



SOMERSET HOUSE

# The Weekly Blah

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## Another Wacky Week Done and Dusted!



Another Wacky Week has come to an end and we return to “normal” school! Please have a look at the Wacky Week Daily Reports on the letters page of our website for snapshots of all the fun activities. There were many people to thank for their part in bringing a week like this to fruition...

- All the staff who planned, prepped, went on camp, offered activities, took photos, assisted teachers, nursed, encouraged, laughed, sang, danced, dressed up and kept children busy and entertained. Wacky Week has been a real team effort that has taken many weeks of planning to come together.
- Mrs Rautenbach and her staff who prepared snacks and lunches, who made packed meals and sent loads of food on camps and outings. This was always done with a smile!
- Mr Amm and his facilities team who helped load food and equipment onto and off busses, and ensured that children boarded and disembarked busses safely.
- Mrs McCulley and Miss Adams who made sure that every camp and outing had a first aid box filled with all the necessary things (a puke bucket and some black bags too!)
- Mr Storey for letting us cancel normal school for a week!

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

## Deputy HeadLines...

### Camp Road Trip

At the start of Wacky Week, I was torn between remaining at school to participate in the array of exciting activities or setting off to experience camp life with the children. I chose the latter and completed a circular road trip taking in the Grade 6 camp at Theewaters, the Grade 5 camp at Wortelgat and the Grade 4 camp at Soetwater. I could fill pages with descriptions of how lovely it was to share the experience with the children. Highlights included watching the Grade 6 children take to sailing and mastering wind-speed and direction with aplomb, after only a few short introductory lessons. Even a boat capsizing presented no difficulties as the children simply righted the boat and continued on their way. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a new skill and learn to rely on their fellow sailors for support.

I was happy to miss the snake at Wortelgat and rather share the delicious meals and listen to stories about their day. Celebrating two birthdays on camp was very special. Miss Mac had Mr Alexander and myself blowing up balloons so that we could decorate the dining room for breakfast and ensure that it was a day to be remembered. The children created amazing hanging sculptures from debris collected from the beach at Soetwater and, in so doing, learned valuable lessons about the environment. It was impossible to judge which of the 5 groups won the potjiekos competition as each simmering container tasted more delicious than the next. I cannot think of a more creative way to encourage teamwork and responsibility.

Travelling to each camp was immensely rewarding and I so enjoyed spending time with the different age groups and observing the children's interaction with one another. There were a few incidents to contend with in between camps, such as my car nose diving into the sand dune that blew across the road overnight at Soetwater, and having to be rescued and dug out. Fortunately, the sand was cleared before the appearance of the bus!

We all arrived safely back at school with life-long memories and valuable lessons learned.

Miss Court

## School Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open from 07h30 to 14h30 from Monday 6 March 2017 until Thursday 30 March 2017.

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

- Wednesday 12 April 2017 from 09h00 to 14h00
- Thursday 13 April 2017 from 09h00 to 14h00
- Tuesday 18 April 2017 from 09h00 to 14h00

## Junior Choir Festival – Thursday 16 March

Final Arrangements for the Junior Choir festival on 16 March 2017:

- Parents can park on the Naburn Meadow and security guards will be on duty.
- There is no entrance fee for this concert. Parents, however, must book a space to ensure that they have a seat. Seats are not allocated to specific people, but will work on a first come, first served basis. Please use the link e-mailed on Friday with the newsletter to book.
- Parents may enter the venue from 17:30 onwards. The concert will start promptly at 18:00.
- All choirs will sit in designated areas on the floor in the Simpson Hall.

## Save the Date...

David Grier will be doing a talk at Somerset House next term (Wednesday 3 May). David is an inspirational adventurer who has achieved great things and we are honoured to have him talk at Somerset House. This talk will be in aid of the Power of a Smile Campaign. Book this date in your calendar now

## Sports News

### GOOD LUCK TO THE FOLLOWING PUPILS:

- Nina Smith who will be competing at the WP Chess Trials in Kuilsriver on Friday and Saturday.
- Esther Benson and Zenade October who will be representing the WP Athletics team at the Western Cape Athletics Trials in Paarl on Saturday.

We wish you the very best of luck and send HUGE Somerset House hugs to all of you.

### START OF WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMME

Just a reminder that we will be starting with our winter sporting code practices and trials on **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**. We will follow our usual winter sports programme for practice times, please see below.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>R U G B Y</b>	<u>13h45 – 14h30</u> U7 Boys <u>14h00 – 14h40</u> U9 Boys <u>14h35 – 15h30</u> U12 & U13 Boys <u>15h35 – 16h30</u> U10 & U11 Boys	<u>13h45 – 14h30</u> U8 Boys <u>14h35 – 15h30</u> U10 & U11 Boys <u>15h35 – 16h30</u> U12 & U13 Boys	<u>13h45</u> U7 & U8 RUGBY MATCHES <u>13h45 – 14h30</u> U7 & U8 Practices (ONLY IF NO MATCHES) <u>14h00 -14h40</u> U9 Practices (ONLY IF NO MATCHES) <u>14h45</u> U9 – U13 RUGBY MATCHES	
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## Weekly Programme: Week 10 - Week ending 18 March

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Mon 13 March	14.30 -17.00	Oakwood Parent/Teacher Meetings Junior Prep Parent/Teacher Meetings Start of Winter Sports Code Practices (Please see separate Schedule)
Tues 14 March	16.00 – 19.00	Oakwood Parent/Teacher Meetings Junior Prep Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wed 15 March		
Thurs 16 March	14:30 – 17:00 18.00	U13 Rugby Festival (Somerset House) Junior Choir Festival
Fri 17 March		
Sat 18 March		