



HEADLINES

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Turf Wars

Wednesday saw the completion of our Lavender fundraiser and turf-buying campaign to raise money to resurface the 3-6 playground. Both efforts were a tremendous success, aided in no small part by the contributions of parents at every level. If you have been following our progress on the fundraising thermometer on Blackboard you will know that over \$24,000 has been raised through direct parent and staff donations and, with an anticipated \$15,000 in profit on our Lavender sales, we have successfully raised the funds necessary to upgrade the playground.

Thank you so much to all of our families who took part. Special thanks also to **Stacey-Lee Williams** for managing both initiatives.

Beginning this morning the earth movers are in place to start to scrape away the bulk of our rubber tire "wood chips" and replace them with a Somersfield green carpet.

Hopefully our new and improved surface will be awaiting us when we return from the break!



Another opening, another show!

Twelfth Night

No-one who attended Tuesday night's fantastic production of Twelfth Night could have any doubt of the talent and professionalism of our students and their fearless leaders **Charlie Judd** and **Reid Kempe**. It was an outstanding evening, well supported by a large and appreciative audience of parents and staff members. As I said to our staff, anyone in attendance could see that while Warwick Academy may have the "rep", Somersfield clearly has the "goods"! Congrats to our budding thespians!

Student Development

As part of our on-going commitment to supporting students both academically and emotionally at all levels, this week **Sakina Steede**

was named as Student Support Coordinator. Sakina will be working in partnership with **Helen Wright**, **Melisa Judd** and our teachers school-wide to ensure a consistent and proactive approach to supporting student academic and emotional development.

Head Search

The Somersfield Board of Governors, supported by committees of faculty, staff and parents, has been working hard to identify my successor as Head of School.

So far, three candidates have visited the school for a series of intensive interviews. The Board hopes to make a decision over the next four to six weeks.

In the meantime, lame duck or not, my door is always open.

Finally...

From all of us here at Somersfield, have a great week off! See you back at school on Hallowe'en!

Upcoming Events

Fall Break

October 24-28th

3-6 Open House For New Students 2012-2013

November 3rd

MYP Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 7/8th

Mark Wagner PD Visit

November 17th to 19th

Student Diversity Leadership Conference

December 1-3