

# Oakhill Echoes

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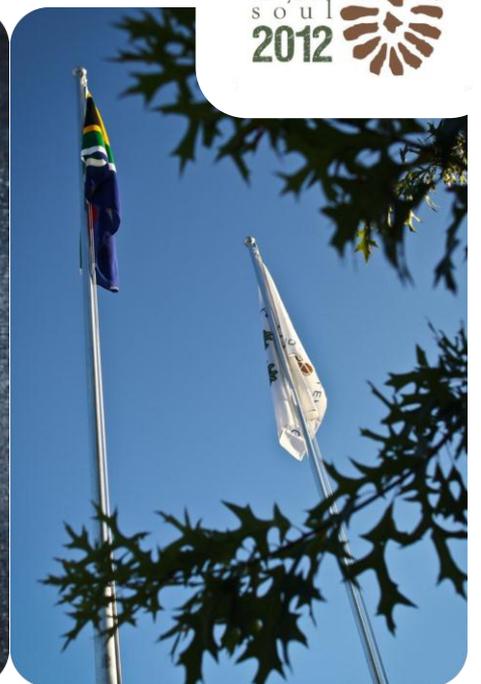
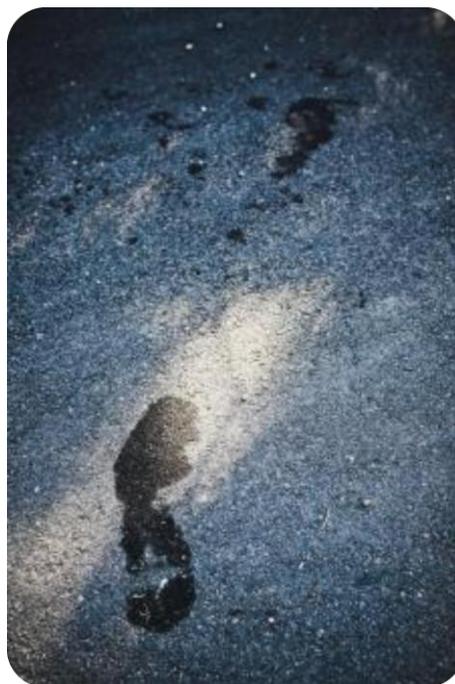
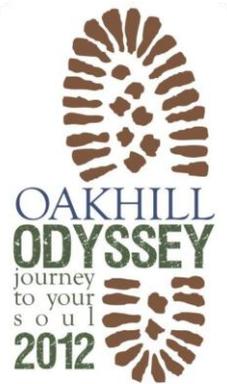
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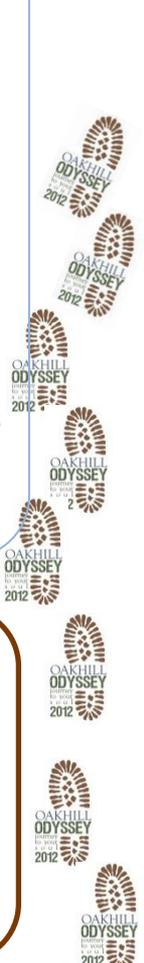
## The Odyssey

Quotes from our Odyssey students will be scattered throughout this edition and coordinator Riaan van Straten's words will be sure to inspire the adventurer in us all! See page 14.



*"A journey beyond all journeys. An experience never to be forgotten; thank you."*

*— Jason Campbell —  
Group 4*



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Colourful art from our Little Oaks

## Karaoke Night

- Emma Gibson



On a moonlit pretty night all the pop stars like Katy Perry, Elvis Presley and Selena Gomez walked upon the red carpet. No, I'm only joking. None of the REAL pop stars arrived, only students DRESSED as the stars arrived on the rocky floor.

At first there was practically no one there, and then when the stars arrived we started making our group names. These were the groups: The Cokes, The Cats and The Silver Stars. Finally we started playing 'Guess that tune'. Everyone knew the answers because the songs were simple. After that super boring game Mr. Weis started singing horribly. (No offence if you're reading this, Mr. Weis!) He sang 'Where is the love' by The Black Eyed Peas.

Now the *pop students* started taking turns to sing into the mics. People were dancing to

the music wildly, gulping down Fanta, singing so loud the ground was shaking and eating mini cupcakes as fast as you could say *doodle da doo!* It only has one word to say what was going on: CHAOS! Some people sang well like the actual singer they dressed up as. And some... well, not *good* and not *bad* but *BAD!* And if you want to know who those people are, too bad! Because I'm not saying names!

