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# REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK

TERM 4 WEEK 8 (29 NOVEMBER 2024)

## CAROLS



The evening turned out beautifully after the initial threat of rain never materialised. In the absence of the exhausting heat of summer, all were warmed by the performances of pupils and teachers. From the exuberant sounds of the marimbas to the cheerful accompaniment of our growing orchestra, the evening left everyone feeling the joy of Christmas. With the Junior Prep and Senior Prep Choirs, Grade 4 to 7 Marimba Bands performing, as well as a Staff Choir and Marimba Band, there was enough variety for everyone to enjoy the evening. The readers clearly articulated the story of the birth of Jesus with the Senior Choir leading everybody in song. The Pop Band struck the final chord with a timeless song from the past.





# LOOKING AFTER OUR FURRY FRIENDS


This term, our community development drive focused on collecting dog food for The Barking Dog Foundation and cat food for the HART Foundation, and once again, the generosity of our Somerset House families has been truly overwhelming. The outpouring of support and kindness has left us incredibly grateful and humbled.

The Barking Dog Foundation will use the collected dog food to nourish the dogs in their care, patiently waiting for adoption, giving them the chance to thrive as they await their forever homes. In addition, the foundation will be distributing food to families in Sir Lowry's Pass Village, helping them provide for their pets while also raising awareness about the importance of proper pet care. This initiative not only supports the well-being of animals in need but also fosters a sense of responsibility and compassion within the community.

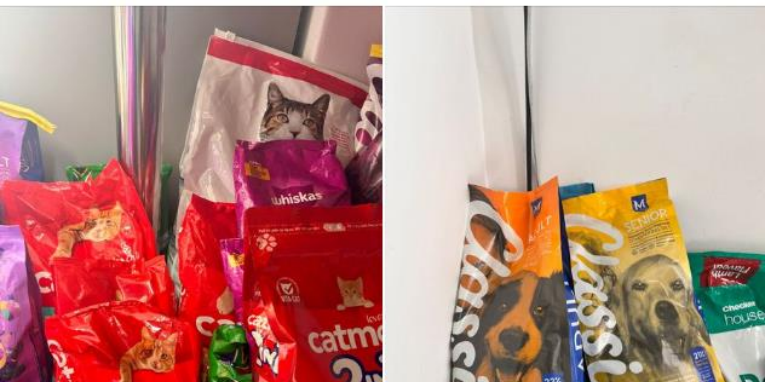
Similarly, the HART Foundation, which is dedicated to providing a second chance to vulnerable dogs and cats, will benefit greatly from your generosity. HART believes in offering love and care to those who need it most, fuelled by compassion and a drive to make a difference in the lives of these animals. The food collected will go towards supporting their mission of creating a brighter future for every furry friend they care for.

Words cannot fully express how much we appreciate the selflessness of our school community in making this drive such a success. Your generosity is truly making a difference, and we are grateful to be part of such a compassionate and giving group of families.



 HART - Helderberg Animal Rescue Team - Western Cape  
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WOW 🙌 thank you [Somerset House School](#) for this unbelievable donation of dog and cat food, we are incredibly grateful for your support ❤️





# JUNIOR PREP CELEBRATION



On Tuesday evening we recognised the Grade 1s, Grade 2s and Grade 3s with individual certificates acknowledging their unique achievements and how they have lived out the school values and ethos. The Junior Prep Teachers are very proud of them all!

We thank all the parents for their support throughout the year, most notably the Class Reps for their assistance in a variety of ways. We were thrilled to launch our new-look certificates too!



## 2024 JUNIOR PRIMARY CELEBRATION

This certificate is awarded to all the

*Junior Prep Children*

for being such superstars  
and for embracing everything Somerset House has to offer.



**MRS MOYES**  
HEAD OF JUNIOR PRIMARY & CLASS TEACHER

# SNOW WHITE CAST

During the December holidays, 11 of our past and present pupils and staff members are involved in ***Snow White A Pantomime*** at The Playhouse Theatre.

Back Row:

- Ryder Mitchell (Cheerful the Dwarf)
- Jenna Parker (Ensemble)
- Mabel Savage (Ensemble)
- Liam Allwood (TD the Dwarf)

Middle Row:

- Jewel Buys (Ensemble)
- Emily van Schalkwyk (Ensemble)
- Bryoni Botha (Stage Manager)
- Neil Ferguson (Dame Dolly Dumpling)

Front Row:

- Leigh Japhet (Bogwort)
- Amelia du Toit (Snow White)
- Aiden Marais (Stinkwort)



Come and join in the festivities with this timeless classic filled with fantastic villains, bumbling sidekicks and hilarious dwarves. With tons of toe-tapping tunes and feel-good funnies, it will be a great day out for the whole family!

