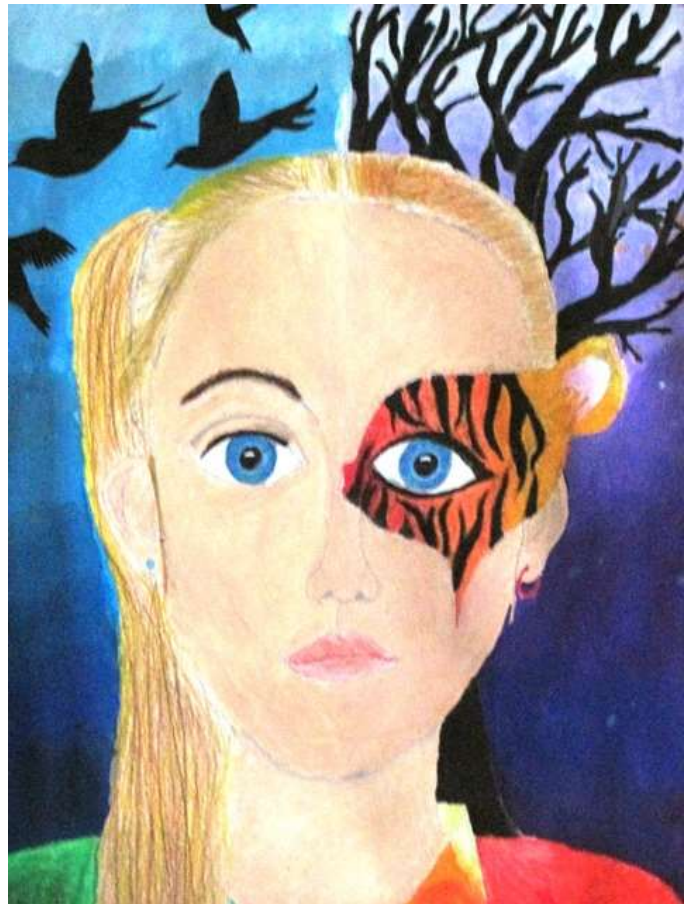




The Weekly Blah

Fantasy Self-Portraits



Well done to Natalie Gelderblom and Dhania Schultz in Grade 7 for their amazing “Fantasy / Reality” self-portraits.

Commotion in the Ocean

As an introduction to our theme, Commotion in the Ocean, the Grade 1 children made sea animal masks from the story that they read in class. This term we will be exploring under the sea and learning about the animals that are lurking in the ocean. We are super-excited about visiting the Aquarium next week.



Headlines....

So just how do we measure up academically?

The IEB Benchmark results for Grade 7 (Match) gives us an accurate indicator.

The Independent Examination Board launched their pilot Grade 7 benchmark programme last term for the first time. Top schools from around the country were invited to participate. Our Grade 7s wrote the paper and Mrs Mendes was selected to join the team of markers in Johannesburg once all the papers were collated. Our results were absolutely superb:

- 10% of our pupils were placed in the top 3%, nationwide.
- The national average for both papers was 56.1%
- Somerset House achieved an average of 66.2% - more than 10% above the national average.

We are thrilled with these results as they indicate the integrity of our teaching and learning and the decisions we have made with regard to how we go about managing the education process at Somerset House.

We were also very happy to see how closely the results matched our own grades, showing that our marks have real value. This is important in that when your child moves to high school, or another school, you can be confident that the results they have achieved here are solid.

My thanks to the staff for their hard work in making this possible. I include all the staff from Grade 000 to Grade 7, across all the subjects, in this as our “product” takes time to build! Well done to all of you! ONE TEAM!

Grade 6 and 7 Tour

It is good to be back and working after a really enjoyable sports and educational tour to the Eastern Cape. My thanks to all the staff who accompanied the pupils and were so attentive throughout.

My congratulations to our players who represented our school with pride and enthusiasm. It has always been our dream to give every child the opportunity to go on a tour. This has now been achieved and I am certain we will do this again in two years' time.

Chris Storey – Headmaster

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Morning Routine and Registers

A letter is being sent home today that details the new morning routine and register process. As from this term we will be recording absenteeism and late-coming on reports.

Please read the letter carefully.

We appreciate your understanding and co-operation in this regard.



News from the Dormouse Class

The children in the Dormouse Class have “bee”n very busy – making bees from toilet rolls and baking bee cookies!