Lights flashed! And Mr. Potgieter was fiddling with some wires.

SSSSSSQQQQQUUUUUUU  
EEEEEEAAAAAAAKKKKKKK!  
Went the microphone, everyone covered their ears, because if they didn't their ears would explode! Then they stopped the music and did a music quiz. The Cokes won that strange game, after that game we had to complete the words of a song. Most of them were easy but others I'm not so sure... oh, well. Lights... camera... ACTION! Moving on to some more awful singing sung by some random people. After that terrible bunch of singers it

was time for a tea break, BUT (As you can see it's a big but) everyone was either on the Jungle Gyms or dancing on the stage.

Unfortunately, it all had to end because some MORE people wanted to sing. This was the longest night ever! (To some people if you know what I mean...) Oh, no! By now there was only forty minutes left! Oh, yippee! Some sweet music sung by Matthew Lubner and Deanna Smith. Haray! A few more songs BUT (again a big but) the judge (Mr. Weis) still had to announce the pop stars who won the best dressed competition! Thalia Paggis came 3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Gibson came 2<sup>nd</sup> and...

**ALEXA SHUTTE CAME 1<sup>st</sup>!**



"The most amazing journey I've been on."

— Matthew Young —  
Group 4

### Class Mom's Breakfast

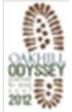
- Justine Edwards

A Class Mom's breakfast was held at the Knysna Hollow to give thanks to the Class Moms who support and nurture their grades. The day also happened to be Barbie's birthday so there was much to celebrate – great timing Barbie!

birthday song, a stand-up hug to all from Barbie and a few words of thanks by Shane.

Our thanks to Shane, Barbie and the Knysna Hollow for a wonderful morning!

A delicious breakfast was followed by a



*"The Odyssey made me feel independent and confident in my own decisions and I'll never forget the feeling of carrying everything I could possibly need for the next 20 days on my back."*

**— Lauren Perkins —  
Group 1**



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The Prep Mothers were treated to a delightful morning at the Mother's Day Celebration. Smiles and looks of adoration all round!



### Mountain Biking Achievement

Nicola Giliomee took part in the MTN / NISSAN NATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKING SERIES, race no. 4 in Clarens recently. This National series consists of 8 races in total, with race venues all over the country. After the 4<sup>th</sup> leg, Nicola is placed 7<sup>th</sup> OVERALL (both men and women), 3<sup>rd</sup> in the OVERALL FEMALE CATEGORY and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the JUNIOR LADIES CATEGORY. At the Clarens race, Nicola was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Lady across the finish line.



Nicola Giliomee on far left celebrating superb results!

### Countries of the World

- Debbie Nicoll

I was amazed at the standard of the orals and the effort and enjoyment that was evident in each and every child's presentation.

Today brought together children from around the world. Both Grade Three classes arrived at school, their dress exhibiting cultures from every corner of the globe.

Their wonderful orals were presented using power point presentations, posters and slide shows, showing just how comfortable they are with technology. These often included interesting and personal facts and information, which in turn created many discussions and questions. Ending off with an around the world food tasting. So much fun and many delicious dishes!

Thanks go to all our creative Mums and Dads for their help and support too.

- A very impressed Gr 3 Teacher





*"An adventure of a life time."*

— Caleb Bell —  
Group 2



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*Netball and rugby played against Plett Primary by our Prep sportsters - learning and improving all the time!*

**College Golf Day**

- Dave Pryke

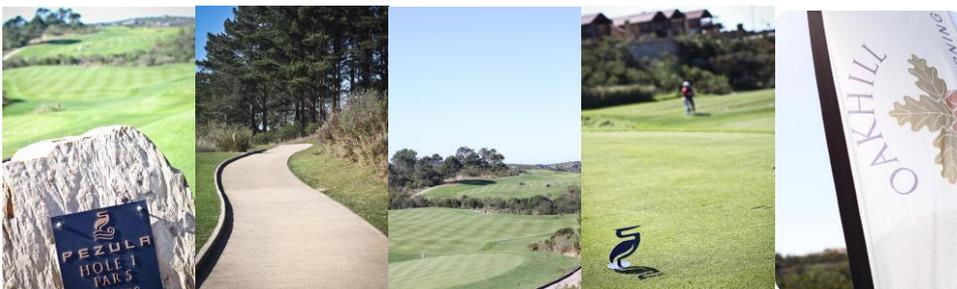
The Oakhill College Golf Day was a pleasurable experience aimed at bringing together the greater Oakhill community and to simply allow us the privilege of playing the beautiful Pezula Private Estate golf course. Dads got to play with their sons, moms drove golf carts and staff and parents just spent quality time enjoying each other's company and taking time out from our extremely busy schedules.

The weather looked ominous, but the rain stayed away. Those who played badly blamed the 40 km/h winds and those who played well used the wind to their advantage.

At the end of the day it was a fantastic success and a huge thank you must go to SwingFit for hosting the day and sponsoring all the prizes, namely:

- Longest Drive: Thys du Plooy
- Closest to the pin: Andre van Rooyen and Nicholas Belet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dave Pryke and Barbie Leibbrandt on 37 points (Better Ball Stableford)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Di Pieters and Hilda Hofmeyr on 41 points

**Winners:** Fred and Sebastian Bowles on 44 points - Congratulations!



**Odyssey Moments**



*"For the little time I spent there, I wouldn't change that experience for anything; it was absolutely amazing!"*

— Anola Walk —  
Group 1



*"Journey to my soul!"*

— Annélichia Thyse —  
Group 3

### Simola Soapbox Derby

- Michaela Cross

We arrived at the Simola Hill with chairs, bags and karts on our shoulders. Our team was Bella, Bianca, Cassidy, Anna, Michaela, Scott, Steven, Tobey, Matthew, Kyle and Mr Weyers. Our karts had been decorated with the names of all the children in the Oakhill Prep and they also had snazzy number plates that read : "2fast2c" and "C U Later." We made our way to the pits and started our warm-up session. Then Mr Weyers gave us each a coloured sticker which allowed us to have our photograph taken.

at the bottom they climbed aboard a big truck that took them back to the top of the hill. Next to go, Bella and Cassidy and they definitely were "2fast2c"! Matthew and Scott were next and they sped down the hill like a rocket and Tobey and Kyle did the same. Then we had to decide who was fastest and we chose Tobey and Matthew to represent us in the finals. Unfortunately Tobey swerved and didn't make the time, but Matthew sped down the hill and was in the lead when a boy crashed into him at the bottom, so neither of the karts made it. What a great pity!

Despite the bad luck, we all had so much fun and felt like the winners as we made our way home.

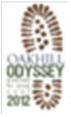
The excitement was mounting as we made our way to the track for the first race. Anna and Michaela had the honours of being first to go. They sped down the hill going way beyond the speed limit and

 "An amazing experience that changed my outlook on life, for the good!"  
— Erynn Jade Wels —  
Group 3

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Oakhill participates in the Simola Soap Box Derby Day. Judging by the determined looks, the competition was fierce!



*"Personally for me Odyssey was an experience of a life-time - the ups and the downs - somehow everything smushed together to mould amazing memories and friendships that I will carry with me for the rest of my life!"*

**— Hannah Laughton —  
Group 1**

## Children of the World Day

- Caroline Payton

Little Oaks celebrated their annual Children of the World Day on Friday, 25 May. The children arrived dressed as children from other countries and it was wonderful to see the different costumes. There were girls and boys from China, from India, from Thailand, from Africa, Australia, Israel, Italy, France, cowboys and cowgirls from the USA, Scottish lassies, English Roses, children from every corner of the globe.

On arrival at school they were given an opportunity to donate toys or clothing to be given to less privileged children at the Knysna Provincial Hospital. They were met with foreign music playing in the background and flags flying high from countries around the world. Many of the flags, the children had made themselves. A festive atmosphere prevailed! At 09h00 we were joined by the Grade 3 classes, who have also been learning about the different countries of the world. All the children gathered together and paraded down the passage to that familiar tune: "It's a small world after all." They then formed a circle around the world globe and different nationalities were called upon to introduce themselves.

The group was then entertained by Dawie Botha playing the piano accordion, the Mandarin teacher, Ms Hu, paid us a visit, Tanya, our Yoga teacher demonstrated a few Yoga positions, belly dancers from Egypt performed for us and two College students, Sean Brodie and Ciara Mayne played the bagpipes for us.

The parents of Little Oaks took charge of the food hall and what a magnificent spread this year, allowing the children an opportunity to taste food from Italy, Portugal, Australia and France, to mention but a few!

The day ended with some traditional games being played and special stories read to the children. We all agreed that this year's celebration has been one of the finest, thanks to the help of our wonderful parents.

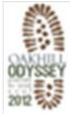


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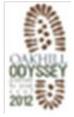
Little Oaks celebrate "Children of the World Day" with colour and great personality!

### Triangular 7's Rugby Festival - Josh Buchalter & Dave Pryke



*"It was an absolutely AMAZING experience!! Relationships were built that would have never happened."*

**— Simone Meyer —  
Group 3**



*"I loved the journey with my friends - was nice not to have to worry about anything for a while."*

**— Finn Stevenson —  
Group 2**



History was made as Oakhill successfully hosted its first ever Rugby Festival. Glenwood House from George sent an U16 and U18 team. Knysna Secondary split both their U16 and U18 squads, big enough for 15 man rugby into two 7's squads to form eight teams, four from each age group participating.

For Oakhill, the spotlight was mainly on the U16 team, who managed two convincing wins against both Knysna Secondary teams and a narrow defeat to the Glenwood U16s. For the U18 side things were a lot tougher and they were not able to win any of their three games, but competed well throughout the day.

A very successful day from all aspects and great experience gained for the Oakhill rugby players. **JB**

Oakhill hosted a local Rugby 7's Festival this past quarter and is initiating the interest in the 7's Rugby format in the area. With a 7's Rugby League being initiated in the Garden Route and this format becoming an Olympic sport, the popularity of Rugby at Oakhill is starting to grow enormously.

The individuals who are putting Oakhill on the map must be commended and are the pioneers in what we hope will be the beginning of Rugby becoming established at Oakhill. Oakhill will play their first ever 15-man game next term and will be hosting a large Rugby Festival that will hopefully closely resemble the International Rugby 7's format with different pools developing as progress is made through the Festival. **DP**

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Prep students celebrate EMS Day with lots of business creativity.

### Peter Bishop Invitational Hockey Festival

- Stefan Weyers



for hockey in our area. Oakhill Staff again pulled out all the stops to ensure the success of the event. The Oakhill teams had mixed results, but continue to grow and showed enough that they will once again be a force to be reckoned with as the season progresses.

The Festival is underlined by Peter Bishop’s message in the program:

*“Let the Children Play. Your duty on a field is not to win, but to be an artist - even a movie star - as you use your skills to help the other players in your team.”*

*You cannot spend enough time fooling around with a ball to improve your skills. One day you will forget the results of today’s games, but you will be better because of the way you played and the way you controlled the ball.”*

Oakhill hosted the annual Peter Bishop Invitational Hockey Festival on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The highlight of the local hockey calendar, it is the only U13 hockey festival in the SWD that is played partially on astro, and consisting of 40 minute games. The perfect surfaces of the York Quarry fields and of course, the York Astro, combined with decent length games produced some great hockey, underlining the growth and passion



*“A fine dining experience!”*

**—Luke Stevenson – Group 4**



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College boys play “King” in the car park during break with great enthusiasm and lots of ‘discussion’.

### Prep Derby Day



  
 "Great experience,  
 great friends!"  
 —Sean Brodie –  
 Group 1



### Grade 10 Drama Production "Dance of Life"

- Luka van Schoor

I was captivated during the entire performance. The music was rich and the acting was realistic. I now know more about Edvard's work and was shocked to learn that he had painted such a great number of paintings and only one recognised and well known piece of art was shown to the world as great art.

performance with all actors playing their parts with great feeling and real imagination.



The costumes were absolutely stunning. I loved the red, black and white. The play was a great success. It was a brilliant



### SNAP!



2012 Matric students sport their new hoodies



## Knysna Eisteddfod

- George Potgieter

On Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, the Oakhill Marimba band performed in the Knysna Eisteddfod under the spacious gazebo in Woodmill Lane. Audience members, sipping on cups of hot chocolate, had the opportunity to listen to the sounds of 007, Coldplay and an Oakhill Marimba original composition entitled "Green", which highlights issues such as pollution and caring for our environment.

Prep Music director, George Potgieter.