Santa will be at the performances from the 14th to the 16th of December! If you purchase a "Santa's Grotto Child Ticket" your child will have the opportunity to receive a gift from Santa!

Tickets available on WebTickets: <https://www.webtickets.co.za/v2/Event.aspx?itemid=1556028891>



## COMMUNAL COLOURING

In the midst of all the end-of-year festivities, what is more calming than some communal colouring.

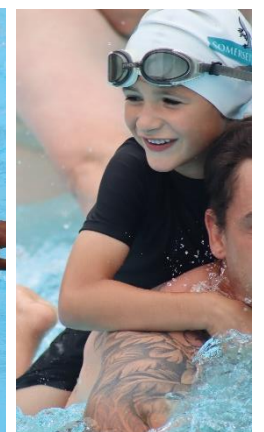
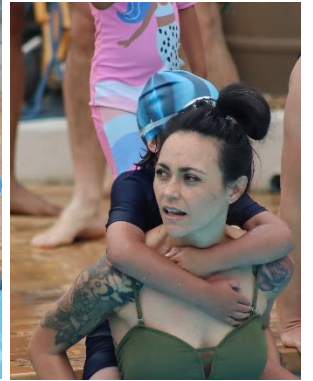
# GRADE 00 IN HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

This week, the holiday spirit has been in full swing in the Grade 00 classrooms! The children had a wonderful time creating their very own Christmas cards. With glitter, finger painting, and plenty of creative energy, their beautiful cards are sure to spread some joy. The children also loved creating paper chains using the Christmas colours and challenged themselves to see how long they could make them. Of course, no holiday season is complete without music, and the mouse classes have loved singing along to their favourite Christmas songs while they work and play. From "Jingle Bells" to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," the classroom has been filled with cheerful melodies. We also read the story, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. The children were fascinated by the descriptions of Father Christmas, and we had a delightful discussion about his magical journey on Christmas Eve. Their curious questions and imaginative ideas about Santa and his reindeer made the story even more special. It's been such a joy watching the children embrace the magic of the season.



# SPLASH GALA

The Grade R Splash Gala held last Friday afternoon was a fantastic success! The pupils participated enthusiastically in several fun races, showing off their swimming skills and teamwork. There was plenty of laughter and excitement as they took part, and it was clear that all the swimmers had worked hard throughout the term. A special congratulations to the Grade Rs for their great progress. The fun wasn't just for the children - moms, dads, and other significant adults joined in the fun with the "Piggy Back" race, adding even more joy to the day. Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules to join us, it meant the world for the children to have you there. Well done Grade Rs! We look forward to your arrival at Prep School, where we will continue to have lots of fun together. (Mrs Loots)





# LETTERS TO THE GRADE 4 PUPILS OF 2025

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The Grade 4s spent time writing letters of encouragement to the Grade 3s who might be feeling a little nervous about the move to the Senior Primary. Hopefully these will put their minds at ease - knowing they have so much to look forward to!

*Dear Grade 3 Friend*

*I want to let you know a little of what to expect ... you don't have to worry at all. I was also nervous but it's not worth the worrying. The new teachers and subjects were hard at first but soon you'll get the hang of it.*

*Camp was so fun! Making new friends and seeping in dorms together was so amazing! Using our devices was one of the best experiences. Learning how to programme and create was magical! Learning about different plants, atoms, the environment, the Earth, our planets and how life works, or learning about our history, countries and continents! I had a blast either way.*

*Homework was amazing! Our three quizzes every week might sound like torture but it's so much fun! The projects were so wonderful, it really helps you build your teamwork skills! All the tests were challenging, but it only makes you more confident! PBL week, building bridges, you'll enjoy it so much!*

*At the end of the year, I've grown so much, and I wish I could do it all over again, and I hope you wish that too. Just try your best, remember when you fail, you're only getting stronger! Have a lovely holiday! Good luck for grade 4!*

*Kind regards,  
Bethany Williams*

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*Dear Grade 3 Friends*

*I want to let you know what to expect for Grade 4.*

*You might be scared to meet new teachers but once you get to know them it's going to be amazing. You might also be scared for new subjects but trust me the projects you do in NS and SS are so fun! Oh, and the tests, you might have to study quite a bit but it feels so good when you get a good mark.*

*In Grade 4 you must try to study hard and get good marks but it's fine if you don't - just try your best next time. I hope you have a happy holiday and good luck for Grade 4. You are going to love it!*

*Kind regards,  
Sebastian Massmann*

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*Dear Grade 3 Friends*

*I want to let you know a little of what to expect in Grade 4. When I came to Grade 4, I didn't know what to expect. I was nervous to say bye to Grade 3. From being in JP to being in SP, I thought that was going to be a big change, but I soon found out it really wasn't. From not wanting to leave Grade 3 to not wanting to leave Grade 4. So, for all of you coming into Grade 4, nervous, stressed and not knowing what to expect. My Grade 4 year was a blast with new teachers, subjects and even new friends and I'm sure yours will be too.*

*Camp was the best! If you think Grade 3 camp was fun, then you are going to love Grade 4 camp. You all have your own dorm, and you get to pick who you sleep with. In all of the dorms there are 4 people but there is one dorm for 8 people. I slept in the 4-sleeper dorm. You roast marshmallows and sing songs around the campfire. It is a memory you will never forget.*

*Don't be scared for the new subjects because I found out that I like SS more than English, but NS was not really my thing and that is fine, and you will all also find your best subject this year.*

*Mrs. Cruickshank and Mrs. Tucker (spoiler alert) are the BEST!*

*One big thing I was scared of was tests, homework and percentages! But once I did tests and homework it made me really comfortable with them and for me, that is actually a relief because any time someone said "test" I would freak but now we do one almost every day, so I am used to it.*

*So, trust me before you know it Grade 4 will be done and you will be writing to the Grade 3's coming to Grade 4. Enjoy it!*

*Kind regards,  
Jenna Parker*

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*Dear Grade 3 Friend*

*I would like to let you know what to expect in Grade 4!*

*When I came to Grade 4 I was very nervous and scared, but as soon as I met Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Cruickshank, everything was fine! Something that you should know is that it really doesn't matter whose class you're in because you spend time with them equally!*

*Grade 4 is so much fun! There is always something fun to do, like writing, reading, working, and laughing! When you learn about a new subject like SS or NS, it can seem confusing or scary but the more you do the subjects, the easier it gets. All the teachers are amazing, they all have a special tweak to their personalities that makes each lesson exciting! Camp is one of my favourite things we did this year, you go to such an amazing place and you do loads of activities like swimming, play skits, roasting marshmallows and so much more!*

*The teachers don't give you much homework at all, and tests are not hard if you study ALOT! Projects are really fun especially if you do them in groups. You do lots of them in NS, and my favourite one was our marble runs.*

*Grade 4 is so much fun and I am sure you will love it. You've got this!*

*Kind regards,  
Alera Janson*

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*Dear Grade 3 friend*

*Tip for grade 4, you should expect to be with the best teachers. Remember don't push yourself to be the best, just make sure you are the best version of yourself. Failure only means it is your first attempt in learning. Keep working with all your heart and be proud of who you are.*

*When I first came to grade 4, I was very worried about who my teachers was and if they were nice. I stressed a lot but when I started to get to know my teachers I didn't stress that much. From then on I only stressed about tests, but if you study hard you get good marks!*

*Some great highlights you'll experience are going to camp and sharing a dorm with your best buddy and going to Radloff was so much fun but wear your running shoes it's a long way to school. Vergelegen was a blast learning so much and seeing so much too.*

*A few extra tips: finish your homework or you'll be on Mister Huggett's bench. Don't stress about tests they are really nothing if you study a lot. Projects are so much fun, but they are not if you don't listen.*

*So, when you start grade 4, I want you to try to be the best version of yourself and do your best. Have a great holiday, spend time with your family. Good luck with grade 4 - you will absolutely love it.*

*Kind regards  
Grace Overmeyer*

# ISIXHOSA PLAY

The Grade 7s recently performed the first-ever isiXhosa fable for both the Senior Primary and Oakwood. This significant achievement showcased their hard work and dedication as they brought to life a well-known isiXhosa fable about a farmer who buys a pig and struggles to get it into a pen. Despite the pig's refusal to enter the pen, the farmer must come up with a clever plan to solve the problem. The cast, which consisted of 12 Grade 7 pupils, included two narrators, Liam Allwood and Sienna Vonbun, as well as the following characters: Christopher Havinga as the pig (Ihagu), Jonathan Voortman as the dog (Inja), Mia Steyn as the stick (Intonga), Zahra Staples as the fire (Umlilo), Carla Hodges as the water (Amanzi), Lee Seloka as the cow (Inkomo), Simon Wiehahn as the rope (Intambo), Rebecca Angus as the mouse (Impuku), Jessica Beck as the cat (Ikati) and Ryder Mitchell as the farmer. The Grade 7s exceeded our expectations and have made us all incredibly proud. Learning a third language is so important in today's society, and being able to perform a mini production in isiXhosa truly brought the language to life. A huge congratulations to everyone involved – your hard work and passion have made this experience unforgettable!



