



Dare to Care Workshop for all MYP

Last week, the entire MYP student body and all staff participated in the Dare to Care Anti Bullying Workshops. Here is what one of the parent volunteers Allison Mitchell had to say about it:

“The Dare to Care Workshop was excellent – enlightening, informative and motivating, but my sense is that the workshop was just a beginning for many students, whether they be at the receiving end of, giving end of, or bystander observing bullying. I believe continued education with regard to promoting kind, caring and tolerant individuals within our school is vitally important for the well being and integrity of our students, staff, parents and our community in general. I hope that Somersfield will be able to continue to provide the funding for future anti-bullying learning opportunities for the school community. Dare to Care research concludes that bullying is a learned behaviour (generally learned in the home – exposure to violent media and games and parent/sibling behaviour etc.) and is not resolved over night, as we learned during the workshop. As we have seen from the expulsions at Saltus, providing anti-bullying education for students in the short term does not necessarily help the long term outcome. The anti-bullying information and skill sets must be provided and practiced regularly to improve student’s behavioural outcome.”

P5 Pringle class welcome Ella Jane

The P5 Pringle class are excited to welcome Mrs. Pringle’s baby girl Ella Jane in to the world! Mrs. Anita Bushara will be covering her maternity leave.



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*Denim Day
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January 28th*

*Mid Term Break
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February 27th*

Somersfield Rugby Sevens 2010

Anyone who has played or been involved in rugby can attest to the hugely positive effect it has on the lives it touches. Rugby is tough and it is skillful, it is physically and mentally demanding, dynamic and exciting and brings out the best in people of all ages. One of rugby's unique qualities is that players of all shapes, sizes, skills and abilities have different roles to play on the pitch and as a result a complete cross-section of kids get to play the wonderful game of rugby.



Rugby Sevens is perhaps the ultimate display of rugby. It is an exciting, fast paced and less attritional version of the full game and requires just 7 players to form a team and they play two seven minute periods. It is now an Olympic Sport and it has been a Commonwealth sport for some time. Teams like Samoa, India, Namibia and other lower ranked rugby countries have the opportunity to mix it with the Kiwis and the Aussies. Rugby sevens is set to grow, and one day will probably outstrip fifteens.

To play the full-sided version of rugby you need line-out's and scrums and you just can't create them in a park, on a sunny day with your friends. But you can with sevens. Rugby Sevens fits perfectly with what we are trying to achieve through the school's Rugby program – expand the participation of rugby in the schools at all levels across the island.

Whitney Sevens

Who recalls the Whitney Sevens Rugby tournament for all the island schools back in the 60's and thru to the 90's? Ollie McKittrick, a former staff member at Whitney (1960-71) and instigator of the Whitney Sevens recalls the history of the tournament from the 1973 yearbook.

It all started in late October 1960. The boys of form five were all Americans from either Kindley Air Base or the Naval Station in Southampton and their main interest was in American Football. For the next three weeks Ollie played American Football with the boys and eventually convinced them to watch a game of rugby. They came back from the rugby game itching to learn the game, and they started training in earnest with the biggest problem being the forward passing and blocking!

The P.E. staff at Saltus, Warwick and Whitney embraced the concept of growing rugby in the schools and it culminated with an end of season rugby sevens tournament. The First Whitney Sevens tournament began on St Valentine's Day 1961. There were five teams in the tournament, two from Whitney, two from Warwick and one from Saltus. The Whitney A side won the tournament, captained by Tim Blagg. The number of teams grew steadily from 5 in 1961 to 32 in 1973.

Somersfield Sevens

There was a revival of this entertaining rugby format at **Somersfield Academy** on December 9th 2010. The idea was the brain child of **Garth**

Lorimer-Turner ably assisted by **Patrick Topley** and his Mariners colleagues and **Dave Crofts**.

The Sevens tournament had participation from the following schools at three age groups (U12, U14 and U16) – Sandy’s, Saltus, BHS, Somersfield with Whitney Institute and Bermuda Institute also having players represented on the teams above. The event was well attended by parents, friends, students, coaches and school teachers and the core values of rugby union (teamwork, discipline, enjoyment, respect and sportsmanship) were on display throughout the tournament. The games were both competitive and played in a good spirit with all players taking pride in representing their schools.

The many notable memories of the day include... The first rugby competition for BHS Senior year! A boys team who started training briefly before the competition and are to be commended for entering a team - many members of the team noted they will now play more regularly.

Sandys Middle school had the furthest and most arduous journey to the tournament – travelling by public bus to and from the game and went home with two of the trophies.



Somersfield recruited a number of their players on the day with shirts, sneakers, rugby shorts and mouth guards being provided at a moment’s notice! Saltus, one of the strongholds of Bermuda rugby impressed everyone with their team’s performance and input from coach Phil Heap newly arrived on the island and Robbie Dickinson.

