



Welcome to our first Star of the Sea Newsletter for the year. It was been a very full and busy term and we wish everyone a blessed and enjoyable Easter holiday break.

Swimathon 2015

Just like every year, our school held our annual swimming gala at the Wynberg Municipal Pools on 6 February. Learners were supposed to arrive at the pools at eight o'clock sharp, but as luck would have it, traffic made that difficult for some. The turn-out for Dominic and Maris Stella was outstanding, but Catherine only had plus-minus 15 people prepared to swim.

All the house captains did a great job getting learners to sing and support. The few people in Catherine definitely made enough noise! All of the grade sevens were happy to help the younger ones swim and lead the singing in their respective houses. The noise barely stopped until lunch break, when people flooded to the food stands to purchase food and drinks.

It seemed like everyone who swam in the races definitely enjoyed it. The most fun race for the grade sevens was probably the wet t-shirt race where they, obviously, had to swim in their wet t-shirts!

Another fun race was the relay, where you could race for your team.

I definitely enjoyed hanging out with all of my friends by the pool all morning. I'm sure almost everyone else did too. In the end, Maris Stella took the cup, followed by Dominic, then Catherine. Everyone seemed reasonably pleased with their efforts and tried to find a way into Maris Stella's winning photo!



By Julia Spolander



More Swimathon photos



Ash Wednesday

18 February

Today it was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. During Lent Jesus fasted for forty days without any food. At my school, Star of the Sea Convent Primary School, we had a special Mass on Ash Wednesday. It was a wonderful Mass. The church was packed. There was no place for an ant. In the Mass I was an alter server, along with Ethan Matthews and Xandria Palse. It was only our second time serving for the church and we are becoming better and better.

Today in church Father Mark put ash on our heads and when Father put the ashes on our head in the shape of a cross he said the words "Repent and believe in God". After Father Mark put the ashes on our heads everybody went back to their seats and mass went on as it usually would. Everybody enjoyed the mass and when we got to class, school went on like a normal day.



Written by Jayden
Mampies

EXCITING NEWS!!!

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see more photos
please have a look
at our new
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Welcome to our new
Grade ones!



SOS Camp

After watching the grade 6 learners leave for camp every year, the excitement was overwhelming when our year finally arrived. There had been a non-stop buzz in the air about SOS camp since the beginning of the school year.

After lots of preparation and organising from the teachers, parents and children, we were finally able to board the bus on the 2 March 2015 at 08:00. On our 2 hour and 10 minute journey to Villiersdorp, there was constant chatter about the next two days to come. Everyone was sharing their snacks and we were all enjoying the view.

When we arrived at camp, we were introduced to our first instructor. The teachers and instructors each had animal names like Springbok, Kudu, Duiker (Mrs Sawdon) and Lynx (Mr Williams). After we took our luggage off the bus, Sprinkbok divided us into five groups which were led by our learners: Sven Biggs (Alpha), Tyler Ables (Bravo), Segan Oppelt (Charlie), Zaryn Duncan (Delta) and Eryn Bruintjies (Echo).

We did many fun and challenging activities over the three days including the Bundu Bash, canoeing, rock-climbing and hiking. When we came back from all our activities on the Monday, we had burgers and chips for supper and later for desert we had muffins and juice or coffee. On the Tuesday we had chicken-a-la-king for supper and crunchies for dessert.

Our final day consisted of cleaning our dormitories, doing a river ecology lesson, feeding the animals, having a quiz on what we learnt over the three days and a special thank you speech was done for the instructors by Michaela Sepkit.

We departed from Villiersdorp at 12:20 on the 4 March. On our return journey, most of the learners spent the time reliving the past three days whilst others were just too tired to even speak and slept on the bus.

The SOS camp was educational, challenging and loads of fun! If ever the Grade 6's were asked to do it again I know we would do it in a heartbeat.

Written by Michaela Sepkit



Meet our Captains for 2015



Grade 7 MARKET DAY



Welcome to
our new
Grade Rs!



SPORTS DAY!



The purpose of this newsletter is to provide parents with an opportunity to share your child's day and see the variety of opportunities that your children are given to grow as well as provide some insight into the general busyness within the school. Lastly we hope that it will provide some answers to your question: "How was your day?" Answer: "Fine." We hope you enjoy the newsletter! We would value your feedback or any comments about the newsletter. Please direct them to admin@staroffthesea.co.za and NOT this email address.