## SANTA SHOEBOX HANDOVER

In the spirit of Christmas, the Santa Shoeboxes that were so kindly collected in July will be distributed to three deserving schools this weekend: Sir Lowry's Pass Creche, Bizweni Primary School, and Emyezweni Pre-School in Lwandle Township, Strand. This generous act of giving brings hope and joy to children in communities that are less privileged than ours, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas – kindness, love, and sharing.

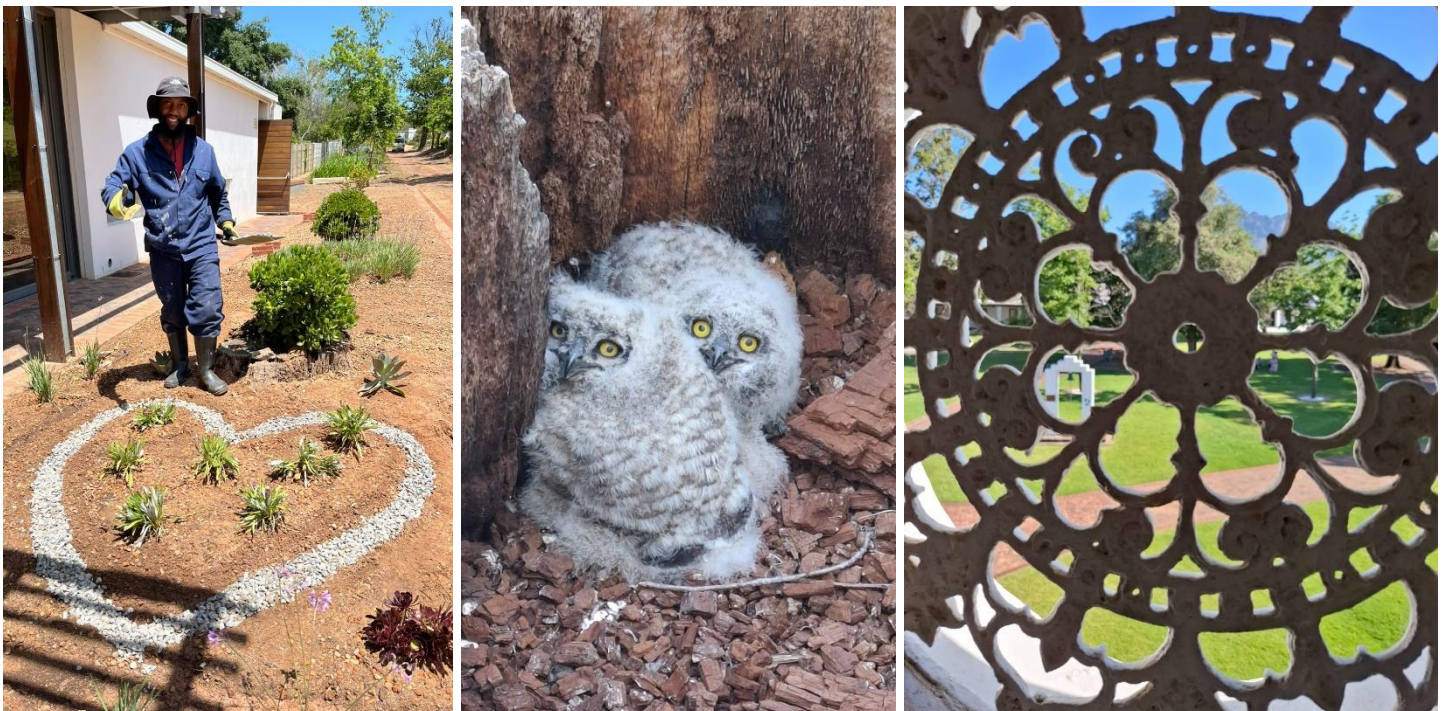
We are deeply thankful for the selflessness and generosity shown by our Somerset House families in making this initiative a success. Your willingness to give back to others, especially during these challenging times, speaks volumes about the compassion and spirit of community within our school. We are certain that these gifts will bring immense joy to every child who receives them, brightening their holiday season and filling their hearts with happiness.

It is indeed more blessed to give than to receive, and your kindness will have a lasting impact on the hearts of these children, spreading warmth and happiness. Thank you once again for making this possible - your kindness is appreciated!



