



The Weekly Blah

Cultural Day!



On the last Thursday of the previous term our playground was awash with colour and costumes from all over the world. We had Arabian princesses, Indian maidens, Parisienne gentlemen, Spanish dancers, Greek fisherman and Chinese girls amongst all the other national costumes. We were celebrating cultures and what makes them unique and special. The celebrations began with a special assembly dedicated to 'respect and tolerance'. Grade 7 pupils made an entrance, proudly carrying national flags from the different continents: Brazil, U.S.A., France, Tanzania, Japan, Jordan and Australia. Each pupil made a short presentation to the audience about their chosen country, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation of photos. The singing of "We are the World" by individual soloists created goosebumps as we were moved by their beautiful voices. The lighting of rainbow candles symbolized the diversity of all the children around the world.

Then it was back to the classrooms for fun-filled and informative activities, including a 'cultural' crossword, decorating flags and mandalas, and the making and folding of fans and lamps. The day was completed by a family lunch - all the pupils picnicked outside under the oaks and painted an individual family flag. An early home time was much appreciated by all!



HeadLines...

What a monumental mess!

Between the debates surrounding statues and the recent xenophobic violence, our role as adults and teachers to assist children in making sense of what is happening around them in an appropriate way is so important. Events like the cultural day held late last term assist in creating awareness of the fact that differences should be embraced and celebrated. This term, the senior primary classes will all be learning about different religions in a comparative religion study. It is hoped that this will increase understanding and awareness of the different religions in a positive way, again enabling children to embrace diversity. We do encourage discussion around topics in an effort to encourage thinking.

Term 2

We have certainly hit the ground running this term. It has been a very busy week and with the Waltons Netball and Hockey Tournament on today and tomorrow, we are expecting many visitors to Somerset House. Good luck to our teams, and to Miss Mac and her team, who do such a great job of putting these events together.

Holiday Achievements

Congratulations to our pupils who participated in sporting events over the break. (Some are recorded in this newsletter.) It takes a lot of self-discipline and motivation to participate in activities outside of the busy school programme and then still commit to participation when everyone else is on holiday! To our swimmers, Karate experts and Nippers - very well done! We are proud of you.

Load shedding and our school phone system

It is important to note that our phone system at school is not operational when load shedding occurs. We are looking at options for dealing with this problem.

New Website

We have refreshed our webpage over the holidays meaning that it will look and feel a bit different. It now functions far better on phones which assists many people checking for information while mobile. The functionality has been left very much as it was so you should not have difficulty finding the information you require. If you do have problems with the new site please contact Tracey du Toit who will be able to assist and make changes if required.

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Urgent Appeal

Our Attic is located upstairs in the Cloetenburg Building. It contains all the costumes and props from previous school plays and concerts. It is a wonderful service that the school provides and is not only used for Drama classes, but school theme days and outside school parties for both pupils and parents. The Attic is maintained by one of our parents, Giga Sanders. She is desperately looking for help on Tuesdays at 13h00-13h40. Please contact her directly on 083 6788582 if you are able to help.

Please make sure all the costumes get returned to the Attic box in Mrs McCulley's office as soon as possible. We are preparing for the SP School Concert as well as some other activities and we need all stock to be available for use.

The Rubbish Returns...

Definite autumnal colours and chills rattled around the GIs on Wednesday although the dampness of the morning was soon washed away by the warmth and enthusiasm of the Crew. The ladies were in top form – catching up on holiday news, marveling at the changing rainbow overhead and clearly happy to be back at the sharp end of things – the weekly paper processing. Thankfully it was a quietish morning, allowing The Crew to ease back into routine of the well-oiled machine that operates on a Wednesday morning. Well done Ladies – it was a lovely morning – but did we ever find the pot of gold at the bottom of the rainbow???

- **Please, please, please** label your packages with the HOME ROOM CLASS and WEIGHT (kgs). Those with no name or weight cannot be added into the totals.
- Please also do not drop off packages after 07h55. It is too late then to process them and we have to be down at Cloetenburg at 08h00. Please be on time...!!!

2015	Weds 15 Apr
7A	6.7
7M	6.6
7R	
6C	11.0
6M	6.3
6O	
5B	113.2
5vG	
4C	17.5
4M	12.7
3P	31.8
3R	31.0
2dP	
2T	16.0
1B	
1H	
Weekly Total	252.8

Artists of the Week

Two more beautiful Grade 1 paintings have been chosen as our Artists of the Week. Well done to Errine Hodges and Erynn Gouws for their colourful and imaginative paintings of “I am eating Watermelon”.






Vote4Charity

Cast your vote for us and help your favourite charity win R70 000 PLUS stand a chance to win a R10 000 Woolworths gift card just for voting.

Visit www.vote4charity.co.za to vote now!

Polls close 22 May 2015
Every Vote Counts!

T&Cs apply.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Botterill on the safe arrival, during the holiday, of a baby girl, Skyelar, sister to Oliver in the Grade 000 Ladybird Class.

Fun at Aftercare!

The boys at Aftercare have fun transforming old paper boxes into all sorts of things!



