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## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

Last Saturday, at 08h34 South African time, the Chilean earthquake struck with a magnitude of 8.8 (this is about 1000 times more powerful than the recent Haitian disaster). The two plates (Nazca and the South American) are converging at a rate of 80 mm per year. This is a very active region of the world and the reason the mighty Andes mountain range flanks the west coast of South America. Seven of the ten highest volcanoes are also found in the region. Coastal Chile has a history of very large earthquakes. Since 1973, there have been 13 events of magnitude 7.0 or greater. The February 27 shock originated about 230 km north of the source region of the magnitude 9.5 earthquake of May, 1960 – the largest earthquake worldwide in the last 200 years or more (<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/>). By Wednesday this week there had been 10 aftershocks over 6 in magnitude in the same region. While this is fascinating from a Geography point of view, it must be terrifying for the Chilean residents of those beautiful coastal towns like Valparaiso.

Congratulations to all the pupils that swam in the Penryn gala and completed the Sabie mountain bike event. It is wonderful to see our children active both at school and off campus. 35 children also attended the Christian camp this past weekend. The theme was Running the Race for Christ and they had a full and varied programme. Thanks must go to Mrs Kirk and Father Terry for organising this weekend.

The pupils enjoyed World Maths Day on Wednesday, with the senior classes working in the IT centre competing against pupils in other countries live via the net. And we have had our Teachers in Partnership programme this week, with ten teachers from Majika, Maqamela and Copetsheni Primary Schools joining us in class. Thank you to Liz Mackintosh and our staff who presented workshops for our partner schools.

The Open Day will take place on Saturday 6 March and we will host a swimming gala in conjunction with that starting at 09h00. The PTA camp-out starts from 14h00 on the oval and please do not send your child unattended on Saturday. The parent interviews will be on Wednesday and Thursday next week- please do make a booking on the sheets outside the classrooms. There will not be sport or prep on those days, although we will have a programme in place for children that cannot get home.

The grade 6 and 7 pupils present the play Alice in Wonderland next week Wednesday and Thursday at 18h30. This promises to be a highly entertaining play and tickets are available from the front office.

The Senior Primary disco and the Pre-school social will both be held on Friday 12 March in the hall and pavilion respectively. This will round off the penultimate week of a busy term.

Green thanks of the week: thank you to both Mondri and Sappi for the kind donation of paper recycling bins.

Have a great weekend!

**Best regards,  
Dave Ernstzen**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Sihle Manonyane 10/03, Courtney Hare 10/03, Jan-Albert Pienaar 10/03, Chelsea Duke 10/03, Kate James 11/03, Kenki Mngqibisa 12/03, Swelihle Sigudla 12/03, Anais van Vuuren 12//03, Nicolas Satar-Reyes 13/03, Greg Braithwaite 14/03, Dimitri Jones 14/03

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!**

## Individual Achievements...

### SABIE CLASSIC 15KM AND 40KM 27/02

The following pupils took part in the Sabie Classic 15km

**WILLIAM BARNETT**

**JESSICA SCANNELL**

**SKYE CLARKE (4th sprog girls)**

**TAMSYN CREECY**

**KIRSTEN CREECY**

**CHRISTOPHER LA GRANGE**

**MIKAYLA NORTJE**

**DYLAN NORTJE**

**TAYLA NORTJE**

**ROSS GAUNTLETT**

### 40km

**RYAN CLARKE (4th sub junior boy)**

### SWIMMING

**SAMEERAH KARODIA**

was awarded trophy for best overall top swimmer (junior)

**SHAWN BLACK**

was awarded the trophy for top butterfly swimmer

### GUPPIE GALA

**ATAICO DIALLO**

bronze for U6 freestyle

**BRITTANY DUKE**

Gold medals: breaststroke, backstroke, crawl & butterfly

**CHELSEA DUKE**

Trophy for "Best Senior Guppie Summer: Girls" Gold medals: breaststroke, backstroke, crawl & silver butterfly

**BEON PIENAAR**

trophy for "Best Junior Boy". 4 x gold – butterfly, freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke

**LOUISA SIEBEL**

Gold medals: butterfly, freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke

**JAMIE LEE CULLEN**

bronze medals for freestyle & backstroke

**EVA STEFFENSEN**

bronze for butterfly

**LUKE DE VILLIERS**

gold for breaststroke

### PALABORWA 5KM FUN RUN

**HENDRIEN BADENHORST**

### HORSERIDING

**JENNA MURRAY**

was awarded 1st place, two 2nd place and one 3rd place

### DAEGAN OOSTHUIZEN

played in a 7-a-side hockey tournament and his team was placed second out of 6 teams

