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Dear Somerset College Family

Fundraising allocations

I thank the College Fundraising Committee, chaired by Terri Coyle, and all the people involved in organising the main activities, for the amount of R300 601 that was raised during 2011. Thank you, too, to our parents and friends of the College for their support and participation in our school-wide fundraising activities. At the Fundraising Committee meeting last week, it was confirmed that the allocation of this money is as follows:

- Boonzaier Hall refurbishment – floor reconditioning, carpeting on the walls for improved acoustics and for art displays, indoor hockey boards, and a new stage (R220 000)
- Electronic scoreboards for the Stanford field and the Boonzaier Hall (R50 000)
- Imibala – an NGO which provides new school uniforms to deserving children in the Helderberg basin (R14 000)
- Somerset College Hockey Academy – the annual programme to bring some 120 students from disadvantaged schools to hockey training sessions at the school (R16 000)

According to our Fundraising Policy, we donate 10% of what we raise to charitable or community development causes.

It was been decided that the focus for the allocation of moneys raised during 2012 by the Fundraising Committee will be the upgrade of the Pavilion.

In addition, there is the opportunity for sectoral organisations in the school community to organise fundraising events and campaigns, with the approval of the Chair of the Fundraising Committee. I encourage support for these initiatives.



Outdoor Education School

Our outdoor education programme is a strong distinguishing feature of the College. Our teacher in charge of outdoor education, Quentin du Toit, has written an overview document which can be found on our website. Do have a look at it. ([www.somersetcollege.co.za / Campus Life / Senior / Outdoor Education](http://www.somersetcollege.co.za/CampusLife/Senior/OutdoorEducation))

We look forward to hosting the first national schools' outdoor education conference here at Somerset College on 9-10 March. Some 60 delegates from around the country will be coming to our beautiful campus to consider the purposes and practices of outdoor education as an opportunity for experiential learning.

School with a buzz

Our rowers have returned triumphant from the Buffalo Regatta with our best ever performance, winning the overall points trophy and placing us firmly on the national map as a top rowing school. We put on a smiling face for our visitors to the 20/20 cricket festival, held on Sunday and sponsored by Helderview BMW. Rondebosch Boys' High, Wynberg Boys' High, Paul Roos Gymnasium and Somerset College battled it out, with Rondebosch winning the final. The school was a riot of colour and sound and dazzling hockey at our inter-house event yesterday. We look forward to the *Winelands Orchestral Festival @ Somerset College 2012* during the weekend of 3-4 March .

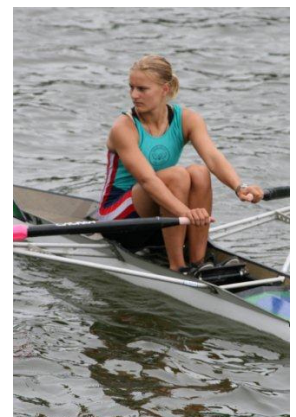
Memorial tree — Cole Wickham

We will be planting a tree on the Matric lawn in memory of Cole Wickham. Parents and students who wish to make a contribution towards the purchase of this tree should contact Carol Mitchell Baker for further details:

c.mitchellbaker@somcol.co.za

Kind regards and best wishes

Tim Nuttall



Keeping all our readers up-to-date about

“Paradise Lost”

a new musical entirely devised by Somerset Collegers, for a cast of 35!

This is a quote from the script to intrigue all of you: Tobias the Traveller (*played by Michael Wills*) says these lines from *Paradise Lost*: “Paradise was a self-sufficient place. We had no need to look beyond our boundaries till man’s greed entered the present Dictator (*played by Osamu Nikada*), his desire for power, whatever the cost, began to become manifest. I, Tobias the Traveller, who have traversed the hills and valleys of Paradise have seen the poverty and the oppression of the people — I have realised that there has to be something better beyond those walls!”

Theatre-lovers, remember 2nd to 5th May 2012.