## SPOTTED ON CAMPUS

What joy the campus brings to us all! Thank you to those that tender to our grounds with so much love too!



# ODE TO ROBYN RAUTENBACH AND HER TEAM

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In the heart of Somerset House, a treasure shines so bright,  
Robyn, the chef with magic hands, brings joy both day and night.  
Her smile a beacon, warm and kind, her spirit ever true,  
With every dish she lovingly crafts, her care shines boldly through.  
For pupils and staff, she goes the mile, her kindness knows no end,  
Accommodating every need, a chef and cherished friend.  
Gluten-free, dairy-free, no challenge makes her sway,  
Her thoughtful touch ensures each meal delights in every way.  
Her team she leads with love and grace, inspiring all she meets,  
In Robyn's kitchen, every task is done with heart – it's sweet.  
The flavours burst, the standards soar, five stars would be too few,  
For every plate she sends with pride is crafted just for you.  
Oh, Robyn, queen of Somerset's heart, we sing your praise with cheer,  
For all you do, for all you are, we hold you ever dear.  
To you and your team, a massive thanks for all the love you give,  
You nourish more than bodies here – you teach us how to live!

(Anonymous)



# FESTIVE CINQUAIN POETRY – GRADE 4

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Christmas  
Exciting, wonderful  
Decorating, singing, dancing  
Putting up the Christmas tree  
Jesus' Birthday

**Madison Gilbey**

Summer  
Cheerful, bright  
Swimming, relaxing, tanning  
Fun at the beach  
Sunny Season

**Katie van Rensburg**

Holiday  
Enjoyable, fun  
Swimming, baking, playing  
Visiting friends  
Break

**Frankie Roberts-Meyer**

Summer  
Hot, sticky  
Sunbathing, burning, swimming  
Fun in a cold pool  
Festive Season

**Bella Hare -Bowers**

Christmas  
Festive, jolly  
Baking, decorating, playing  
Waiting for Santa  
Jesus' Birthday

**Isabella van Straaten**

Holiday  
Exciting, fun  
Laughing, playing, relaxing  
Spending time with family  
Break

**Alera Janson**

Summer  
Hot, humid  
Swimming, braaing, tanning  
It's the hottest season  
Holidays

**Lilla van der Walt**

Christmas  
Jolly, merry  
Giving, getting, loving  
The best time of year  
Holidays

**Grace Overmeyer**

Christmas  
Spiritual, special  
Giving, receiving, loving  
Our Saviour was born  
Best holiday

**Andrew Oscroft**

Summer  
Sweaty, hot  
Swimming, boiling, tanning  
Turn up the air conditioner  
Sticky

**Jenna Parker**

Summer  
Hot, cheerful  
Suntanning, relaxing, going away  
Not having to go to school  
Surfing

**Marcus Vonbun**

Christmas  
Colourful, merry  
Planning, cooking, meeting up  
A break from school  
Joyous

**William Bolton**



# FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

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The holiday season can be filled with stress, and overwhelming schedules. However, it is also when family and friends come together, making wonderful memories.

Therapy practice may be the last think on one's mind, but it can be integrated with fun activities for the whole family! Below are a few easy and familiar activities that children are bound to love, with some therapy tricks woven into conversation.

## **Baking Cookies:**

- There are so many ways to incorporate direction following and vocabulary expansion while baking.
- Describing: Can you hand me the NIG bowl? Let's use the BLUE sprinkles. The dough feels SQUISHY... and so on. There really is no limit to this one!
- Following directions: First let's put in the flour and then the sugar. Let's get the milk out and then pout it into a cup. First, we have to crack the egg and then stir.

## **Wrapping and Decorating Presents:**

- Wrapping doesn't always go smoothly, and this is the perfect opportunity to discuss problem-solving strategies with your child.
- Wrapping can also be a great time to address sequencing and special concepts as you construct a beautiful gift. Here are some examples:
- Sequencing: Encourage your child to wrap some family presents. After wrapping a few presents together, why not ask your child to tell you the steps they took using their sequencing language – first / next / then / last.
- Spatial Concepts: "Where should I put the bow? ON THE TOP or ON THE BOTTOM?". "Can you put the present BEHIND the tree?" "Lets put the big present NEXT TO the shiny red present.
- Problem-Solving: "We ran out of tape, what could we use instead?" "We don't have enough paper, what else could we use?"

## **Taking Photos:**

- We all take lots of photos at Christmas. Invite your child to talk to you about what can happen – encouraging them to expand expressive language and sequence events. It can be enjoyable for your child to take some photos and then let them tell you about the pictures they have taken.

