



# *The Weekly Blah*

**Welcome new Grade 1s!**



What a wonderful start to the year! The Grade 1s were welcomed enthusiastically by the rest of the school as they joined their first Assembly and were already busy in their classrooms by 08h30. They have all embraced this new adventure with a smile and we will eagerly watch their progress through “Big School”.



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



## Art Room Plea

The Art Department would like to initiate a drive to collect the following items this term:

- Cereal boxes
- Purity bottles
- Big yoghurt containers (no small containers please)
- Round, polystyrene bases from (Woolworths) pizzas
- Magazines - Appropriate for children – no gossip magazines
- Ice-Cream containers



## The Rubbish Returns...

Just a quick reminder that the Newspaper Collections start again on Wednesday! Paper and only paper please, can be dropped off in the main car park. The packages/boxes should be clearly labelled with the Class name/Home Room name and the correct and accurate weight!!

The Grade 5 Crew will check the weights, note the totals, transport the paper to the Green Igloos and then pack them. There is fierce competition between the classes (and Teachers) for the coveted prize of a tray of cupcakes baked by Mrs Cod awarded to the class that collects the most paper in a term. Please be aware that there will be trainee WBDs (Wheelbarrow drivers) loose in the car park – beware!

- Please, please, please label your packages with the HOME ROOM CLASS and WEIGHT (kgs). Those with no name or weight cannot be added into the totals.
- Please also do not drop off packages after 07h55. It is too late then to process them and we have to be at registration at 08h00. Please be on time...!!!

## Headlines....

### 2016

Welcome back to school for what promises to be an exciting year at Somerset House. A special welcome to all our new children and their families. We also welcome our new staff members who have already settled in so well. I look forward to working with all of you and enjoying the newness which you will undoubtedly bring to our school.



Amidst news of a new school system for South Africa I feel desperate about the state of education in the country. A new system will certainly not fix the problem. It is really very simple. For children to learn, committed and enthusiastic teachers are required. Where you find these special people, you will find a successful school, and you will certainly see successful learning taking place. We are very fortunate to have such people at Somerset House and I am therefore confident that all of your children will have a happy and fulfilling year. I look forward to enjoying the year with you all.

### Eli Caldecott

Congratulations to Mrs Claire Caldecott and her family on the arrival of Eli last week. Mom and baby are both in excellent health and we look forward to meeting Eli in the near future. As HOD of Oakwood, Mrs Caldecott is doing all she can to make sure that we have full classes in the future which is greatly appreciated! Well done!



### Chris Storey – Headmaster

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## Sports News

### INTER-HOUSE CAPTAINS AND CHEERLEADERS

Congratulations and best wishes to the following pupils who have been selected to lead the Hobby, Lanner and Peregrine teams this year:

	<b>CAPTAIN</b>	<b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b>	<b>CHEERLEADERS</b>
<b>HOBBY GIRLS</b>	Ruth Benson	Allegra Bouwer	Erin Downing Anke Botha
<b>HOBBY BOYS</b>	Nicholas Cilliers	Jordan Heymans	Connor Barrett Jake Love
<b>LANNER GIRLS</b>	Lolly Venter	Daniella da Costa	Emma Forbes Mikaelle de Oliveira
<b>LANNER BOYS</b>	James Royden-Turner	Sean Irwin	Gordon Morrison Joshua Cox
<b>PEREGRINE GIRLS</b>	Andrea du Plessis	Ashley Head	Wanda Jacobs Sarah Jones
<b>PEREGRINE BOYS</b>	Nicholas Lombard	Aleks Borchardt	Cruebelle Diko Reece Aitken

## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Our Inter-House Athletics Field Event Finals take place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January (Girls) and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January (Boys) from 14h00 – 17h30. The list of these finalists is available on our website.

Our Long Distance Finals take place on Wednesday morning from 08h15 – 09h30, all athletes may compete in these long distance events. The U9s run a 400m, the U10 – U12s a 1200m and the U13s have a choice of either an 800m or a 1500m event.

Our actual Inter-House Athletics Day takes place next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. School closes at 13h00 on Friday for all pupils and the children must please return to school to meet their captains near the bell by 15:30. The 'walk-on' will take place at 15h45 and the first events start at 16h00. The Grade 1 to 3 athletes who have not qualified for the 200m events, may go home or sit with their parents from approximately 17h30. Parents and friends are invited to come along and picnic on the banks of the Simpson Hall while you enjoy the action on the field. This is a compulsory event for all pupils and they must please wear their house shirts. Should you prefer not to picnic, you could support our Guild who have kindly offered to sell boerewors rolls and cooldrinks at the event. Parents are encouraged to wear their child's house colours and are also invited to compete in the parent's race. Entries will be taken on the day.

The team for the Inter-Schools Triangular against Somerset College and Bridge House will be selected after the Inter-House event and this takes place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at Somerset College. We are looking forward to some exciting action on the track and field.

### CONGRATULATIONS, JASON!

Jason Stegmann in Grade 5 competed in his first Waterski tournament in December and did very well. He cleared all his passes and achieved a great score.



## Week 2 Programme for week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

Mon	18 Jan	13h45 – 14h30 14h00 – 14h40 14h40 – 17h00	Grade 1 & 2 Athletics Practices Athletics – Field Event Finals (Under 9 Girls) Athletics – Field Event Finals (Under 10 – 13 Girls)
Tues	19	13h45 – 14h30 14h00 – 14h40 14h40 – 17h00 19h00	Grade 1 & 2 Athletics Practices Athletics – Field Event Finals (Under 9 Boys) Athletics – Field Event Finals (Under 10 – 13 Boys) SP Parent Information Evening (Haydock Hall)
Wed	20	07h30 07h30 08h15 – 09h30 09h30 – 10h10	Newspaper Collection starts Junior Choir Practice (Shelters) Athletics – Long Distance Finals House Singing Practice – Grades 1 to 7
Thurs	21	07h30 08h10 to 08h50 14h30 – 16h30	Senior Choir Practice (Simpson Hall) House Singing Practice – Grades 1 to 7 Cricket Practice – Under 12 & Under 13
Fri	22	10h30 13h00 15h45	Combined JP & SP Assembly (Haydock Hall) School closes Inter House Singing & Inter House Athletics (H)
Sat	23		