School photographs available from Digital Moment

Please visit the Digital Moment website to see all the school photos available for purchase:

www.digitalmoment.co.za > online orders > online gallery > Schools> Somerset College

Photos of the following events can be ordered:

2011 Founders’ Day Werf Challenge

Valedictory Ceremony

Matric Art Exhibition

2012: Interhouse Running Relays

Please note: Not all photos could be loaded on the website. If you don’t see a picture of your child, please contact us.

For any further queries contact Anette Joubert at Digital Moment on 021 851 8063.



We encourage parents to *save these dates*

**Earth Day Dinner-Dance
Business Breakfast
Golf Day**

**Saturday 21 April 2012
Wednesday, 25 July 2012
Friday, 26 October 2012**

Boarders’ Beat

Dear Boarding Parents

This past week on Thursday James Beswick (BHA in Vineyard House) and I, accompanied by a group of Grade 10 boys, travelled to Paarl to attend the funeral service of Redy van Dyk’s grandmother. Of great significance to me was the fact that Onele Jamjam, a new Grade 10 pupil in Vineyard House who joined the school only a week ago, accompanied us to pay our respect to the family in support of Redy. I felt great pride when I saw the affection of the boys towards Redy and once again realised why boarding is so special to me; it is a place where we shape each other and develop a better understanding of how each individual fits into the bigger scheme of things. It is also a place which constantly reminds us that there are always other people with needs far greater than our own, and that the best that we can do on any given day, is to simply support one another.

On the medical front, Sister Debbie Marinos has been busy with getting boarders to complete a short but insightful medical questionnaire. It highlights possible areas of concern in the medical condition of boarders, whose parents will receive an email from Debbie to address the area of concern.

It is Blitz Week in both boarding houses this week, because of Open Day coming up. This simply means that greater emphasis is placed on neatness in and around the boarding houses and that punishment for untidiness is harsher than usual.

Helderberg junior boys won the final in the Interhouse Indoor Hockey competition last night, and Helderberg won the Spirit Award by one point!

Clarence Oliver





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MARKET

Come to the launch:

Friday 24th February, 7:30am to 9:30am, at the Pavilion

Lots of new exciting stalls

- * Herbal Life
- * 'Gift in a Box'
- * Homemade Food
- * Stationery
- * Dog Mats
- * School "Lost Property" & School Swim Towels
- * Kids' Products
- * Home Décor
- * Plants & Flowers
- * Jewellery
- * Beauty & Body Products
- * Karoo and Organic Meat

Roleen Murgatroyd, Chair: Prep School PA



BIG BOYS DON'T DANCE

We regret to advise that, due to lack of interest and support, the show (scheduled for 25 February) has been cancelled. Ticket refunds: Please collect your money from Melanie Barnard in the Manor House. Please bring your tickets with you.



Calendar

February

Week 1	Wed	22	15:30-18:00 (last tour 17:30)	Open Day Swimming Gala - WP B League: postponed Cricket - U14B + 2nd vs Boland Landbou	Boland Landbou
	Thur	23	Bus leaving 14:00 15:30	Grade 12 History Tour Cricket - U14A + U15B vs Boland Landbou Swimming Gala - Triangular Interschools	Boland Landbou Somerset College
	Fri	24	15:00 15:00	Grade 12 History Tour Water Polo - Boys vs Fish Hoek (1st, U15A&U14A) Water Polo - Girls vs Fish Hoek (1st, U16A&U14A) Cricket - U14A + U17A/1 st XI vs Colfes School (touring UK side) Cricket - U14A Wynberg Cricket Superskills	Somerset College Somerset College Somerset College: Taberer & Siebrits Wynberg
	Sat	25		Grade 12 History Tour Rowing - Non Champs Regatta (U14&U15) Cricket - 1st & U15A Boland Trials	Elgin TBC
	Sun	26		Grade 12 History Tour ends	
Week 2	Mon	27		Golf Match - vs Paul Roos	Devonvale
	Tues	28		Grade 11 Drama Festival	Artscape
	Wed	29	15:15	Grade 11 Drama Festival Water Polo - Girls vs Rhenish (U14A, U16A, 2nd & 1st) Cricket - U15B vs Groendal	Artscape Somerset College Somerset College