## **Social Skills:**

Christmas is full of opportunities to practise social interactions and skills:

- Saying "thank you" for gifts.
- Thinking of those less fortunate.
- Sharing.
- Being helpful.

Most importantly – laugh, play and enjoy time with family.

Have a blessed Festive Season.



# BUDDY TIME

The Grade 1s and 5s spent some time together before the end of term. They did three-legged races, piggy-back rides and tug of war. They had so much fun bonding.





# GRAAD 7 AFRIKAANS

Die Graad 7's staan op die drumpel van nuwe avonture terwyl hulle voorberei om hoërskool toe te gaan, en net soos hulle het ons die op- en afdraandes van die tienerlewe deur *Perfek* (deur Jaco Jacobs) verken. Hierdie vermaaklike boek bied die perfekte voorsmakie van hoërskooldrama, humor en selfontdekking aan.

*"Natasja is perfek. Dit besef Jak die oomblik toe sy by die klas se deur inloop. Maar hy is net 'n doodgewone ou. Hoe kan hy die mooiste meisie in die skool se aandag trek? Julia, sy beste vriendin, het 'n plan."*

Hier is wat die Graad 7's oor die boek te sê het:

- "Perfek is 'n wonderlike en opwindende boek wat vol drama en humor is. Die storie van Julia, Jak en Natasja het my vasgenael, en ek dink almal in die jonger grade moet uitsien om dit te lees!" – Ryder Mitchell.
- "Perfek was NIE perfék nie. Die boek is goed geskryf, maar Jak is nie baie aangenaam nie. Natasja, wat veronderstel is om die antagonist te wees, het vir my soos die hoofkarakter gevoel. Ek gee dit 7 uit 10 omdat Natasja beter verdien het." – Lia Gabrielides.
- "Ek het dit geniet om *Perfek* te lees omdat ek daarmee kon vereenselwig. Die drama, die sappige oomblikke, en die geleentheid om my Afrikaans te verbeter, het dit vir my 'n wonderlike ervaring saam met my vriende gemaak." – Kia Coote.
- "Ek het regtig hierdie boek geniet! Die storie is goed geskryf en relevant tot die tienerlewe, wat my aandag getrek het. Ek het die balans tussen humor en drama geniet, en hoe die karakters presies gekry wat hulle verdien het." – Sienna Vonbun.

Soos iemand dalk sou sê: "Hoërskool is soos 'n storm – jy moet leer dans in die reën om dit te oorleef!!" Of jy nou met Jak kon vereenselwig of vir Natasja ondersteun het, het *Perfek* ons geleer dat die betekenis van "perfek" mettertyd ontwikkel soos ons groei en volwasse raak.



## GO-CART DERBY WRAP-UP

In October, we hosted our much-anticipated annual Soapbox Derby, an event that has quickly become a highlight on our calendar as it is thoroughly enjoyed by all. This year's derby was not only a thrilling day of fun but also a resounding success in fundraising, with an incredible R100,000 profit raised, thanks to the generosity and support of our community.

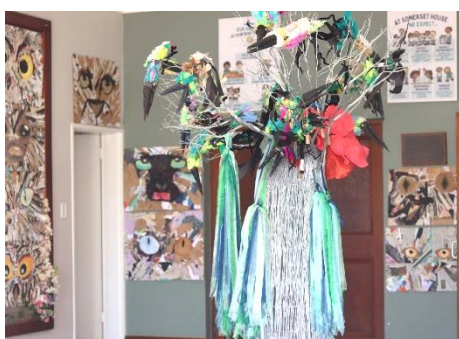
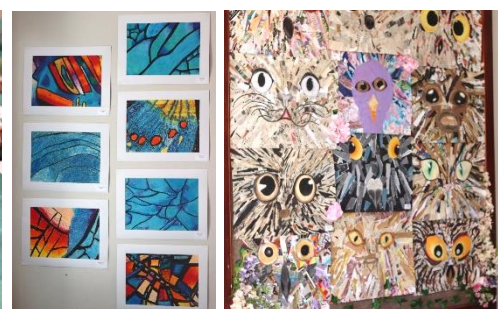
A special congratulations to Grade 4 Tucker for their phenomenal effort in raising the most funds and to Grade 4 Cruickshank for coming first in returning all forms. As a reward, both classes will be allowed to come to school in civvies on Tuesday and enjoy a sweet treat!

Additional congratulations go to Grade 3 Moyes and Grade 4 Cruickshank for securing second and third places in fundraising, and to Grade 7 Chevallier and Grade 7 Hughes for their respective second and third positions in returning all forms. These classes will also be treated to a sweet reward.