**Congratulations to you all!**

## News from the Sports Desk

Last week saw a select few swimmers take part in an evening gala hosted by Penryn Prep. Uplands really did themselves proud by finishing a close second to Penryn from a total of 8 schools. The following places were recorded. Medals were awarded to the first 3 places

	<u>Back</u>	<u>Breast</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Free</u>	<u>IM</u>	
Bam, Mariska	1				1	1
Birch, Joshua		5				2
Black, Shawn		3	1			
Botha, Mark			3	3		
Eaton, Devon	1		1	3		
Garrido-Mirapeix, Siana		4				
Gilfillan, Kyra			5	6	5	
Kuhn, Andreas			2			
Macgregor, James	4	6				
Naude, Pierre			4	3		
Ogg, Lauren	3	6	2	2	3	
Prettejohn, Timmy						6
Rood, Annabel	2	2	2	2	2	2
Smart, Ashleigh	4	3	6	5	4	
van Dyk, Anton	1	1	1	1	1	1
van Rooyen, Delano	2	2		1	2	
Von Benecke-Jordaan, Aidan	3	2			3	

The Winter sports program is in full swing now with the girls playing Netball and Hockey and the boys playing Soccer and Rugby.

Parents, please ensure that the correct gear is brought to school by your child.

Netball – Non marking soled sports shoes

Hockey – Shin pads, gum guards, long green Uplands socks and a hockey stick

Soccer – Soccer boots, shin pads, long green Uplands socks.

Rugby – Gum guards

Ryan McCarthy

Sports Co-ordinator

### MOMS IN TOUCH

#### Psalm 34:7 - 8

*If you honour the LORD, His angel will protect you.*

*Discover for yourself that the LORD is kind.*

*Come to him for protection, and you will be glad.*

A group of moms from both the Prep and the College have been meeting weekly to pray for matters concerning the Prep and College staff, children and families for over 10 years. We meet every Thursday morning from 7.30 - 8.30 at the **Prep Pavilion**, to pray together and to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. Compassion and confidentiality is required. You are most welcome to join us or to contact Linda Lagerwey on 0824412675 or by email [lagerwey@ialrica.com](mailto:lagerwey@ialrica.com) for further details.

## Forthcoming Attractions...

Sat 06 Mar	09:00	Uplands Prep/College Open Day Uplands Relay Gala
	14:00	PTA Alan Hudson Camp Out
Mon 08 Mar	11:00	Gr 6 and 7 Play dress rehearsal - Grannies, Grandpas and Silver Seniors invited
Wed 10 Mar	14:00	Parent Interviews - progress reports
	18:00	Grade 6 and 7 Play <b>in the hall</b>
Thurs 11 Mar	14:00	Parent Interviews - progress reports
	18:00	Grade 6 and 7 Play <b>in the hall</b>
Fri 12 Mar	07:45	Holy Communion
	14:00	Boarder parents' interviews - progress reports
	17:30	Pre-school Families Social <b>at the Pavilion</b>
	18:00	Senior Primary Disco <b>in the hall</b>

## UPLANDS MARIMBA FESTIVAL

21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

As part of our marimba festival to be held here at Uplands we are offering workshops for beginners. Candidates who enter will be given a 40 minute marimba lesson followed by 40 minute African drumming lesson. Parents and pupils are encouraged to take advantage of this exciting offer.

Entry fee will be R50.00 per person.

Bookings are now open with Lorraine Kirk and get your friends and families together and book a slot.

Tickets for the Grade 6 and 7 production  
of **Alice in Wonderland**  
are now on sale from the front office.

Date: 10 and 11 March

Time: 18h00

Cost: R20 per person (children under 12 sit on the carpet in front) It is "barnyard" style so bring along a picnic supper and drinks. Please ensure that you don't bring "noisy" food or drinks otherwise we won't be able to hear the children on stage easily.

We will be having a full dress rehearsal for the school on Monday 8 March. Grannies and Grandpas are invited. Tea will be served for them on Webster lawn at 10h30 and the show will begin at 11h00.

We warmly welcome Joshua Siu (grade 6C) and his brother Aidan (grade 1R) to Uplands. We hope you will love it here!!