



# *The Weekly Blah*

## **Junk Monsters!**



The Grade 2s did a great job of introducing the junk monsters they created in 'Show and Tell' presentations this week. The orals were interesting and informative and it was evident that a lot of thought and effort had gone into their amazing creations. In keeping with our theme of looking after our planet, most of the monsters, given names like Recyclina, Kreeepy, Lectro and Mr Compost, had awesome super powers to recycle, clean up and detect people that destroyed the planet.



## A Thousand Cranes

The Senior Prep play is scheduled for the end of Term 2 and we are very excited as rehearsals have started! I am looking for a parent with a flair for costumes who is prepared to be costume co-ordinator as well as help with designs. This mom (or dad!) will run the entire endeavour with help of other moms - from sizing, to the making of costumes and fittings. If you are prepared to be of assistance in this huge challenge, please send a mail to Mrs Blanckenberg at [irabla@somersethouse.co.za](mailto:irabla@somersethouse.co.za). I look forward to working with the whole Senior Prep on this beautiful project. Thank you.

## Performer of the Week - Drama

Matthew Eames is the Performer of the Week. His enthusiasm and commitment to the workshop part of a Thousand cranes stands out. Keep an eye out for him in the play!

## Letters on the Website ([www.somersethouse.co.za](http://www.somersethouse.co.za))

In the past, we only loaded letters that were for the attention of the whole school community. From now on, however, we will be placing copies of all letters that are sent home on the "Letters and Notices" page of the school website. If you are looking for a copy of a letter, please visit [www.somersethouse.co.za](http://www.somersethouse.co.za) -> Newsletters -> 'Newsletters and Notices', to find a copy.

## HeadLines...

### Fun Day

Tomorrow sees our 7<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Day in its current format take place. The Guild has been hard at work over the past weeks making sure that the day will be even more successful than previous occasions. Although this event is one of our most important fund raising functions, the other objective is to create opportunities for parents and children to meet and have fun together as a whole school community. I would like to thank in advance all the moms and dads, and some pupils too, who are running stalls or helping to make the day an awesome event. Well done! Please note that there will only be parking on the field – entrance through Drama Street (close to Mountain Road).

### Wacky Week

Next week school as we know it pauses while the classes all engage in learning of a different kind. The Grade 1s will be enjoying **Fun in the Forest** while Grade 2s will be visiting the **Cape Town Science Centre** and the **Diversity Park at Greenpoint**. The Grade 3s will be camping at **Jonkershoek** where we are grateful to report, no fire damage occurred. All three grades host **Grannys and Grandpas** on Wednesday next week which is always a treat, as well as **Tereo pupils** for a day of fun activities and sharing. The Grade 4s will be visiting **Vergelegen** as well as camping at **Soetwater in Kommetjie**, another campsite that narrowly missed fire damage. The Grade 5s will be camping at **Wortelgat near Stanford** and then visiting the **Castle, the Company Gardens** and **Natural History Museum**. The Grade 6s will be camping at **Theewaterskloof** where they will experience sailing, kayaking and numerous other activities. The Grade 7s leave for the mighty **Orange River** on Sunday morning and return on Friday after four days of camping and paddling down the river. All in all an amazing week of school. Thank you to Mr Cod for putting this brilliant programme together. I wish all our pupils a happy, exciting and safe week.

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## Artists of the Week

Karolina Hjalmer, Anya Roets and Cáit O'Malley have been chosen as Artists of the Week for their beautiful scratchboard drawings of the "Mantis and the Moon". Well done!



## News from the Ladybird Class (Grade 000s)!

Last week the Ladybirds were looking at Firefighter Fred as their letter of the week. With the heightened awareness and concern with the fires around us, it was a perfect opportunity to talk about Fire Safety and Safety in the Home. They made their own firefighter masks and had great fun trying to guess who was behind each mask.



## Rubbish from the Green Igloos

We thought it was noisy *last* week with the Ladies of The Crew in top form, but this week was something else! The gentlemen of The Crew had clearly enjoyed extra energy cereals for breakfast and were running at full speed! The banter amongst the GIPs was tremendous and very loud. All sorts of topics were covered whilst packing the GIs – Dream Team cricket, camp, the mountaineering skills required for conquering the heights of the GIs themselves, amongst others. The WBDs and their watchers dodged the traffic without capsizing, and W&M noted it all down. Well done, chaps!