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated and contributed to making this event so remarkable!

# ART EXHIBITION

Thank you, Mrs Jacobs and her helpers for displaying the pupil's art so beautifully! It is wonderful to see the products of many happy, creative hours in our Art room.



# BEE CLASS

The Bee Class (Grade 000) have enjoyed the last week of school playing on the different equipment and in the sandpit. It is wonderful to see their confidence on all the climbing equipment and the many new friendships that have been made during their first year of school.



## LAND ART

Boy did the Grade 2s have fun creating their LAND ART this week! Many of them continued working on it in their break time and even asked their loved ones or teachers to come and see what they created at the end of the day. It was so amazing to witness such enthusiasm, teamwork and creativity! Well done to all Grade 2s!



## DARCEY SUNSHINE FOUNDATION: WATER SAFETY

On Thursday morning the Grade 00 – Grade 3 pupils attended a Water Safety Talk, presented by the Darcey Sunshine Foundation. It was a valuable message and an opportunity to ensure our pupils are aware of the dangers and rules involved around water. The presentation included slides and a short enactment, presented by our older pupils, which reinforced the message of no water without an adult. It is imperative that our children are kept safe near water and that they understand the risks involved. Please use this opportunity as a family to discuss your rules around swimming pools, the ocean and other water bodies. It is our responsibility as adults to ensure that they can have fun under supervision. Always have a designated adult to supervise when near water - Be safe this Summer.



# CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

The Ladybirds have had a wonderful week getting into the Christmas spirit. They painted their own stunning Christmas Tree and Father Christmas. They made angels and beaded Christmas ornaments for their trees. They sorted and collected glittery pom-poms and Christmas erasers and had fun working with playdough.



# SACS U12 CRICKET FESTIVAL

Some of our U12 cricket boys participated in the SACS 8-a-side Cricket Festival last Saturday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our boys to visit their campus and to experience a day in the life of SACS. Our boys played 4 matches, facing some tough opponents, it looked to be a great opportunity to show their talent. The results were as follows:

- Temba Bavuma Foundation : Won by 2 wickets
- Optima Invitational : Lost by 2 wickets
- Greenpoint CC : Lost by 4 Wickets
- All Rounder Academy: Lost by 5 Wickets



Some tough opposition but the boys never gave up and fought down to the wire. We are proud of our Somerset House pupils, they always make a huge impact, both on and off the field, at these events.

## WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the following Somerset House pupils who performed at the recent SA Gymnastic Championships. They have been placed as follows:

- Sophia Castleden: 21<sup>st</sup>
- Chelsea Clayton: 43<sup>rd</sup>
- Amelia Benvenuti: 58<sup>th</sup>
- Kate Bands: 71<sup>st</sup>



# FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

Last Saturday morning, a number of our pupils entered the Football Fundraiser Tournament. This tournament was organised by parents to support Coach Robyn who is trying to raise funds to get his UEFA Level 2 Coaching Licence, this course takes place in Ireland in 2025. Thank you to all our SH families who came out to support this very worthy cause. Congratulations to those who ended in the top 3 positions.

- U8 Team: 1<sup>st</sup>
- U10 Team: 2<sup>nd</sup>
- U12 Team: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Special mention must be made of our Grade 3 Girls who entered a team and were the only girls' team there and therefore had to play against some very energised, competitive boys. You did a great job girls, even winning a match along the way. Well done SH families, I know that Coach Robyn appreciated your support.



# LIVING MATHS OLYMPIAD

The Grade 2 children have been working hard this term at developing their Problem Solving and Number Operation Skills whilst preparing for The Living Maths Olympiad.

## GRADE 2 MCINTYRE:

**Silver:** Eli Lamprecht, Emily Steyn, Asia Hartley, Olivia Marais, Joe Van Zyl, Nathan Marcovich.

**Gold:** Nicolas Harpur, Beau Savage, Max Osterloh, Alice Burger.



## GRADE 2 ANGUS

**Silver:** Milan Porter, Adam Sawant, Hayden Maree

**Gold:** Anna Janson, Michael Kapp, Ellie De Wet, Ruben Slaven, Janru Conradie, Matthew Scheepers, Malakai Leibrandt, Evie Arico





# TOY STORY GEE PAD!

Die Graad 5's het hul kreatiwiteit vrye teuels gegee deur pragtige kortverhale, oor hoe hul potloodsakkies lewendig word, te skryf! Om dit nog meer opwindend te maak, het hulle die geleentheid gehad om hul stories op te voer. Dit was 'n warrelwind van pret en verbeelding! Hier is van ons opkomende akteurs en aktrises, saam met 'n voorsmakie van een of twee stories van ons toekomstige skrywers

## Die blink klippie geskryf deur Emma Wever, Emma Gielink en Zoey Nelson.

Dit was 'n sonnige dag in die dorpie Pennesakkie. Skerp Skerpmaker was by die see en het vir sy maatjies, Potter en Loodjie Potlood, gewag. Hulle is boetie en sussie. Uiteindelik het hulle opgedaag.

