



# *The Weekly Blah*

## Grade 4 – 7 Play: A Thousand Cranes!



Congratulations, Senior Prep pupils, for your amazing run of **A Thousand Cranes**. You came together, stayed committed through storms and load-shedding to bring magic to the stage and touch the hearts of your audience, forever. When work is not great, people often say, 'Remember, it's only Primary School'. With your production, you have proven that being a Primary School brings a unique, pure energy, that when worked and rehearsed, can bring the biggest magic of all. I am insanely proud of every single child. Thank you to all pupils, costume-makers, display-builders, make-up moms and amazing teachers for trusting, supporting and joining me on this journey. Ira Blanckenberg

*More than a school ~ a way of life.*











## Notice Period when leaving Somerset House

Please take note that a full term's notice is required if your child is going to leave Somerset House at any point. This enables us to notify other families on our waiting lists. Although written notice must be received on the first day of Term 4 for children leaving at the end of this year, we would be most grateful to receive notice as early as possible so that we can plan effectively for 2016.

## The Final Rubbish Countdown...

The final Wednesday collection was cold and dark, rain was lurking up in the grey clouds. But, the ladies of The Crew were there, not quite in full force, but certainly in full voice!! All was quiet, very quiet – not even enough rubbish to warrant a WB. And then, suddenly, it all happened! A flurry of activity - two cars unloading directly at the GIs and there before us, was some 400kgs of paper. And then the drops started and frantic GI packing took place to avoid the potential papier maché disaster. And then, all was quiet, very quiet...and it was all over! At least for this term! Many thanks to all who contribute to the Wednesday morning rubbish! And massive thanks to all members of The Crew (and Staff!) – Thank you!

2015	Weds 10 June	Weds 17 June	Weds 24 June	Class Totals	Position
7A	2.2	2.3	4.5	<b>36.3</b>	
7M	2.7	2.5	4.5	<b>104.7</b>	
7R	7.0	8.0		<b>120.2</b>	
6C				<b>16.0</b>	
6E				<b>41.7</b>	
6M		48.3	11.0	<b>156.0</b>	
5B	30.0	8.0	32.0	<b>381.5</b>	<b>3</b>
5vG	3.8	13.4	2.0	<b>121.7</b>	
4C		27.4		<b>167.6</b>	
4M	12.7	22.7		<b>141.1</b>	
3P		18.7	142.7	<b>437.4</b>	<b>2</b>
3R	20.5	93.1	94.2	<b>619.3</b>	<b>1</b>
2dP	3.5		9.5	<b>42.6</b>	
2T	9.0	14.0	14.0	<b>184.4</b>	
1B		25.3	95.9	<b>249.8</b>	
1H	13.2	27.6	5.0	<b>84.3</b>	
Weekly Total	104.6	311.3	<b>415.3</b>	<b>2904.6</b>	

Well done and congratulations to Mrs Roberts' Grade 3s who ended up in pole position with just under 620 kgs of rubbish. Mrs Cod will be baking after the holidays, all ready for the start again!!

## Gardening Team planting up a new section!

The gardening team recently 'dug in' to create a new bed under one of our old plum trees. Years of soil quality depletion and shade made this space available. Numerous Dietes, Crososmia and Felicia were planted as well as three Yellow-wood trees that were transplanted from other areas.





# Monster Hugs!

These super "Monster Hugs" were made by the Grade 2s for dads to celebrate Fathers' Day.





## Grade 1!

We are excited that we now have enough tablets for a whole class. The Grade Ones are really enjoying working on Reading Eggs regularly. Each child can use their own tablet to listen to audio with earphones and work independently.



## Uniform Shop News

We are excited to announce that the brand new Oakwood Long-Sleeve Smiley T-Shirts have finally arrived, and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for only R100.

The Uniform Shop will be open as follows during the holidays:

- Thursday 16 July 2015 from 08h30 to 15h00
- Friday 17 July 2015 from 08h30 to 15h00
- Monday 20 July 2015 from 08h30 to 15h00

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Hjelden family (Iris-Amalié in Grade R and Einwald in Grade 2) on the birth of twin girls May-Elvide and Karoline-Isolde on Monday!