March

Thur	1		Assessment 1	
			Rowing - SA Schools Champs (U15/U16/Open)	Pretoria
			Tennis - 2nd vs Weltevrede	Somerset College
			Swimming - WP Relay Gala	San Souci
Fri	2		Interhouse Swimming Relay Gala	
			Rowing - SA Schools Champs (U15/U16/Open)	Pretoria
			Tennis - Girls U15A vs Bloemhof	Stellenbosch High School
			Tennis - Girls 3rd team vs Parel Vallei	Rhenish
Sat	3	08:30	Winelands Orchestral Festival @ Somerset College 2012	
			Rowing - SA Schools Champs (U15/U16/Open)	Pretoria
			Swimming - SWD, Boland & WP Gala	Worcester Municipal
			Cricket - 1st vs Klein Nederberg Cricket - U15A vs Klein Nederberg	Somerset College Klein Nederberg
Sun	4	18:00-19:30	Winelands Orchestral Festival @ Somerset College 2012: Concert	
			Rowing - SA Schools Champs (U15/U16/Open)	Pretoria



Sports Report

CRICKET

Mr Grobler writes: Somerset College u14A played against Westerford on Saturday on the Vineyard Field. We won the toss and elected to bat first.

Ben Henderson top scored with 124 and **Damon McLoughlin** made 58 on debut. The team batted superbly setting an insurmountable target of 378 for Westerford to win.

William Sendin was the pick of the bowlers, destroying the Westerford batting line up taking 6 wickets.

Somerset College bowled them out for 97 winning by 280 runs. A terrific performance, well done to the boys!

Mr Brown writes: The 2nd XI hosted Westerford in a 35 over match on the Siebrits Oval on Saturday. We batted first after winning the toss and put on 121 in 33 overs. Our openers, **Michael Persse** and **Joshua Carroll** seeing off the new ball and making a solid 33 run partnership. **Dominic Haussamer** scoring 33, and **Jonathan Mostert** (12 n/o) and **Jos Rossouw** (15) wagging the tail being the notable contributors to our total.

Our bowling and fielding was of a high standard, Haussamer breaking the opening partnership with a direct hit run-out of real class and along with a controlled focused attack, Westerford were restricted to 52/3 at 18 overs; drinks.

With 4 overs to go we were very much in the game; 2 new Westerford batsmen at the crease, still required 24 to win.

Match returns from **William Kingwill** of 3/16 off 5 and **Carroll's** of 2/17 off 5, along with some good catching and captaincy couldn't hold off some big hitting that brought the game to a close, Westerford winning by 5 wickets with 9 balls remaining.

A good result against a team that beat us comprehensively last year!

Dr Kitshoff writes: Our 1st XI played on both Saturday and Sunday last week. We travelled to play a declaration match at Westerford on Saturday. We won the toss and decided to bat first. After finding ourselves at 8 runs for the loss of 3 wickets, **Luc Degenaar (31)**, **Oliver Nel (36)** and **Phillip Carstens with a superbly played knock of 67** steadied the innings and got us to a respectable 173 runs. We took early wickets in the Westerford innings and had the opposition at 40 for 6, but allowed them to get quick runs with slightly complacent fielding. In a tense last few overs Westerford eventually passed our total with only one wicket in hand. **Cameron Arnold took 3 wickets for 13 runs in 5 overs in his first game for the first team**, while **Oliver Nel** and **John Roelofse** also performed well with the ball.

We hosted the annual T20 festival on Sunday, and played Wynberg in our first match. We lost the toss and Wynberg chose to bat first. Our bowling lacked consistency and Wynberg managed 173 runs in their 20 overs. We replied with 102 runs all out, losing the match by 71 runs.

We came up against Paul Roos in our second match of the day, and won the toss, electing to bat first. **Elliott Moses (23)**, **Luc Degenaar (24)**, **Niccolo Lami (28)** all contributed with the bat, but it was a 55 off only 25 balls by **Oliver Nel** that really injected our innings and helped us reach a total of 144 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in our 20 overs. Paul Roos passed our total in the 18th over with 5 wickets down.