The Oakhill Marimba Band was established in March of this year and the pupils and Mr Potgieter are thrilled to be performing already. The various Marimba groups will continue to entertain audiences and will definitely be performing at the Oakhill Preparatory School's glamorous music event, *Light Blue* in September.

The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved as rhythmic clapping could be heard during the performances.

"We celebrated our performances with two silver certificates. It was an amazing experience. The relaxed outdoor atmosphere is a transcendental shift from the tense mood that exists in traditional eisteddfod halls." said a proud Oakhill

"Well done, Mr Potgieter and Marimba players! You did yourselves and Oakhill proud at the Knysna Eisteddfod on Thursday. Thank you for sharing your amazing talents with us. To all our other musicians, who performed in the Eisteddfod, I have no doubt that a number of gold awards have been earned."

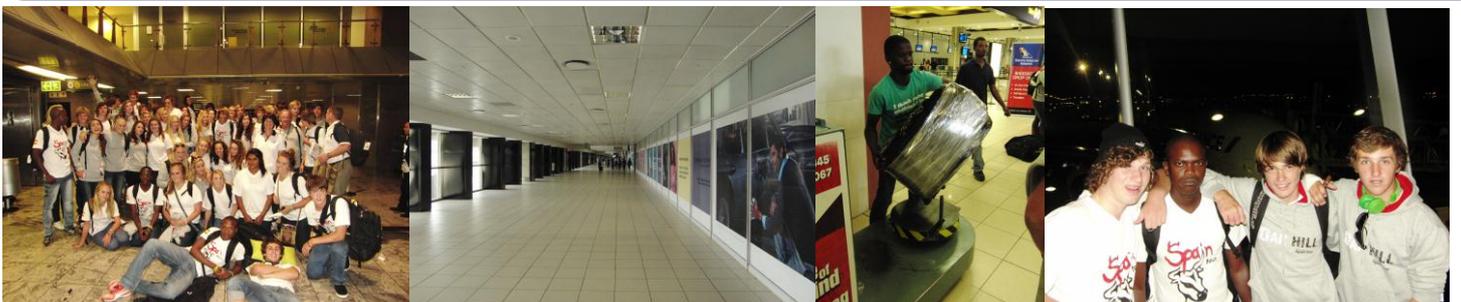
- **Barbie Leibbrandt**



"Odyssey made me ask "What is the meaning of life? Answer: "Anything you want it to be."

— **Zoe Henry** —  
Group 1

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College Hockey and Art students ready to board for an exciting journey – this time to Spain!

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*The beautiful sights of Spain as experienced by our College students. A presentation evening was recently held to recount stories and give thanks to the organisers, coaches and teachers.*

### Little Oaks celebrate Father's Day

- Deborah Seager

Little Oaks celebrated their Father's Day 'get together' on the evening of the 7th June. We invited Alli to facilitate a lego and duplo workshop with our Little Oaks Dads and children. Although the weather was icy outside everyone was warm and cosy in their respective classrooms, where Dads and their sons and daughters got busy building exciting creations together.



To welcome our special Dads, we sang them an assortment of happy Dad songs, beginning with 'YMCA' and ending with 'Ag Pleez Daddy'. They beamed with delight!

As described by one of the Grade R's, "It was an awesome evening". The boerewors rolls were delicious too.



"A journey that will inspire me for life."

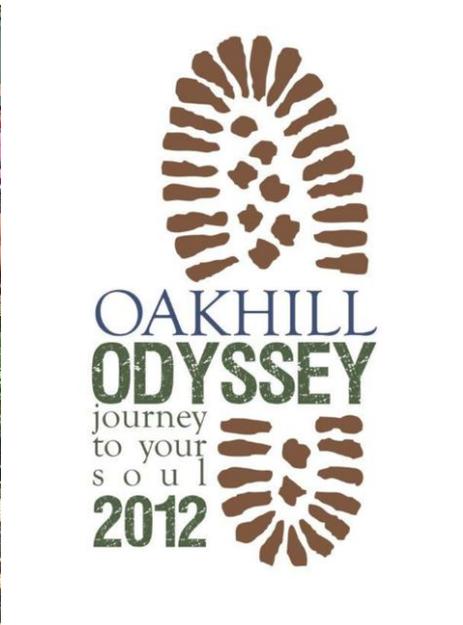
— Dayna Katz —  
Group 3



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*Incredible art and architecture to feast upon, as experienced by our Spain tourists.*



## Oakhill Odyssey 2012

- Riaan van Straten



Riaan van Straten

It was merely a couple of days ago that the ticker on the school's website indicated 50 days 5 hours and 13 minutes to go until the 2012 Odyssey.