2015	Weds 25 Feb	Weds 4 Mar	Weds 11 Mar	NO COLLECTION ON 18 MARCH WACKY WEEK	Weds 25 Mar	Class Totals
7A	4.1	1.0	2.8			22.5
7M	4.1	1.3	2.4			62.1
7R	13.0	10.0	28.0			120.2
6C		15.6				165.8
6M	7.0	16.0	1.5			41.4
6O		11.0				19.5
5B	38.7	25.0	97.8			309.8
5vG	15.5	4.1	19.4			90.8
4C	4.2	96.2	63.0			288.8
4M		7.4				224.1
3P	18.8		118.2			230.3
3R	39.7	71.1	57.9			324.5
2dP	6.0	6.3	7.1			83.3
2T	53.8	33.9	50.4		522.2	
1B	26.1		20.1		131.3	
1H		6.3	3.8		69.3	
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>231.0</b>	<b>305.2</b>	<b>472.4</b>		<b>2705.9</b>	

There is no collection on Wednesday next week as The Crew will be away on camp, so please hoard all your paper and bring it all in on Wednesday 25th for the final session of this term. Please, please, please label your packages with the HOME ROOM CLASS and WEIGHT (kgs).



## Dunk Tank

Don't forget to visit the infamous "Somerset House Dunk Tank" from 2 – 6pm on Saturday. There are some amazing prizes to be won including family passes to the Art of the Brick expo, Strand Waterslide vouchers and even a TABLET! There is an exciting list of "local and Somerset House celebrities" lined up to take the plunge... so it's up to you to buy a ticket and try and make it happen! Please remember to bring some clothes to get wet in as we would love to see you challenging your friends, parents or teachers to try and get you DUNKED!

Here is the lineup...

- 2.00pm – Mrs Caldecott
- 2.30pm – Ben van Schalkwyk
- 3.00pm – Mr Harley
- 3.30pm – Mr Angus
- 4.00pm – Lize Mynardt
- 5.00pm – Mr Storey
- 5.30pm – Mr Cod

## Sport News

### CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY!

Kelly ran her 10th 5km Park run at Route 44 and got her certificate. This is in preparation for training for a 15km run as part of her Leadership programme.



### ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GALA

On Monday afternoon we hosted the Helderberg Zonal Championship Gala. Participating schools included Beaumont, De Hoop, Somerset College and Somerset House. Our swimmers tried their best against very strong opposition, unfortunately we also had seven disqualifications which didn't help our cause. We ended up in 3<sup>rd</sup> position overall. De Hoop were worthy winners on the day, with Beaumont coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and Somerset College 4<sup>th</sup>.



### ARGUS CYCLE TOUR

Congratulations to Jake Love, Nic Cilliers, Daniel Mudge and Mrs De Kock for successfully completing the 47 km Argus Cycle Tour last Sunday.

### SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME COMES TO AN END

Our summer sports programme has come to an end. There will be NO sport practices during Wacky Week. We start with our winter sports programme on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The programme is available on our website.

## WESTERN PROVINCE CHESS TRIALS

Four of our pupils competed in the final round of Western Province Chess Trials last weekend. Josh Cox, Sam Chemaly, Nina Smith and Keanu Coetzer were in action. Josh won 2.5 of his 6 matches, Sam won 3, Keanu won 4 and Nina won 5. Congratulations to Nina Smith who won a gold medal and is therefore the best U9 girls in the whole of Western Province! Nina will now compete at the Western Cape Trials and we wish her the very best of luck.



## TENNIS MATCH RESULTS: THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015

Team	Opposition	Score	Comment
Girls U11	Beaumont	0 - 6	Our brave soldiers who represented Somerset House in the place of the ladder girls unfortunately lost their matches. The girls played hard and enjoyed the opportunity.
Boys U11 - BYE			
Girls U13A	Hendrik Louw	1 - 5	We had a tough afternoon against a strong Hendrik Louw Team. Congratulations to Julia Sloane who won her singles match 6-2. The remaining matches were fought valiantly, but Hendrik Louw were just too strong for us. Well tried, girls!
Girls U13B	De Hoop	0-6	Huge congratulations to Jessica Matthews, Erin Downing, Mikaelle de Oliviera and Natalie Gelderblom. Despite the fact that some of these girls have not played tennis for over a year, they played well together and gave their best. Unfortunately De Hoop beat them, but we are very proud of their efforts.
Boys U13A	Lochnerhof	5-1	An incredible display of skill and ability demonstrated by SH Boys! Well done to Nic Cilliers, Gordon Morrison, Sean Irwin and Wyatt Painter for the determination, excellent effort and true sportsmanship with which they played their matches! Keep up the great effort boys!
Boys U13B	Lochnerhof	4 - 2	The Under 13B boys played so well against Lochnerhof, winning the match. Congratulations to Daashay and Cruebelle who won their doubles and their singles matches. Arden and Aleks were unlucky in their doubles, losing in a tight match 6 – 4. Well done to Arden for winning his singles match. Aleks played like a star in his first match, but unfortunately lost his singles.

