



The Weekly Blah

Grade 6 and 7 Tour



Our Grade 6 and 7 pupils had an exciting start to Term 3 as they left on their sports tours. The boys will be playing rugby and hockey matches in Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn, while the girls will be playing netball and hockey in Mossel Bay, Port Elizabeth and George.

This is the first time we have included all our pupils in a sporting tour; this ensures that all pupils will enjoy a tour in either their Grade 6 or 7 year.

(There are some results and photos in the Sports News section of the newsletter. Details from the Boys' Ostrich Tour to follow next week)



Artists of the Week

The Enormous Crocodile has arrived at school! These lovely clay crocodiles were inspired by Roald Dahl's story of "The Enormous Crocodile". Well done to Peter Mares, Shae Hobson, Rousseau Theron and Taygan Sheldon in Grade 2 for their gorgeous crocodiles.

The Rubbish

A new term, a new start and what a start from Mrs Minnaar's Grade 4s – a whopping 149kgs to get the race going! Well done to all in her class who brought. There was also an anonymous donation this morning – about 8 plastic bags full of newspaper, weighing give-or-take, 40kgs – only problem was that the bags were not labeled - nor did they have the weights on them. The Crew's eagle-eyed spy (whilst resting in the wheelbarrow with his eyes half-closed) did spot the person who left the packages. Unfortunately all he could reveal was that it was a man who delivered them! If there are no claimants by this time next week – the 40kgs will go to my class!

Welcome back to you all and let's have an action-packed term of Wednesday mornings in the car park...

2015	Weds 22 July
7A	
7M	
7R	
6C	
6E	
6M	
5B	10.0
5vG	
4C	18.0
4M	149.9
3P	19.5
3R	10.0
2dP	19.3
2T	
1B	4.5
1H	17.9
Weekly Total	249.1



Matilda

The children from Grade R to Grade 5 experienced a humorous touch of literature to start Term 3. The SA National Theatre presented their version of Matilda to the children and those who have not read Matilda before are sure to want to explore this book further. Parts of the audience were called up to take part during the performance at times, which resulted in great fun being had by all.

Headlines....

Welcome back to school for term 3.

I am writing this column from a freezing cold Port Elizabeth where our U12 girls are currently one goal up in their game with St Georges Prep. What a start to the term for all our grade 6 and 7 pupils who are enjoying the tour experience! It is the first time that we have taken all the children and not just the top teams. Having been with the boys for the first two days and now with the girls, I can say that this has been a great initiative by our Sports Department. We will report fully on this event at the end of next week.

Examinations

Our grade 6 and 7 pupils write examinations at the end of this term and we will again be working on study skills with the children during the next few weeks to assist them in learning how to manage summative assessments successfully.

Haydock Series

I look forward to the first of the Haydock Series events which happens on the 5th of August. This promises to be a treat and will be the first of many evenings of both entertainment and learning that will be on offer for our parents.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Deputy Headlines....

Welcome back ...

A very warm welcome back to all of the SH family following the lovely three week break – we are three days into the term and already the holidays seem to be a distant memory! It has been a tremendous start to the term; we have all hit the floor running and it has been straight down to business...

The Grade 6 and 7 boys headed off on their Ostrich Tour almost as soon as the school gate had opened on Tuesday morning and the girls followed on to PE on Wednesday. Talk about a busy start for them! The very special part of these tours is that all the children in grades 6 and 7 were able to travel and to enjoy the fun, the emotions, the camaraderie and the whole tour experience. I am sure all the tourists – both seasoned and novice – will return all the better from their travels. Huge thanks are due to Miss Mac and Mr Harley for putting the itineraries together and to all the accompanying staff who really have come back to work with a bang! Thank you!

For the rest of the school, it has also been a busy start and all the grades have been hard at work in the classroom right from 08h30 on Tuesday. This is an action-packed term with masses and masses happening in and around the normal day-to-day routine – Guild Quiz, Tests, Cape Philharmonic Orchestra, Sport, JP Plays, Eisteddfods, Exams, Netball Night League, Haydock Series Concert, Touring teams, Science & Maths Day, Hooked on Books, Arbor Day and Eskom!

Please make sure you all keep an eye on the weekly programme in The Blah as things do change. Lots to do, lots of fun to be had and lots of hard work between now and Friday 2nd October – I hope you all have a super term and enjoy!

Richard Codrington - Deputy Head

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News from the Dormouse Class

The children were very happy to return to school after a long break. They enjoyed block construction, number work, making letters, puzzle building and ball skills in their first week of Term 3.



Welcome!

We welcome a new staff member to the Facilities Department team! Phillip Samuels started employment on the 1st of July as Handyman and assisted the team during the recent school holidays with maintenance work. Phillip brings many maintenance skills to the team and will play a valuable role.



News from the Ladybird Class

The children in the Ladybird Class were happy to be back at school, to see each other after the holiday and start a fun-filled term. In no time at all they were having a ball – using their imaginations on the playground.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Allwood family who welcomed baby Faye into the world during the holiday.

Sports News

HOLIDAY NEWS

A number of our pupils participated in various zonal and provincial hockey tournaments this holiday and did exceptionally well. Munnik Huysamer, Yvonne Huysamer and Stephanie Bihl represented the WP U13A team and the National Tournament in Pietermaritzburg. Munnik's team won gold medals while Yvonne and Steph's team won bronze medals. Congratulations, too, to Mr Angus, who was the assistant coach for the WP Girls Team.



The Helderberg Zonal A Teams participated at the Inter-Zonal Tournament in George. Congratulations to Maya Williams, Ruth Benson and Andrea du Plessis who won silver medals at the tournament. The boys' team (Ryan Botha, James Royden-Turner and Nic Lombard) came 6th.

We also had some very exciting news from past pupils who received their SA colours after participating in provincial hockey tournaments this holiday.

SA U16	Migali Giagas
SA U18	Ashlea Rutherford
SA U18	Che February
SA U18	Justin de Nysschen

This is an amazing achievement of which we are extremely proud.

GRADE 6 AND 7 SPORTS TOURS

Here are some results from the girl's first matches:

Netball:

Played 3 games; lost 3.

Hockey:

Played 6 games; won 6

A comprehensive report on the results for the boys' and girls' teams will be published in the newsletter next week.







Week 2: Programme for week ending 1st August 2015

Mon	27 July		Grade 6 and 7 Tour to Eastern Cape
Tues	28	13h30 16h30	Grade 6 and 7 Girls PE Tour returns Grade 6 and 7 Boys Ostrich Tour returns
Wed	29	14h45 – 16h15 14h30 – 15h30 15h30 – 16h30	Chess Clinic for U11 and U13 teams Orchestra Practice and Grade 7 Singing Group Practice Grade 6 Singing Group Practice
Thurs	30	09h00 from 13h45	Somerset College Pop Bands – Grade 6 Hockey Matches v Gordon's Bay (A)
Fri	31	10h30 13h40 from 14h00	JP Assembly (Haydock Hall) SP Assembly (Haydock Hall) Chess Matches v Masiphumelele (H)
Sat	1 Aug	08h00 08h15 – 16h30 09h00 – 11h00	Gordon's Bay Mini Rugby and Netball: Under 7, 8 and 9 (A) Metropole East Top Schools Chess Tournament (A) Orchestra Practice