesson!



## Newspaper Collections

Thank goodness it was a cool morning, as we had even more paper to process. After last week's success with the wheelbarrow driving licence, we had a fleet of wheelbarrows this week. They trundled back and forth – our one qualified driver doing it in style, the other drivers will need further training. We had one capsized wheelbarrow – certainly an area to improve on! The new Grade 5 team are doing very well; there is a quiet efficiency at the igloos as well as at the Weights & Measures department under Nicola's now expert guidance. A tonne and a half collected already after only three collecting weeks. Thank you! A further plea not to send cardboard in with the newspaper. Also a large number of bags had no weight written on them and some had no class written – so did not count in the totals.

	Wed 18 Jan	Wed 25 Jan	Wed 1 Feb	Total
7M	20.0	5.9	77.1	103.0
7O	68.1	14.3	119.3	201.7
6C	6.0	159.0	90.0	255.0
6U	15.0	10.5	61.0	86.5
5B		34.6	1.5	36.1
5K	92.6	4.1	23.5	120.2
4C	13.8	16.8	31.1	61.7
4M	9.2	50.9	19.6	79.7
3B	8.7	41.5	11.0	61.2
3P	7.0	22.0	17.4	46.4
2P		36.6	69.4	106.0
2T	89.0	30.3	112.2	231.5
1dP	6.3	66.3	30.2	102.8
1R	10.1	20.5	26.8	57.4
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>345.8</b>	<b>513.3</b>	<b>690.1</b>	<b>1549.2</b>

## **HEADlines...**

### **Congratulations to Mrs Karen Bind**

The very exciting news is that Mrs Bind is expecting a baby later this year. This will be a first for Mrs Bind who has just joined us as one of our Grade 3 teachers, and we wish her and her husband everything of the best as they prepare for this special addition to their lives.

### **Welcome back Mrs Elaine Pienaar**

Mrs Pienaar has returned from sick leave and we are thrilled to have her back where she belongs. It is never easy to start the year with a staff member on sick leave and I appreciate the understanding shown by our parents in this regard. I know that her class has been looking forward to her arrival and I trust she will be looked after while she recovers fully from her operation.

### **Welcome back Mrs Rozelle Karelse**

We are delighted to have Mrs Karelse back after her knee replacement operation. Returning to work will take some adjustment for Rozelle and I am sure that everyone will be as helpful as possible in this regard. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Rozelle.

### **Go Somerset House.....for the fifth time!**

Our athletes take on Somerset College and Bridge House for the fifth time next Friday. Our team has been victorious on each occasion so far and we hope to keep the shield for another year with a successful performance in the coming week. Give it your best, Somerset House!

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## ***News from the Ladybird Class***

The Ladybirds have settled down quickly to the routine of Grade 000 and are enjoying all our activities. They have also celebrated 4 birthdays already - and all that brings – delicious cupcakes and balloons.

