



The Weekly Blah

Oakwood celebrates Fathers' Day!



More than a school ~ a way of life.

Last Saturday, Oakwood celebrated Father's Day with its first Daddy Doughnut Day. The school was abuzz with activity as the dads and their children moved from decorating doughnuts together, to throwing some paintballs at targets and, the highlight, creating a masterpiece together at the woodwork bench. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastically the dads got involved with the many activities on offer. The pride on the children's faces as they played with their dads was very special indeed. The weather was perfect and many games of soccer were enjoyed on our beautiful fields. We wish the dads a very happy Father's Day for the 21st!



HeadLines...

Board of Governors Strategy Weekend

Last Saturday the Board met for most of the day to deliberate over the progress made by the school since the finalisation of the last strategic process in 2011, and to plot a way forward through the coming years. The results of the recent survey showed amazing commonality between the way that the board, the staff and the parents perceive our school. We were also very happy with the outcome of the building process and the facilities that are now available for teaching and learning. There are a number of initiatives which will absorb the attention of the Board and the management of the school in the coming months and once finalised, this information will be shared with the wider school community.

Guild AGM

I am extremely grateful to all those parents who attended our Guild AGM this week. The opportunity to engage on topics like religion, academic standards, the relevance of homework and sport was appreciated. The fact that we had such a good response to our survey helped, as this formed the basis for our discussions. One of the outcomes of the meeting was a request to hold a parent workshop to demonstrate some of the teaching strategies we are currently using. We will plan these for as soon as possible next term.

I want to also thank our outgoing Guild Committee for the superb job that they have done over the course of their term in office. They have successfully raised funds for projects like the Astro, the new computers and they have raised the bar as far as parent functions are concerned. Thank you and well done!

Supervised Prep / sport / children unattended

We are experiencing some difficulty with pupils who are avoiding going to supervised prep in the afternoons when not engaged in sport. We do not allow children to wander around the school aimlessly and we ask for your support in ensuring that children attend these free sessions in the Knowledge Centre if they are waiting for lifts or not engaged in the afternoons.

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Artists of the Week

Another two beautiful paintings from the Grade 5 pupils! Well done to Lara Pardemann and Kelly Hainsworth for being chosen as the Artists of the Week.

Yet more Rubbish...but not very much!

Another very quiet Wednesday morning at the GIs! The Grade 5s from Mrs Bouah's class snuck in with the most, but not enough to threaten the overall leaders. The worrying trend though is that the collections are getting less and less each week and the threat from GI HQ that GI extinction might be on the way is becoming very real. Concerns were raised by The Crew about their futures for a Wednesday morning...

Let's hope that squirrel-like hoarding is happening all around, and the final two collections of the term will be fruitful and the GIs can come off the endangered list!

2015	Weds 20 May	Weds 27 May	Weds 3 June	Weds 10 June	Class Totals
7A	1.2		4.6	2.2	29.5
7M	12.2		3.8	2.7	97.7
7R	4.0	17.4	8.0	7.0	112.2
6C	9.7				16.0
6E					41.7
6M		58.4			96.7
5B	55.5	20.0	8.0	30.0	341.5
5vG		23.0	54.2	3.8	106.3
4C	49.0	37.7	6.5		140.2
4M			4.2	12.7	118.4
3P	3.3	26.7	60.2		276.0
3R	25.2	225.3		20.5	432.0
2dP	3.7	6.0		3.5	33.1
2T	35.0	7.0		9.0	156.4
1B	32.9	13.8	48.4		128.6
1H		18.9		13.2	51.7
Weekly Total	231.7	454.2	197.9	104.6	2178



Grade 1s write beautiful stories!

The Grade 1s have been learning about TOYS this term. They worked in small groups to create a non-fiction book about different toys. Their sentence writing was most impressive. Once they were complete, they went to visit Grade R where they read the books to the children. Grade R said they learnt lots about TOYS and enjoyed listening to their reading!

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SP Play – A Thousand Cranes

Tickets for the Senior Prep (Grade 4 to 7) Play, A Thousand Cranes, will be on sale from the **Archives Room** at the following times:

- Wed 17 June: 07h30 - 08h30 and 13h30 - 14h30
- Thurs 18 June: 07h30 - 08h30 and 13h30 - 14h30
- Friday 19 June: 07h30 - 08h30 and 13h30 - 14h30

Please note the following:

- Unfortunately, as we are asking you to select your seats, you (or your representative) will have to sign for the tickets. We cannot accept bookings by phone or e-mail. If you are not able to get tickets during those times, you may send another parent or family member on your behalf.
- The Knowledge Centre will be open during performances for those parents who do not necessarily want to watch the play multiple times, and who would prefer to rather just wait for their child.
- If you would like to attend multiple performances, we ask that you limit your initial ticket purchases, so that all parents can be accommodated. As the Grade 6s and 7s have bigger roles, it would be lovely if those parents were able to have better seats.
- There will be children “setting the scene” with various activities and performances from 18h45 to 19h15 with the formal part of the play starting at 19h15. You are invited to browse through the displays from 18h45 and be seated between 19h00 and 19h15.
- The cost of the tickets will be R65 each and you (or your representative) will be asked to sign a slip acknowledging receipt of your ticket. The cost will be allocated to your school account.

Performances:

- Tuesday 23rd June at 19h00
- Wednesday 24th June at 19h00
- Thursday 25th June at 16h00
- Thursday 25th June at 19h00

Drama Performers of the Week

Performer of the week is without a shadow of a doubt...all the grade 4 to 7s! What an awesome run-through you did of A Thousand Cranes this week. You are creating magic, actors. Your projection, characterisation and ability to focus as a group blew me away. I am so proud and look forward to our awesome production.