Green Slips

At lunch time on Wednesday, Mr Cod was inundated with children who had received green slips! Well done to them all!



Aftercare News

Milan Williams created this masterpiece with the new Junior Engineering blocks at Aftercare.

Performer of the Week: Week 1

Congratulations to Roxy Painter! Roxy put so much effort into learning her lines for the JP play, “Who’s Afraid?”. She has memorised her lines and she is in the process of creating a lovely character. Well done, Roxy.

Performer of the Week: Week 2

Well done to Jasmine Aitken. Jasmine has worked well with her group, motivated others and performs with enthusiasm. We look forward to her performance in the play.

Rain Jackets

Last year it was decided that children may wear plain, navy rain jackets or the tracksuit top on rainy days. We ask that the navy rain jackets have a simple design and no branding whatsoever. Black, grey or brown rain jackets will not be allowed. Many thanks for your co-operation in this regard.



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Back with the Rubbish!

So the race is on!! A valiant effort from Mrs Roberts' Grade 3s helped nudge them into second place in the weekly rankings, but still behind Mrs Minnaar's Grade 4s who are in pole position. It was great to see the overall total rocket this week and all looks set for a bumper winter season at the GIs. Well done to The Crew this morning. It was very busy and we had three WBDs hard at work, ducking and diving across the car park. W&M was in top form – her cheery and happy smile welcoming all to her office on the pathway. The GIPs worked hard filling the igloos and managed somehow to find time to climb up the GIs and check out the views – or read their fashion mags! It was yet another very happy Wednesday morning...

2015	Weds 22 July	Weds 29 July	Class Totals	Position
7A			0.0	
7M			0.0	
7R			0.0	
6C		40.0	40.0	
6E			0.0	
6M			0.0	
5B	10.0	9.2	19.2	
5vG			0.0	
4C	18.0	24.8	42.8	
4M	149.9	58.3	208.2	1
3P	19.5	12.5	32.0	
3R	10.0	138.3	148.3	2
2dP	19.3	7.0	26.3	
2T		111.0	111.0	3
1B	4.5		4.5	
1H	17.9	55.3	73.2	
Weekly Total	249.1	249.1	456.4	705.5

Sports News

NEW HOCKEY SHIRTS HAVE ARRIVED

After the disappointing quality of the new batch of hockey shirts last term, we changed our supplier and the design, and we are delighted to let you know that the new shirts have arrived and are on sale in the school shop. Children may wear these for matches from next Thursday 6th August.

GRADE 6 and 7 SPORTS TOURS

Our Grade 6 and 7 pupils have just returned from two most successful tours. This is the first time that we have taken all our Grade 6 and 7s and this in effect means that every senior pupil will have the opportunity to enjoy a sports tour in one of their senior years.

Our girls enjoyed a tour to the Eastern Cape, stopping off for matches in Mossel Bay, Port Elizabeth and in George. Our opposition included Milkwood, St George's Prep, Collegiate, Sunridge and Glenwood House. Our pupils also enjoyed various outings including one to the Coca-Cola Company in Port Elizabeth, Ten Pin Bowling, shopping in Jeffrey's Bay and a visit to the Knysna Elephant Park. A summary of the results:

TEAM	RESULTS
Girls U12 Hockey	Played 3 / Won 2 / Lost 1
Girls 2 nd Team Hockey	Played 4 / Won 3 / Lost 1
Girls 1 st Team Hockey	Played 5 / Won 4 / Lost 1
Girls U12A Netball	Played 3 / Won 2 / Lost 1
Girls U12B Netball	Played 2 / Lost 2
Girls U13A Netball	Played 3 / Lost 3
Girls U13B Netball	Played 2 / Lost 2

Special thanks to all the parents who joined us at some or other stage along the route - your support was most appreciated. Thank you, too, to all the staff who gave up time with their families to join the touring party for the week's tour. The feedback from the children has been great and the staff are going to meet soon to discuss whether this type of tour is something that we would like to offer our children every 2nd year.





Please visit the Galleries Page of the Somerset House website to see many more photos of the tours.

BOYS OSTRICH TOUR

Last week, Tuesday, saw all our Grade 6 and 7 Boys embark on the first ever Ostrich Winter Sports Tour



Our first destination was Milkwood Primary in Mossel Bay and as we are accustomed by now, they gave us a good, tough encounter. On the Wednesday we visited the Dias Maritime Museum and one of the highlights was to challenge the SA snail mail system by posting a postcard home to see who would arrive home first: the children or the postcard.