The first cricket side would like to thank everyone and specifically College Corner for their wonderful support on Sunday.

Rondebosch played Wynberg in the final on the Taberer Oval. After regulation play their scores were tied and in fading light the outcome of the match was decided by a 'super over', which Rondebosch won, claiming the title for the second consecutive year.

Although a very long day, it was enjoyed by all and well supported. **Helderviv BMW**, sponsors of the day had a beautiful display of vehicles and they certainly added great value to the event which we greatly appreciate.

WATER POLO

Ms de Kock writes: Last week our Water polo teams had a busy week with fixtures being played on three days of the week. On Monday 13th our 1st team girls had an interesting start to their encounter against Bridge House, luckily they woke up from there Back 2 Basics dreams and played a fantastic game of polo. They won the game convincingly 11 – 3. Our 1st team boys had a superb match against Bridge House on Wednesday 15th. They are playing some really awesome polo and a great team effort was shown to win that match 10 – 3. Our u14A girls had a cracker of a match against Bloemhof on Friday 17th. **Frances Carstens** scoring in the last minute to make the match an 8 all draw. Well done girls!

All the boys teams took on Pinelands on Friday 17th. We had some mixed results which looked as follows.

U14A boys	lost	2 – 13
U15A boys	lost	4 – 6
2 nd team boys	won	4 – 3
1 st team boys	won	7 – 0

Thank you to all the support for the week and for those students that helped out with the tech table. This week the teams take on Fish Hoek here at school from 3:15pm onwards. Your support would be much appreciated!

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ROWING**Somerset College Wins Buffalo Regatta**

Mr Rowett writes: The Somerset College Rowing Club competed in the Buffalo and Selborne Regattas last week in East London on the Buffalo River. These regattas are the second largest in the school rowing calendar, with rowers from Gauteng, the Eastern Cape, the Western Cape and KZN competing over three days. There were twelve girls' and nineteen boys' schools and clubs competing.

At the Selborne Sprints regatta, over a 500 metre course, Somerset College won nine events – the most they have ever won - and was placed in many other finals. This won them the Clarendon Shield Girls' Points Trophy with a total of 60 points over Clarendon from East London (47 points) and DSG Grahamstown (39 points).

The Buffalo Regatta is raced over the championship distance of 2000 meters for U19 and U16 events, and 1000m for U15s. Somerset College racked up a further six wins along with numerous finals placings to win the Suntrail Points Trophy for Schools at the regatta with a total of 31 points. A close second place was St Albans on 29 points and third St Benedicts with 25 points. This is the first time in the history of the club that this feat has been achieved. The most impressive win was in the girls under 16 A double sculls, where **Kerryn MacDermott** and **Nora Bornschein** took the gold medal against strong opposition.

TENNIS

Provincial news: Sinead van Eeden in Grade 9 recently finished 5th in the Western Province u/15 tennis trials, which is an excellent achievement and the school would like to commend her on this!

The girls under 19 B team lost against a strong Bloemhof side, 0 – 6.

Mr van Copenhagen writes: Because the College's boys' first and second tennis teams play in the same league, the two teams had to play a league fixture against each other on Friday afternoon. Although the first team scored a comfortable win, there were some closely contested matches. The match between **Josh Reuter** and **Devon Haantjes** produced some excellent tennis. Josh eventually managed to win after Devon forced a tie-breaker. **Paulo Scholle** scored a convincing 8-3 victory in his hard-hitting match against **Pierre du Plessis**. In the other matches **Phillip Laurie** beat **Ryan Rabe** and **Paulo Scholle and Dylan van Druten** beat **Pierre du Plessis and Devon Haantjes** in the doubles.

In the College tennis championships, the following players have won through to the quarter finals: Paulo Scholle, Dylan van Druten, Robert Lombard, Joseph Gebers, Philip Laurie, Robbie Stuart and Pierre du Plessis. Josh Reuter and Ryan Rabe still need to play their third round match.

KING OF THE COURT (TWO WEEKS AGO): **Josh Reuter**

KING OF THE COURT (LAST WEEK): **Pierre du Plessis**