Term 2	Green Card Total	26 June 2015
<b>Hobby</b>	<b>Lanner</b>	<b>Peregrine</b>
104	94	89

It's been another busy term with lots of Green Slippies flying about, meaning that there is lots of good also flying about. It is such a pleasure being in the dining room with the children and hearing about all the good things they are doing. The smiles say it all!

# Sports News

## FALCONS FOR SPORT

Falcon shields for Sport are awarded to Grade 7 players for excellence in a particular code. They may have achieved provincial colours or maintained a very high standard during one or more seasons. Congratulations to the following pupils who receive shields this term:

ATHLETE	SPORTING CODE	ACHIEVEMENT
Stephanie Bihl	Hockey	Western Province U13A Team
Yvonne Huysamer	Hockey	Western Province U13A Team
Munnik Huysamer	Hockey	Western Province U13A Team
Maya Williams	Hockey	Helderberg Zonal U13A Team
Ryan Botha	Hockey	Helderberg Zonal U13A Team
Carel Mans	Hockey	Helderberg Zonal U13B Team
Travis Norris	Cricket	Western Province U13 Winter Net Squad

## CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR SPORT

A number of our Grade 6 pupils have excelled in sport this term and have received certificates of recognition for their achievements. Congratulations to the following pupils:

PUPIL	SPORTING CODE	ACHIEVEMENT
Andrea du Plessis	Hockey	Helderberg Zonal U13A Team
Ruth Benson	Hockey & Netball	Helderberg Zonal U13A Team Metropole East U12 Netball Team
Lolly Venter	Netball	Metropole East U12 Netball Team
Nic Lombard	Hockey	Helderberg Zonal U13A Team (Captain)
James Royden-Turner	Hockey	Helderberg U13B Team (Vice Captain)
Nic Cilliers	Hockey	Helderberg Zonal U13A Team
Cruebelle Diko	Cricket	Western Province U13 Invitational Team

## MINI HOCKEY FESTIVAL AT RHENISH

Our U7 – U9 pupils participated in the mini hockey festival at Rhenish last Saturday morning. Most of our teams did exceptionally well.

	GIRLS	BOYS
<b>U7</b>	Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1	Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1
<b>U8</b>	Played 4, Won 4	Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1
<b>U9</b>	Played 4, Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 2	Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1





## NETBALL VS TRINITY HOUSE

On Wednesday afternoon, our U13A and B Netball Teams played matches against Trinity House from Gauteng. Netball is the girls' main sporting code at Trinity and one could see why, as their teams played with great precision and skill. The U13B team struggled against a strong opposition and lost 26 – 3, while the U13A team fought till the bitter end, losing 34 – 18. Despite the losses, the matches were played in a great spirit and new friendships were made. Special thanks to all our Somerset House families who hosted our visitors on Wednesday night - your hospitality is most appreciated.



## CONGRATULATIONS, CRUEBELLE

Cruebelle Diko has been selected to the U13 WP Invitational Cricket team. He will take part in the Winter Training Programme as well as an inter-provincial tournament during the December holidays. We wish him all the best in his preparations for this!



## CHANGE TO SPORTS TIMETABLE FOR U9s

As from next term, there will be an additional sport practice for the U9 pupils on match days if they don't have any matches. (Netball and Rugby on Wednesdays and Hockey on Thursdays) Please see the updated Activities Programme for Term 3 on our website. Sport practices will start on the first day of next term, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## Week 1: Programme for week ending 25<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Mon	20 July	14h00 – 15h00 15h15 – 16h15 16h20	Staff Work Day Tour Sports Practices: Boys Hockey and Girls Netball Tour Sports Practices: Girls Hockey and Boys Rugby Tour Meeting
Tues	21	08h30 from 13h45	Term starts Grade 6 and 7 Boys' Ostrich Tour departs Sports Practices start for U7 to U11
Wed	22	08h30 08h30	Grade 6 and 7 Girls' Tour to Eastern Cape departs "Matilda" performance for Grades R to 5 (Haydock Hall)
Thurs	23		Grade 6 and 7 Tour to Eastern Cape
Fri	24	10h30 13h40	Grade 6 and 7 Tour to Eastern Cape JP Assembly SP Assembly
Sat	25		Grade 6 and 7 Tour to Eastern Cape