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## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

Welcome back to school. I am sure that this will be an exciting Second Term. I hope that you enjoyed the special Easter holiday and that the Easter bunny found his way to your home. My son went about the garden with his little wheel barrow collecting eggs in a very serious fashion. He is too young to learn about the significance of Easter yet, but he does share with his dad. The analogy of the egg at Easter is splendid, as the hope of new life is borne of suffering and pain.

*Easter is a time of love,  
A time of death and pain undone,  
So we may know the power of  
The love that lives in everyone.  
Each love we feel, unstained and free,  
Redeems us--as with you and me.*

We also welcome some new pupils this term - Rachel and Ashley Jones; Peter, Hans and Christian Noddeboe; and Megan Riley. Welcome to the Uplands family and I know that you will all enjoy your new school. Mrs Bev Carlse has returned after her long leave and Mrs Frances Hyson makes a short return to the school to look after Mrs Harrison's class.

The green calendar was distributed this week. Please note some errors and omissions.

Thursday 22 April Uplands Has Talent is at 18h00 in the Hall

Thursday 27 May College Founder's Evening (not Tuesday)

Wednesday 9 June School closes at 12h00

The production "Hooked on Books" will be at Uplands on Thursday 15 April. The Grade 0 to 3 pupils will attend the first session and the grade 4 to 7 pupils the second. I believe this is a wonderful production where the children are enticed into reading.

The Senior Primary social is scheduled for Friday 16 April at 18h00. Hopefully the weather plays along as we head into Autumn. Please join us for a chance to meet socially. The venue will be confirmed next week as we are in the process of upgrading the pavilion.

Our sincere condolences go to the Granat family on the tragic loss of Peter. The Uplands community holds you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Green Tip of the Week:** the average bath requires as much as 189 litres of water. While the average shower consumes only 75 litres (and less if you install a low flow shower head).

Have a wonderful term,

**Best regards,  
Dave Ernstzen**

**NB** The Hooked on Books Show will cost R15 per child. Should you prefer your child not to attend, please contact the bursar who will then not debit your account.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Pippa Achterberg 12/04, Leonard Brugman 12/04, Ndumiso Zwane 12/04, Marika Nieuwoudt 13/04, