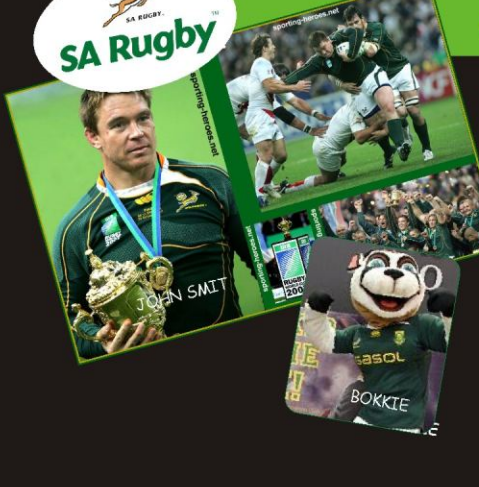


# SEMAS Abacus Maths

# PAMA RESULTS!

## 12th PAMA Abacus & Mental Arithmetic Competition Thailand 2011



### SPRINGBOKS BEHIND OUR PAMA SA TEAM

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Dear Ethan, Dewald, Alex, Zander, Kaamil and Wilhelm

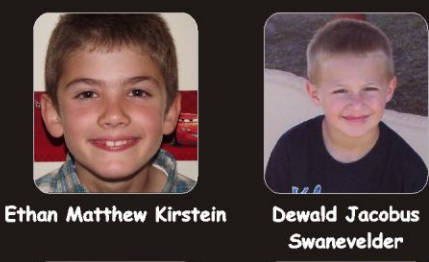
CONGRATULATIONS on the outstanding results that you achieved at the PAMA International Competition. You must have worked very hard and practiced a lot to do so well. I am very proud of you.

Thank you for the photos and you all looked very smart in your South African shirts. It must have been a wonderful experience to be in a different country and to be able to meet children of other nationalities. You must remember to share what you learnt with all your friends.

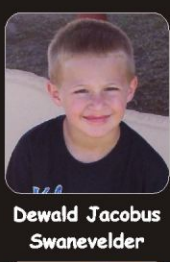
I will be travelling a lot this year so I will let you know when I will be in Gauteng so that we can meet.

Keep working hard and doing your best.

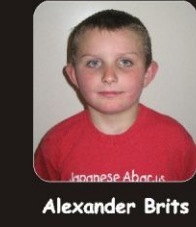
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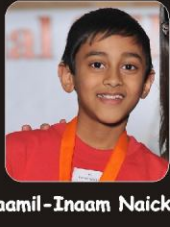
Ethan Matthew Kirstein



Dewald Jacobus Swanevelder



Alexander Brits



Kaamil-Inaam Naicker



Zander Jansen van Rensburg



Johannes Wilhelm Jacobus



#### Proudly South African! Our PAMA students in their Green & Gold

Our South African team was proud to represent South Africa in the special green and gold shirts with the springbok emblem which were given to them by SARU, John Smit and Bokkie. On the day they performed like champions!

### THE OPENING CEREMONY



Marlene Ras  
President of PAMA South Africa



The opening ceremony was phenomenal, 240 students from around the world competed on this day.

750 students were expected to compete, but unfortunately due to the floods in Bangkok a few countries withdrew at the last minute.



Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich, the Minister of Science and Technology in Thailand, was the special guest speaker at the event.



**International PAMA Chairmen:**  
 Canada: Tenny Ho, Hong Kong: Ammon Ng, India: Shihan Pushpanathan, Indonesia: Chen Kit Fong, Malaysia: Ronnie Chong, U.S.A: Jin Hwei Chen, Singapore: Phyllis Wong, Taiwan: Lino Cheng Hui, Thailand: Nimnuan Nuanyoo, South Africa: Marlene Ras



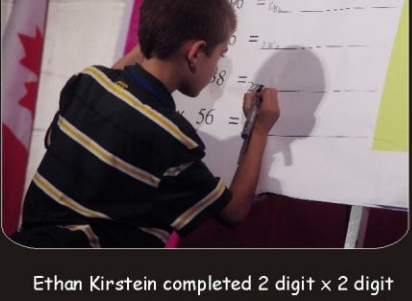
Dr. Khunying Kalaya Sophonpanich, Minister of Science and Technology for Thailand meeting Marlene Ras, founder of SEMAS South Africa and President of PAMA South Africa