Results - (try counts for 5 points):

Under 12 – Champions Sandys

Somersfield Tigers	10	Sandys	15
Somersfield Lions	5	Sandys	15
Somersfield Lions	10	Somersfield Tigers	10
FINAL			
Sandy’s	15	Somersfield Tigers	5



Under 14 – Champions Sandys

Sandy’s Lions	10	Somersfield	25
Sandy’s Tigers	25	Somersfield	10
Sandys Lions	10	Sandys Tigers	25
Sandys Lions	15	Saltus	20
Saltus	10	Somersfield	25
Sandys Tigers	30	Saltus	20
FINAL			
Sandy’s Tigers	20	Somersfield	15

Under 16 – Champions Saltus

Somersfield	15	Saltus	15
BHS	5	Saltus	30
Somerfield	30	BHS	5
FINAL			
Somersfield	10	Saltus	30

The Tournament uncovered some new talent, increased interest in the sport and this we hope will contribute to the continued growth of the game of rugby in **Bermuda**.

There has been a keen interest from a number of schools who require some assistance to ramp up their rugby programs and the hope is that they will be ready for an end of season sevens tournament in March.

Fairmont Race

Thanks to Irene Pimentel we had an excellent turnout for the Fairmont to Fairmont race earlier this month. We also had great parental support and the students all represented the school well looking terrific in their school kit.

Please congratulate the following participants with a special pat on the back to **Tyler Smith** for coming first overall! Thank you to Mrs. Hall, Mr. Wade, Ms. Tatum, Mr. Kempe helping prepare and round up the kids at the finish!

Over 15 Category

Jim Christopher
Rheanne Stevens
Allison Beaulieu

P5/P6 Students

Aiden Daspin
Oscar Wood
Meindhardt Rentrup
Lauren DeSousa
Chimeka Raynor
Adam Larson

MYP Students

Ferdinand Arnold
Jacob Greene
Tyler Smith (shown top right)
Sammy Dill (below)
Zach Suazo
Michael Betteto
Lara Hall
Hannah Horsfield
Aiden Burke
Karim Creary (shown right)



Locks of Love

Jackie Costello recently cut her hair for Locks of Love. An organization that will make wigs for children with cancer.

Congratulations and well done Jackie!



Bermuda Sloop

The Bermuda Sloop Foundation has made room for Somersfield in their 2011 Learning Expeditions schedule aboard *Spirit of Bermuda*. A Boys' Voyage will be February 7 - 11 and a Girls' Voyage will be April 25 - 29. Learning Expeditions aboard *Spirit of Bermuda* involve a 5 day coastal voyage in and around Bermuda for 21 students in M3 and M4 along with 3 teachers. Thanks to Reid Kempe for organizing this fantastic opportunity for Somersfield students!



Interschool Table Tennis Teams

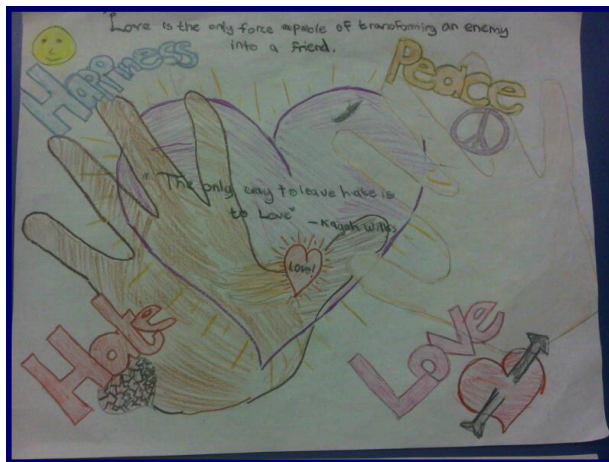
The school table tennis team has been selected. Congratulations to M1-3 players; Tru Morris, Johnathon Moore, Brian Darling and Alex Miranthis who compete in the middle school competition on January 25th and Adam Turner who will compete in the senior school competition on January 26th. Thanks to Coach Da-Von Wade for organizing!

Triple Effect

Congratulations to Kayah Wilks who came 2nd in the Front Street Mile last weekend. To add to the run Kayah also did a pledge form with her family, friends (and a few Somersfield staff members) to raise funds for the 3-6 playground mural dedicated to Donnie Williams (Alum '07). Kayah was able to raise an additional \$500!



Below is a picture that Kayah drew from her reflections on a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he is remembered this week.



Front St Mile

Congratulations to Ferdinand Arnold, Karim Creary and Tyler Smith who raced in the Front Street Mile last weekend!

M2 and M3 French Trip

September 2011

Thank you to Katell Dodd who will be leading the M2 and M3 French Trip in the fall.



Itinerary:

Day 2: Tour of the city, Hostel Mije, discovery of the Marais and Bastille area on foot, dinner at the Mije restaurant

Day 3: Eiffel Tower, visit of a local school, evening walk in Faubourg saint-Honoré - Place Vendôme.

Day 4: Musée d'Orsay and analysis of selected impressionist paintings. Evening walk on the champs-Élysées & Arc de Triomphe.

Day 5: Giverny (House and garden of Claude Monet).

Day 6: Visit of Cathedral Notre-Dame, science city. Evening walk in Montmartre

Day 7: Le Louvre Museum, Conciergerie and Sainte-Chapelle and Galerie LaFayette fashion show



Our Core Values

We are a learning community. We practice peace. We inspire intellectual curiosity. We instil respect for self and others. We foster independence and responsibility. We embrace a sense of joy and wonder.

We honour the strength and courage to stand for truth.