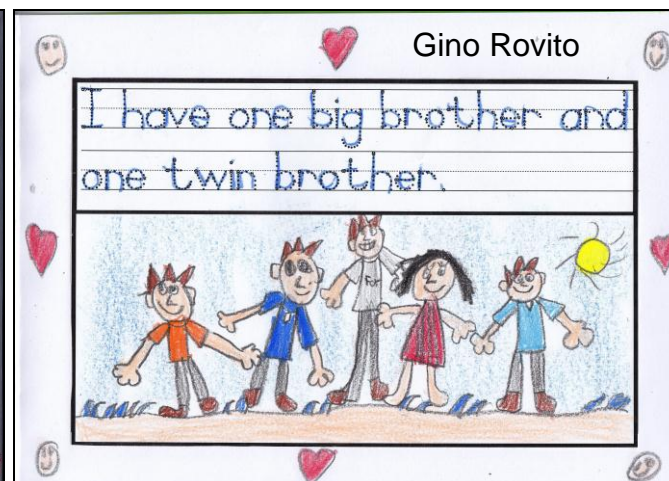
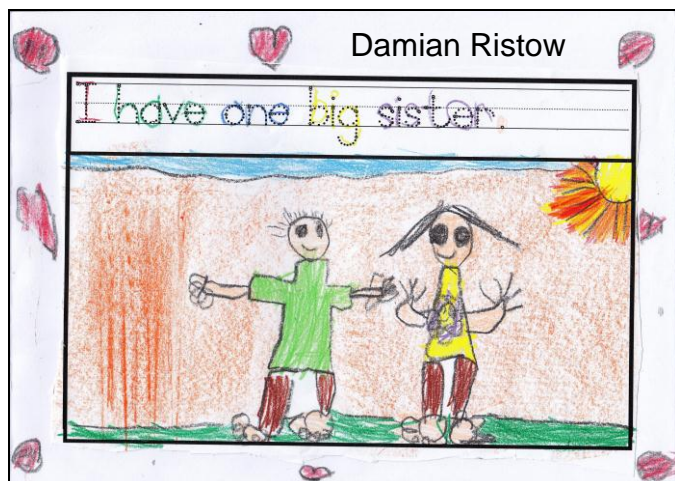
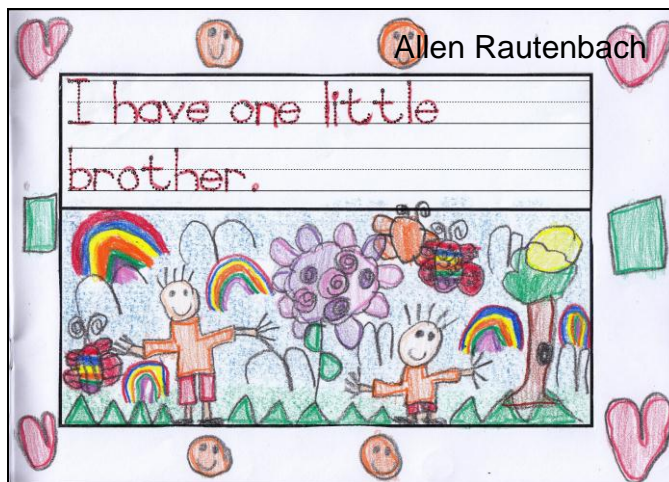
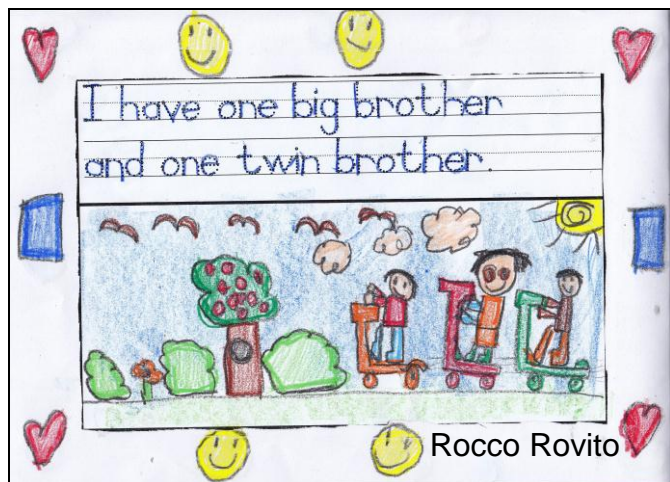


## ***Second Hand Flip Files***

The Grade 5 Bouah Class are collecting 2nd hand Flip Files for ACJ Primary School. Please could you clear out your cupboards and draws for any unwanted Flip Files and place them in the box outside the class. Don't worry what they look like - we will make them look like new! Many thanks.

## Grade Ones Working Beautifully!

As part of our *Breakthrough to Reading* programme the children in Grade 1 create their own personalised reader. They are given a sentence which they have to illustrate appropriately using wax crayon. They are encouraged to draw accurately and with plenty of detail. They also decorate the border of their work by listening carefully to instructions, taking note of spacing, shape and number. Plenty of practice is also given to cut and paste accurately and neatly. This year we will also be creating a digital book in ICT using the Breakthrough Sight Words.