With nervous smiles, the groups started their 21 day adventure from the school campus. The wonderful send-off ceremonies propelled the groups with joy and excitement.

As the groups progressed into day 2, the hype of the exit slowly disappeared and the Odyssey became a reality; the journey had begun!

The Odyssey ventured through a variety of landscapes, moving from coast to mountains, to Karoo to forest, crossing rivers and streams and creating so many memorable moments. The weather played its part in the 2012 Odyssey and made for some scenic days on the route.



the camp guard, fell asleep. Needless to say, the monkeys took their opportunity to raid and plunder - tents, backpacks, absolutely everything! All that group 4 had left were 3 bags of muesli; luckily for them, they had a scheduled food drop off the next day.



For the first time ever, Xolisa, a double amputee, abseiled 60 meters down a waterfall. An amazing achievement and a memory that he will cherish forever.



As the groups journeyed day by day they began to knit and to bond where new friendships formed, old friendships were relived and challenging situations saw new leaders born. The true journey to one's soul had begun. Halfway camp was marked by smiles, sore feet, relief and of course great excitement and anticipation of what lay ahead. By this stage most individuals had found their spot and slot in the allotted groups. Evening debriefs and solo time gave learners the opportunity to reflect on the day, discuss challenging situations and look at significant moments and how they were handled.

Not only did the Odyssey have an amazingly positive impact on the lives of those who undertook the journey, it also offered the opportunity of new beginnings for some. Even a stray dog

On their second day of Odyssey, the group 4 boys were raided by a very clever gang of monkeys! From the minute they set up camp until breakfast the next morning the monkeys were the winners! At one point the group decided to venture off and explore the area around the campsite. Jethro, who decided to stay behind, was appointed guard on duty of the camp and the food. After a long day it is tough to stay awake, and as nature would have it, Jethro



*"If I was offered to go on Odyssey again tomorrow, I wouldn't think twice. It was truly an amazing experience."*

— **Nicole Bayes** —  
Group 3

*Continued overleaf...*

*Odyssey 2012 Continued...*

saw potential in a good group coming and attached himself to the boys in group 2! By the end of day 8, the dog had followed the boys for about 80 km, crossing mountains and streams and managing to keep abreast. "Skommy" was named and officially adopted by group 2 on day 9. He completed the journey with the boys and now resides on Mr Pryke's farm, just loving his new home.



After 13 adventurous days, the groups reached Solo farm with a deep sense of achievement. The big solo that would follow in the next 3 days, marked the highlight of the Odyssey. Learners spent 30 hours by themselves in nature. This created the opportunity to reflect on the past, the present and the future and ultimately allowed each to his own, without distraction.



The groups departed from Solo farm on their bicycles, feeling motivated, confident and amped to take on any challenge that life might throw their way – and life did just that! It was at this stage in the Odyssey that a cold front swept through the Garden Route with a serious down pour in most areas. The rain caught them unawares; the group 1 girls were on their last cycle leg, the group 2 boys were on a hike, the group 3 girls were on a cycle leg and the group 4 boys were still in solo. One would think that after 17 days and being drenched and cold, that morale might be at its

lowest, but guess what, not a sign of such! Groups welcomed the rain with open arms and used the opportunity to test their "keep myself dry" equipment. Others jumped into every puddle they could find and enjoyed the beauty of drops of water falling from the sky. Let's just call it 'positive rain', a small but significant sign that the Odyssey had had a positive impact on the lives of those who had stepped forth to endure the experience.

The Odyssey came, we journeyed, and before we knew it, we were gathering for the walk in ceremonies. As these young men and women stepped on to the campus, one could feel the sense of pride and achievement that they brought with them - they had finished a 400 km journey in 21 days and while doing so, undertook a personal journey to their souls. As each group in turn returned, the leaders handed their Oakhill flag to Mr Kidwell, signifying that they had completed the adventure, their personal journey. Groups were welcomed home by family, friends and Oakhill staff, surrounded by tears of joy, hugs of love and smiles of pride.



"Success is not a destination, it is a journey." It would be difficult to measure the success of the Odyssey as it is an on-going process in the lives of the young men and women who undertook to do it, to complete it with a will and a way. Some may never know such an experience ever again.