Our matches from there moved to Oudtshoorn, where we played fixtures against Wesbank and Van Reede. We also had outings to the Cango Caves, Cango Wildlife ranch as well as Safari Ostrich farm.



On the Friday morning we returned to Mossel Bay to participate in the Park Laerskool 7s tournament.



That evening our 1st and 2nd hockey teams participated against other schools in a round robin tournament.

One of the highlights for the coaching staff was the results of our 2nd side against that of other first teams in the tournament. We managed to win 1-0 against Gene Louw and draw 1-1 against Panorama, after leading throughout the match and only conceding from a short corner after the hooter had gone for the end of the match.



On Saturday our rugby boys played in the 7s rugby section. We started off very well and won our first four matches with relative ease. We then got unstuck and struggled our way through from there on in. We played against both the finalists from the B-section in our group stages and it is heartwarming to see that the boys only lost 1-2 against Setlaars Park (eventual champions) and 1-0 to Gene Louw.



Our Sunday was a rest day and we played putt-putt and tenpin bowling in George before our boys joined their Glenwood House hosting parents. Our boys were so well looked after by their hosts, and many a new friendship was developed through this encounter.

STATS FOR OUR MATCHES ON TOUR:

Team	P	W	L	D
3 rd XI Hockey	4	0	2	2
2 nd XI Hockey	12	3	6	3
1 st XI Hockey	13	7	1	4
Warthogs Rugby	3	0	3	0
1 st XV Rugby	11	5	6	1



On Tuesday, we left George to go to Indalu Wildlife farm. Here our boys had the privilege to walk amongst elephants and feed them. It was a truly amazing experience and the boys were still buzzing long after we started on our last leg to go home. A truly magnificent end to an amazing tour!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

The U12 Boland Foxes participated in the PSI Indoor Hockey National Tournament over the holidays. The team of 8 boasted 5 Somerset House boys: Nicholas Lombard, Nicholas Cilliers, James Royden-Turner, Sean Irwin and Jordan Heymans. They played an incredible tournament and earned well-deserved gold medals in the final, beating the defending Vipers team, 7-2.3



INTER-ZONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Nic Cilliers and Carel Mans and will be representing the Helderberg Zonal B Team at the Inter-Zonal Tournament which takes place at Hartleyvale Stadium this afternoon and tomorrow. We wish them the best of luck!

WELL DONE, MATTHEW!

Congratulations to Matthew Eames who represented Boland at the South African National Judo Championships during the holiday. The earned a Gold Medal in both the U13 Kime-No-Kate and U13 Nage-No Kata Divisions.

TOP SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our U11 and U13 chess teams who have qualified as two of the top teams in their age groups in the Helderberg basin. Both teams will be participating at the Metropole East Top Schools Tournament on Saturday at Beaumont. Good Luck to the following pupils: Sam Chemaly, Keanu Coetzer, Aidan du Toit, Michael Shepstone, Douw Strydom, Neil Human, Joshua Cox, Kayla Coetzer, Chris Young-Pugh, Jordan Heymans, Daniel Abelson, Sean Irwin and Nicholas Constable.

Week 3: Programme for week ending 8th August 2015

Mon	3 Aug	from 14h00	No Girls Hockey Practices Netball v SWPS (A)
Tues	4	08h15 14h30 – 15h30 15h45 16h45	Guild & Class Reps Meeting (Dining Room) Grade 6 Core Skills Orchestra Practice Girls 1 st XI Hockey v Gordon's Bay (H) Boys' 1 st XI Hockey v Gordon's Bay (H)
Wed	5	07h50 – 13h30 13h40 – 14h20 from 13h45 from 13h45 19h30	Grade 1 Outing to Aquarium & Greenpoint Park Orchestra Practice Netball Matches v Gordon's Bay (H) Rugby Matches v Marvin Park (H) The Haydock Series – Event 1 (Haydock Hall)
Thurs	6	from 13h45 15h00	Violin Eisteddfods Hockey Matches v Rhenish, Applewood & Grabouw (H) Orchestra Eisteddfod (Beaumont)
Fri	7	10h30 from 13h30 13h40	Violin Eisteddfods JP Assembly Chess Matches v Beaumont (A) SP Assembly
Sat	8	08h00	Boland Development Tennis Tournament (H)