## PSI HOCKEY

Congratulations to the following U11 pupils who have been selected to represent various PSI Indoor Hockey Teams:

	<b>BOLAND FOXES</b>	<b>BOLAND SCORPIONS</b>
Girls U11	Karolina Hjälmmner	Jemma Boettger
Boys U11	Marwin Hodel	Dion Claassens
	Michael Royden-Turner	

## UNDER 11 A & B CRICKET – TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

This week saw the final matches in this half of the cricket season. The Dream Team took on Danie Ackermann on Naburn Meadow, going in to bat first. There was a mid-order collapse during the innings, but Matthew Eames scored a super 21 not out with Joshua Johnson adding a further 10, to give a total of 54. The Dreamers' bowling attack was superb to start with, taking our first wicket in the second over and putting pressure on the opposition – 24 for 6 after 8 overs. Some strong batting from the tail enders changed things about rapidly and we were on the back foot again! Danie Ackermann scored the winning runs in the 12<sup>th</sup> over.

The A Team travelled to Beaumont for their local derby. We fielded first and some tight bowling and sharp fielding limited Beaumont to a total of 94 runs. There were good bowling figures from all seven of our opening bowlers! Sam and Liam opened the batting – perhaps, however, taking one or two risks too many! With Liam run out and Sam bowled, the job fell to our middle order to score the runs. Unfortunately, another run out and a string of somewhat wild shots resulted in too many wickets falling and not enough runs being scored. We lost by 16 runs.

It has been a wonderful first half of the season from the squad – much fun had by all, and many lessons taken on board – well done teams!

## Week 9: Programme for week ending 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015

	Grade 7	Grade 6	Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 1	Grade R	Grade 00	Grade 000
<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	Depart for Orange River 06h00	Weekend								
<b>Monday 16th March</b>	Orange River Trip	Buddy Reunion with Grade 2s (Radloff clean up + activities)	Depart for Wortelgat Camp 08h30	Trip to Vergelegen	Depart for SCAS Eiland Camp	Buddy Reunion with Grade 6s (Radloff clean up + activities)	MAD Day - Music, Art & Drama Day	Oakwood Aquarium & Puppet Show Day		
<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>		Depart for Theewaterskloof Camp 08h30	Wortelgat Camp, Stanford	Art Music Drama Day	Return from SCAS Eiland Camp	MAD Day - Music, Art & Drama Day	The Mighty Grade 1 Challenge Day	Oakwood Wacky Class Day		
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>		Theewaterskloof Yacht Club camp	Return from Wortelgat 14h00	Depart for Soetwater camp 08h30	Grandparents' Day for JP			Oakwood Treasure Hunt Day		
<b>Thursday 19th March</b>			Buddy Day with Grade 1s	Soetwater Environmental Centre, Kommetjie	Tereo Day		Buddy Day with Grade 5s & Tereo Day	Oakwood Grandparents' Day		
<b>Friday 20th March</b>		Return from Orange River 19h00	Return from Theewaterskloof 14h00	Trip to Castle and Nat Hist Museum	Return from Soetwater 14h00	Trip to Giraffe World & Butterfly World	Trip to Cape Town Science Centre	Trip to Fun in the Forest	Oakwood Wacky Water Day	
<b>Saturday 21st March</b>	Human Rights Day - Public Holiday									

## Week 10: Programme for week ending 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Mon	23 Mar	from 13h45 14h35	Winter Sports Practices Grades 4 & 5 Review
Tues	24	10h30 from 13h45 14h35	Parel Vallei Presentation to Grade 7s (Haydock Hall) Winter Sports Practices Grades 6 & 7 Review
Wed	25	07h30 from 13h45	Final Newspaper Collection Winter Sports Practices
Thurs	26	12h30 13h00 13h00 – 17h00	Cultural Day Family Lunch School closes. No Sports Practices Staff Meeting & Training Afternoon
Fri	27	09h30 11h15 12h00	Final End of Term Assembly Term ends Senior Staff Meeting
Sat	28		