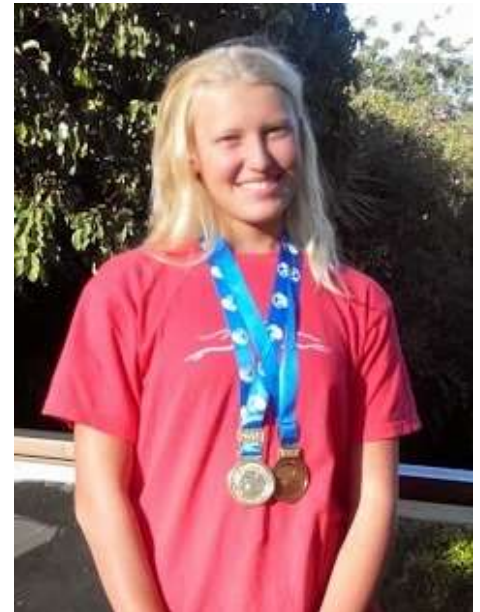
Sports News

BIDVEST WALTONS NETBALL AND HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

Our Waltons Netball and Hockey Tournaments take place today and tomorrow. Our U8 to U13 Netball Teams as well as our U9 to U13 Hockey Teams will be in action over the course of the two days. We have a total of 65 teams participating from seven schools: Kenridge Primary, Bridge House, Somerset College, Herschel, Ikhwezi Primary, Temperence Town and Somerset House. All teams and fixtures are available on our website. It promises to be an exciting two days of matches and we wish all our teams the very best of luck.

KRISTIN MEDALS AT LEVEL 1 GALA

Kristin Böhmert took part at the South African Level 1 Swimming Championships in Malmesbury during the school holidays. She participated in eight events and qualified for the finals in 6 of them, coming home with a Gold medal in the 200m breaststroke and a Bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke. Unfortunately she just missed a further medal in the 100m breaststroke with a 4th place. In all finals she managed to significantly improve her personal best times. Congratulations Kristin, your hard work has paid off!



KARATE

Jasmine Aitken won a medal in the U8 Kata Division at the South African Academy Karate National Competition. Over 300 competitors from all over South Africa, including a few participants from Argentina, took part. Congratulations Jasmine!

CONGRATULATIONS EMMA AND ETHAN!

Emma Forbes and Ethan More O'Ferrall participated in the SASKA National Karate Championships held in Strand recently.

There were over 300 entries including a team all the way from Argentina. Ethan was awarded 2nd Place and a silver medal in the Kata Boys Age 12 category. Emma was awarded 3rd place and a bronze medal in the Kata Girls Age 11-12 category. Ethan was also awarded 3rd place and a bronze medal for Kumite Boys Age 12 category whilst Emma took 5th place in the Kumite Girls Age 11-12 category. Congratulations!



SUCCESS AT NIPPER NATIONALS:

Strand Surf Lifesaving Club hosted the Nipper Nationals last weekend. Over 700 nippers from 21 clubs across South Africa competed, which means that each event consisted of several heats, a semi-final and a final.



It is considered a tremendous achievement just to get into a final, and the Nippers have to dig really deep to get that far. The top 8 places in each event score points for their clubs. Congratulations to the Somerset House Nippers who received top 8 places nationally.



Well done to the Strand Club who were placed 8th overall - a wonderful achievement for a small club.

AGE	Name	Event	Place
U10	Jemma Boettger	Surf Swim	4th
	Jessica Love	Flags	4th
	Jemma Boettger, Reece Hugo	Taplin Relay	3 rd – Bronze Medal
		Surf Swim Relay	4th
U12	Lauren Venter	Long Run	8th
		Sprints	5th
		Surf Swim	8th
	Nicholas Lombard	Sprints	8th
		Knee Board	5th
		Body Board	8th
	Nicholas Cilliers	Kneeboard	1 st – Gold Medal
		Body Board	6th
		Jake Love	Kneeboard
	Body Board		2 nd – Silver Medal
	Surf Swim		7th
	Nic Cilliers, Nic Lombard	Beach Relay	4th
	Erin Downing, Lauren Venter, Jake Love	Beach Relay	5th
	Nic Cilliers, Nic Lombard, Jake Love	Kneeboard Relay	1 st – Gold Medal
	Nic Lombard, Jake Love	Surf Swim Relay	4th
Taplin Relay		2 nd – Silver Medal	
U13	Josh Knox	Long Run	7th



SRI LANKA TOUR

Arden Scholtz, Joshua Cox, Daashay Reddy and James Royden-Turner played for the Western Cape Invitational U13 team in Sri Lanka this holiday. They faced extremely strong opposition and played against the best zonal teams and top cricket schools in the Kandy area. Despite the strong opposition, the team managed to win almost half their games. At their prize giving ceremony, Arden received the award for the best u13 fielder and Daashay received the award for the best u13 bowler. Daashay took a total of 11 wickets and, in his best match yet, he managed to take five wickets (5-1) which included his first hat-trick.



Week 2: Programme for week ending 25th April 2015

Mon	20 April	14h30 from 14h45	No sport for Grades 4 – 7, except for netball below... U12 Zonal Netball Trials (Beaumont) SP Parent/Teacher Meetings (Haydock Hall)
Tues	21		Staff Health & Wellness Programme
Wed	22	from 14h45 14h45	PV High School Open Day No sport for Grades 4 - 7 SP Parent/Teacher Meetings (Haydock Hall) U13 Zonal Rugby Trials (Beaumont)
Thurs	23	from 13h45 15h00	Hockey Matches v Lochnerhof and Sir Lowry's Pass at Lochnerhof Zonal U13 Hockey Trials: Girls at SH; Boys at De Hoop
Fri	24	10h30 - 11h15 14h30 15h00	Combined Music Presentation Assembly Grades 1 – 7 (Haydock Hall) SP Staff Development Zonal U13 Hockey Trials: Girls & Boys at Stellenbosch Astro
Sat	25		