We salute each one of you. You came, you saw, you conquered!

*The next Odyssey awaits the Grade 10's of 2013...!*

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 2012 ODYSSEY:

- The 2012 Odyssey passed through **40** different properties where permission was required.
- Mr van Straten's support vehicle covered **5,563km's** in the 21 days.
- The group 2 boys managed to have a cycle accident on all their cycle legs – and they were the only group to do so.
- **800** packs of 2 minute noodles were eaten during the Odyssey
- **90kg** of oats disappeared into the tummies of the groups on the Odyssey
- On average, learners drank close to 2 litres of water each day. Fact of the matter: **2,000 litres** of water were consumed.
- Learners survived **30,240** minutes away from the luxuries of computers, ipods, and cell phones!

SNAP!



**SNAP!**



*Groups 1 to 4 back home again!*



**A Journey to your Soul**

Tears of joy, smiles of pride  
I wish I could've come along for  
the ride  
Twenty-one days of grit and grind  
A journey of a different kind.

I've wondered about you every  
day  
You've been near to my heart  
every step of the way  
You're amazing examples of  
Oakhill zest  
You've stepped from your  
comfort zones and given your  
best.

You just are amazing in every  
way  
You've gone to battle and made  
your way  
Not just a day, but a journey with  
purpose  
You've had to dig deep and seek  
for that surplus.

Every day a new challenge for  
that willing spirit  
No doubt there were hardships  
as the days unfolded,  
But never say "can't", never say  
"won't"  
That's what you sought and  
that's what you learnt.

There were beaches and kloofs to  
deal with daily  
Lakes and vleis and rivers a-  
plenty  
Cycle tracks and Solo, I wonder

how it went  
Each to his own, his strength a  
compliment.

Maps and tracks, some lost their  
way  
Others planned carefully and had  
time to play  
No matter the route most spirits  
were high  
Support was evident at each and  
every cry.

I wonder how, I wonder why  
I smile upon our pilgrims with a  
deep sense of "WOW"  
They went, they tasked, they dug  
deep to their boots  
They returned with belonging and  
proved their worth.

We owe you a cheer, we owe you  
a song  
For a journey you've travelled ....  
21 days long  
Seeking solace for your mind and  
soul  
Stretching your energies to allow  
your wings to unfurl.

You're home at last with endless  
stories to share  
We salute you, our Champions, it's  
you we cheer  
Quite rightly so with heads held  
high  
Seeking out faces that made you  
cry.



*Extremely happy parents!*

*- Barbie Leibbrandt*

**SNAP!**



*A special Mother's Day at Little Oaks amongst the sunshine and autumn leaves.*

**So close to SA Champs!**

Canoeing sensation, Micaela Beers, followed her 1st Place in the Junior K1 18km Marathon and a 2nd in the Ladies K2 in Port Elizabeth, with a Silver and a Bronze at SA Champs.

Over this last weekend, 8th – 10th June, Micaela attended the South African Canoeing Marathon Champs where she achieved a Bronze medal in the u18 K2 and a Silver in the u16 K1 20km race.

Micaela needed a 2nd place finish in the K1 category to qualify for SA Champs! So close.....so close!

I am sure Micaela has grown through this experience and as a result is a stronger competitor physically and mentally. Good things come to those who persist and when it is achieved it is sweeter than ever!

Ladies and gentlemen.....watch this space!



*Micaela coming to the finish line; Paddling in misty and cold conditions*



*Micaela on left, sporting her silver medal*



*"Odyssey was a challenge accepted and a challenge defeated."*

**— Robert Edwards —  
Group 4**

SNAP!

Happy Holidays!



Mom, Madelein du Plessis and daughter Abigail having fun in the autumn leaves on Mother's day.

*"Life is like riding a bicycle - in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving."*

– Albert Einstein



Father's Day soccer held on the astro under the beautiful winter sun.



*A successful Independent Schools Co-ed Hockey festival with 17 participating teams. With almost all the games being played on astro and a significant number of them under floodlights, the festival atmosphere took on a whole new dimension. With the combination of boys and girls hockey and the focus on a festival atmosphere to form relationships and network with like-minded schools it was a very social experience for all who attended. The evening functions included an opening cocktail function, a traditional South African braai and culminated in a sheep-on-the-spit for everyone on the final evening.*



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