South Africa proudly entered the exam hall with our flag

### LEVEL B EXAM

47 students wrote the Level B Exam



Ethan Kirstein completed 2 digit x 2 digit on stage in 45 seconds.  
 10 sums, 8/10 correct!  
 Grade 2 (8 years) Generaal Delarey Laerskool



Special awards went to Ethan and 2 other students for excellence. (Mental demonstration on stage)

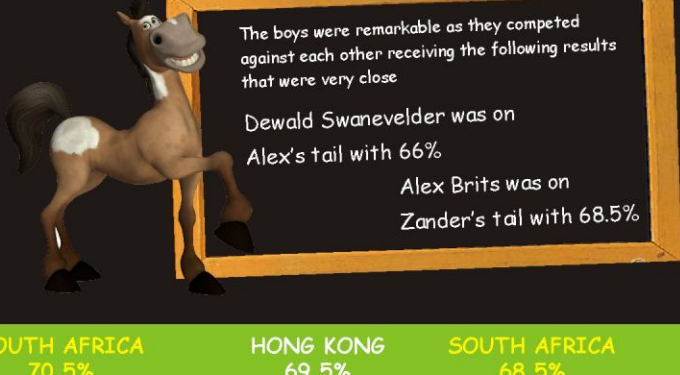


Ethan Kirstein Receives his GOLD trophy from the President of PAMA Taiwan: Liao Cheng Hui

MALAYSIA 96.5% CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS CHENG JIA LIANG	TAIWAN 90% CHAMPION T'AI CHEA-HSIN	MALAYSIA 88.5% CHAMPION STEW YU CHEN	INDIA 88.5% CHAMPION GURJASME SATTESH PHAL DESAI	MALAYSIA 86.5% CHAMPION TAN CAI YAN	SOUTH AFRICA 86% GOLD ETHAN KIRSTEIN
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We are so proud of Ethan he just missed the champion trophy by 0.5%!

### LEVEL B EXAM - SILVER TROPHY GROUP



The boys were remarkable as they competed against each other receiving the following results that were very close  
 Dewald Swanevelder was on Alex's tail with 66%  
 Alex Brits was on Zander's tail with 68.5%

THAILAND 72.5% GOLD PHONGSATHON SORVIRID	TAIWAN 71.5% SILVER CHANG CHEN, HAU-YU	SOUTH AFRICA 70.5% SILVER ZANDER JANSEN VAN RENSBURG	HONG KONG 69.5% SILVER CHEUNG OSCAR TSZHEN	SOUTH AFRICA 68.5% SILVER ALEXANDER BRITS
THAILAND 68% SILVER RATTJAMA MAETREEJIT	THAILAND 66.5% SILVER PHAWIDA KHMO-LDON	THAILAND 66% SILVER THANZHANER NGARSON	SOUTH AFRICA 66% SILVER DEWALD SWANEVELDER	



Zander Jansen van Rensburg 8 years - Fontainebleau Laerskool Receives his SILVER trophy from the President of PAMA Malaysia: Ronnie Chong



Alexander Brits 8 years - Bryanston Parallel Medium Receives his SILVER trophy from the President of PAMA Malaysia: Ronnie Chong

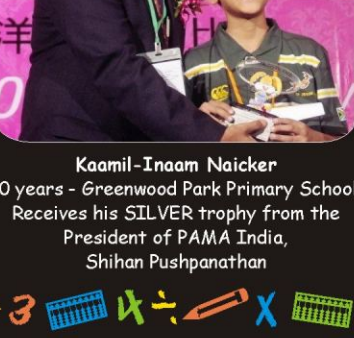


Dewald Swanevelder 8 years - Fairlands Laerskool Receives his SILVER trophy from the President of PAMA Malaysia: Ronnie Chong

### GROUP D



Wilhelm Erasmus 12 years - Homeschool Receives his SILVER trophy from the President of PAMA India, Shihan Pushpanathan



Kaamil-Inaam Naicker 10 years - Greenwood Park Primary School. Receives his SILVER trophy from the President of PAMA India, Shihan Pushpanathan

SOUTH AFRICA 51.5% SILVER KAAMIL-INAAM NAICKER	SOUTH AFRICA 51% SILVER WILHELM ERASMUS
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Neck on neck! The papers were more difficult in this division.  
 Kaamil and Wilhelm were awesome!