"Ag, jammer Skerpie, ou vriend. Ons ma het ons gevra om eers sonbrandroom aan te sit, handdoeke in te pak, en allerhande ander simpel dinge te doen," sê Potter.

"Ag, Boetie! Dit is nie Ma se skuld nie. Jy wou nie uit die bed opstaan nie!" raas Loodjie.

Hulle stap 'n entjie op die strand toe Loodjie iets blink in die water sien.

"Potter! Skerp!" roep sy. "Wat is daardie blink ding?"

"Ek weet nie, maar dit lyk nogal mooi!" sê Potter.

"Oooh, ek wil daaraan raak!" sê hy opgewonde.

"Potter, nee!" waarsku Loodjie.

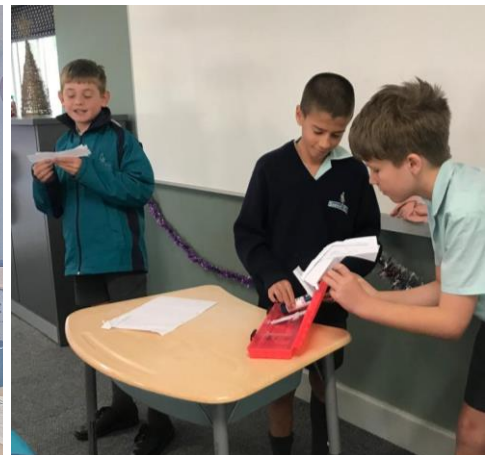
Maar Potter luister nie. Die oomblik toe hy aan die blink klippie raak, het daar 'n deur, nie te ver van hulle af nie, verskyn.

"Kom ons gaan in!" sê Potter opgewonde.

"Ja, kom ons kyk, Loodjie," stem Skerpie saam.

Loodjie stem huiwerig in en maak die deur oop.

(Aangepas en geredigeer)



## Die geheime avonture van die potlood en die gom geskryf deur Ettiene Joubert, Max Wijtenurg, Malachi Lamprecht en Ethan Mehtar.

In 'n klein skoolkas, diep tussen boeke en papiere, het daar twee vriende gewoon: 'n potlood en 'n stuk gom. Hulle het nie altyd saamgewerk nie, maar hul vriendskap het met tyd sterker geword. Elke dag het hulle saam avonture beleef.

Op 'n dag het die potlood gesê: "Kom, ons gaan ontdek wat buite die kas is!" Die gom was aanvanklik skrikkerig, maar die potlood het belowe dat hulle sou terugkeer voordat die skoolklok lui. Met 'n vinnige rol het die gom hom aan die potlood se punt vasgegom, en so het hulle hul avontuur begin.

Hulle het deur die klas beweeg, oor die tafelblad gegly en selfs in die potplant geklim. Hulle het saam met die kinders se tekeninge gespeel – die gom het papiere aanmekaar gesit, terwyl die potlood prentjies geteken het. Hulle het selfs 'n geheime kaart ontdek wat na 'n skatteiland in die boekrak gelei het.

Uiteindelik het hulle betyds teruggekom na die kas, net voordat die onderwyser opgedaag het. "Wat het julle aangevang?" het die onderwyser gevra. Maar die potlood en gom het net glimlaggend na mekaar gekyk en 'n dapper knipoog gegee. Hulle het gewet: die beste avonture is dié wat jy saam beleef.

(Aangepas en geredigeer)



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Reese Olivier and William Harpur have successfully earned their red belts after a tough grading last week. Very well done, guys, we are very proud of you!

## GRADE 1 ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, the Grade R children eagerly visited the Grade 1 classes, brimming with curiosity and excitement! The teachers were just as thrilled to welcome these little ones to their new big school environment. The day was filled with opportunities for the pupils to meet their future teachers, explore the school grounds, and connect with key staff members. Their happy hearts and beaming smiles at the end of the day said it all – they can't wait to don their uniforms and embark on this exciting new chapter of their schooling journey! Their future surely looks bright at Somerset House!