## News from the Owl Class

The Owl Class (Grade R) had a tea party to fit in with their letter of the week "Talking Tess" and because it was Friday and the Owls were Shopkeepers, we had cupcakes too!



## ***New Musicians!***

Excitement prevails as our Beginner musicians take their first steps in learning the language of Music. We welcome them to Shelters and hope they will have lots of enjoyment learning and making music.



## ***Grade 2s***

As part of our theme of 'Looking after our planet', the Grade 2s have been learning about how precious water is, and how we must learn to save it and reuse it when we can. On Friday they were introduced to the topic of 'Sinking and Floating' and then asked to predict what would happen when different objects were placed into a bowl of water. In mixed class and ability groups, they then set about doing the experiments to see if their predictions were in fact true. There were some surprises!



## Artists of the Week

**Hanah Tsoukalas** and **Ruth Benson** in Grade 3 are the first Artists of the Week to be chosen for 2012. Their beautifully drawn and painted "In my School Uniform" pictures have been sensitively finished off with tissue paper collage. Both their pictures glow with colour and thoughtful detail. Well done. We are so proud of your lovely work!



## Sports News

### GUIDELINES TO WEDNESDAY MINI CRICKET:

- When a particular age group has scheduled Mini Cricket matches at home or away against another school, there will be no practices for the remaining children in that age group, as the coaches are involved with the matches, **unless** stated otherwise in the **weekly programme** on the back of the Blah.
- When a match is cancelled by the opposing school, weather permitting, we will play an internal match with the boys who would have played in the inter-school matches.
- When Somerset House is hosting fixtures and an age group (for example U7s) do not have a scheduled match, an internal match will be played with the whole U7 group.

### INDOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Our Somerset House U13 Indoor Hockey Teams played their first matches on Monday evening. Our girls Eagles Team played against a very strong Hendrik Louw team and fought till the end, going down 1-4. A very good effort. Our girls Falcons team played against Lochnerhof and played a super game winning 6-0 and our boys Falcons team played against Somerset College B and although they won convincingly 11-0, there is still room for improvement. Our teams will be in action again on Monday evening at Somerset College. Please see our weekly schedule for match times.

## INTER-SCHOOLS ATHLETICS MEETING – FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Our Somerset House athletes have been training and will be in action next Friday afternoon when they take on Somerset College and Bridge House in our annual Inter-schools Athletics Triangular. Cassie Viljoen and Migali Giagas will be leading the team and will be well supported by our cheerleaders ~ Izzy Corner, Moya Smith, Alistair Christmas and Richard Ribbans. These cheerleaders have the task of motivating our children and ensuring that our pupils remain passionate and hungry throughout the meeting. We would like as many supporters as possible to join us at Bridge House for the event. All Somerset House pupils who would like to support our team are most welcome and must please be dressed in their school uniforms. The teams will 'walk on' at 14h30 and the meeting will start at 15h00. A full programme with estimated times of events is available on our website. Please see the table below for our final practice times for this week as there have been a couple of changes.

Tues	7	07h10 – 07h40 16h30 – 17h30	SH Athletics Team Practice (U7 – U9) SH Athletics Team Practice (U9 – U13) 400m, 800m and 1 500m
Wed	8	07h00 – 07h40	SH Athletics Team Practice (U10 – 13 Relay Teams)
Thurs	9	07h00 – 07h40 14h30 – 15h30	SH Athletics Team Practice (U7 – U9 Relay Teams) SH Athletics Team Practice (U10 – U13 Field Events)
Fri	10	13h00 – 19h00	Inter-schools Athletics Triangular (Bridge House)

We wish all our athletes the very best of luck and hope that they will be able to defend our title and go on to win the Waltons Shield for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

## ZONAL ATHLETICS TRIAL

The Helderberg Zonal Athletics Trials take place this Friday and Saturday at Hottentots Holland High School. The following 11 athletes will be in action:

AGE	PARTICIPANT	DATE	EVENT 1	EVENT 2	EVENT 3
Girls U10	Stephanie Bihl	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1 200m	Heats	
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 200m	Finals	
Boys U10	CJ Slabbert	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	80m	100m	
Boys U11	Ben v Schalkwyk	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	High Jump	Long Jump	Shotput
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	80m	100m	
Girls U12	Rochelle Roos	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Javelin		
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Long Jump	Shotput	150m / 100m
Boys U12	Brendan Venter	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1 200m	Heats	
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 200m	Final	
Girls U13	Aliko Argyropoulos	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Long Jump		
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	75m Hurdles	200 m	100 m
	Cassie Viljoen	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Long Jump		
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	100 m		
	Megan McEwan	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	800 m	1500 m	Heats
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	800 m	1 500 m	Finals
Boys U13	Alex van der Merwe	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Shotput		
	Luke Stephens	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1 500 m	Heats	
		Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1 500 m	Finals	
	Callum Smith	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	100 m		

A full programme, with estimated times of events, is available on our website. Our athletes would love some support so spectators are more than welcome. We wish our athletes the very best of luck!

## ZONAL TENNIS TRIALS

The Helderberg Zonal Tennis Trials took place last Thursday in boiling hot conditions. Well done to Yvonne Huysamer, Kai Greig, Ziggy Dalton, Kiera van Eeden, Rozie Trafford, Migali Giagas, George Huysamer, Brendan Venter, Joshua Raats and Greg Bolus who put on a brave fight and managed to survive the uncomfortable conditions. Congratulations to Kai Greig and Ziggy Dalton who played extremely well in the Boys U11 section. We are waiting for confirmation but believe that Kai has made the Helderberg Team and Ziggy may have too. Kiera also had a great afternoon and has also been selected to represent the Helderberg Team. Well done to all of you!

### **WEEK 5: Programme for the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

Mon	6 Feb	17h30 18h00 18h30 19h00	Indoor Hockey League – Somerset College: SH Falcons v De Hoop (Girls) SH Eagles v De Hoop (Boys) SH Eagles v Beaumont (Girls) SH Falcons v Lochnerhof (Boys)
Tues	7	07h00-07h40 14h30 14h30 16h30-17h30	SH Athletics Team Practice (U7- U9) Cricket v Eikestad - Under 11C(H), Under 11B (A), 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI(A) Cricket v Dr Joubert – Under 12A (H) SH Athletics Team Practice (U9 – U13) – 400m, 800m & 1500m
Wed	8	07h00-07h40 13h15 13h30 14h15 14h15 18h00	SH Athletics Team Practice (U10 – U13 Relay Teams) Mini Cricket v Somerset House - U7 internal matches Mini Cricket v Methodist Primary (H) – 1 x U8, 2 x U9 Cricket v Somerset House - Under 10A v Under 11A (Webb Field) Cricket v Somerset House – 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (Naburn Meadow) Guild Meeting
Thurs	9	07h00-07h40 14h30 14h30 – 15h30 14h30	SH Athletics Team Practice (U7 – U9 Relay Teams) Tennis Matches (awaiting fixtures) SH Athletics Team Practice (U10 – U13 Field Events) Health and Safety Meeting
Fri	10	08h00 13h00 depart 13h15	JP Assembly School closes for Grade 1 - 7 Inter-schools Athletics Triangular (Bridge House)
Sat	11	08h00 15h45 – 16h15 17h00 – 17h15	Inter-Zonal Tennis Tournament (Cape Town) Marimba Band playing at Dixieland (Somerset College) Marimba Band playing at Dixieland (Somerset College)

♥ ♡ ♥ *In celebration of Valentine's Day,* ♥  
*children may wear civvies (red and white) on* ♥  
*Tuesday 14 February for a donation of R5. The* ♥  
*money collected will be donated to the* ♥  
*RED Cross Children's Hospital!* ♥