Musicians of the Week

Well done, Jessica Bailey and Hanna Keet, on your beautiful performance at Assembly.





Grade 3s learn about money!

Grade 3s have been learning about money.



They made coin rubbings to familiarise themselves with the various types of coins in South Africa.

Sports News

WP SWIMMING TRIALS

Congratulations to six of our swimmers who recently participated at the WP Swimming Trials. Fortunately these did take place indoors at the Strand Swimming Pool. We are waiting for further information but we believe that they have all qualified for the next round of trials by obtaining a 1st – 8th position in various events. The qualifying results are as follows:



AGE GROUP	NAME	EVENT	POSITION
Girls 11 Years	Erin Kelly	200m Individual Medley	5 th Place
Boys 11 Years	Eric Böhmert	50 m Butterfly	1 st Place
		200m Backstroke	3 rd Place
	Ben Leysens	100m Backstroke	5 th Place
		200m Backstroke	4 th Place
Girls 13 Years	Dani Blythe	100m Backstroke	6 th Place
		50m Freestyle	8 th Place
		200m Individual Medley	2 nd Place
	Kristin Böhmert	100m Freestyle	4 th Place
		50m Butterfly	4 th Place
		50m Backstroke	6 th Place
		50m Freestyle	8 th Place
	Kristin Böhmert	200m Breaststroke	1 st Place
		100m Breaststroke	3 rd Place
	Gabi Callow	200m Freestyle	4 th Place

CHILLY SPORTY DAYS

There are days in winter when it is rather chilly outdoors and we have decided to allow our pupils to wear a white long sleeve garment under their sports clothes, provided that the sleeves have absolutely no branding on them at all. They may wear this item for both practices and matches on very cold days. This is not a compulsory school item.

RUGBY VS DR JOUBERT

On Wednesday our rugby teams played against Dr Joubert from the Strand. Our boys did not manage to do as well as we were hoping for, as almost all our teams ended up losing against some quick running and nimble opposition. Our star team for the week however is the U9 Cheetahs who is the only team so far this season to be unbeaten in all their matches. Well done to our boys!

WP CRICKET WINTER NETS

We congratulate Travis Norris who has been selected as one of three boys from the Helderberg U13 Zonal team to the WP U13 Cricket squad. These boys will participate in the winter net sessions from which the Western Province U13 A and Western Province U13B Cricket teams will be selected. We wish him all the best for the next part of the process. Here Travis appears second from left in the back row with five of his Club and school team mates taking part in a match on Newlands earlier this year.



SPORTY MUSICIANS!

We are immensely proud of two of our music teachers who excel in participating in sporting events not easily tried by the average sports people. Hester Fourie completed her 10th Comrades Marathon in 10 hours 35 minutes. What a wonderful achievement! Lindsay de Kock does open water and ice swimming events and has recently completed her 14th Robben Eiland to Big Bay crossing. She was also one of only 7 in a line-up of 17 swimmers who completed a gruelling 10,5km swim from Milnerton to Big Bay in 10 degrees water over the weekend.



Very well done to both of you!

SPORT FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

There are no more matches this term.

WEEK 10:

Wednesday 17th June

- 13:45 – 14:30 U7 and U8 Netball and Rugby Practices
- 14:30 – 15:30 Gr 6 and 7 Touring Teams (Netball and Rugby Practices)
(Orchestra Children Excused)

Thursday 18th June

- 13:45 – 14:30 U7 and U8 Hockey Practices
- 14:30 – 15:30 Gr 6 and 7 Touring Teams (Hockey Practices)
U13A Girls and Boys – Astro
U13B Girls and Boys – A Field
U12 Girls and Boys – Rugby Field
(Orchestra Children Excused)

Friday 19th June

13:45 – 14:30 Round 1 of the Junior Prep Chess Championships

14:30 – 15:30 Round 1 of the Middle and Senior Prep Chess Championships

Saturday 20th June

08:00 Rhenish Mini Hockey Festival

Girls and Boys U7 – U9 A Teams Only

WEEK 11:

No Matches

U7 – U9 Sport Practices as per schedule

U10 – U13 No Sport due to the SP Play

Week 10: Programme for week ending 20th June 2015

Mon	15 June		School Holiday
Tues	16		Public Holiday – Youth Day
Wed	17	10h30 – 13h10 14h30 – 15h30 14h30 – 16h30 14h40	SP Play – Full Run Through Rugby Touring Teams practice Orchestra Practice SP Review – Grades 4 to 6
Thurs	18	14h30 – 15h30 14h30 – 16h00	Hockey Touring Teams practice Orchestra Practice
Fri	19	07h00 – 08h00 10h30 – 13h10 13h45 14h30	Orchestra Practice SP Play – Full Run Through SH Chess Championships (Round 1) – Juniors SH Chess Championships (Round 1) – Seniors
Sat	20	08h00	Rhenish Mini Hockey Festival U7 to U9 (Away)

SP Play Ticket Sales		
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Thursday 18 th		
Friday 19th		

Week 11: Programme for week ending 27th June 2015

Mon	22 June	08h30 – 10h00 10h00 – 11h30 11h30 – 13h10	No sport for Grades 4 to 7 – all week SP Play – Full Dress Rehearsal Make Up and Costumes Full Dress Rehearsal Photographs
Tues	23	08h10 – 10h10 10h30 – 13h10 19h00	SP Play – Full Run Through SP Play – Technical Run Through SP Play – Evening Performance
Wed	24	19h00	Netball v Trinity House: U13 A and B (H) Hosting SP Play – Evening Performance
Thurs	25	16h00 19h00	SP Play – Matinee Performance SP Play – Evening Performance
Fri	26	09h30 11h15	Final Assembly Term ends
Sat	27		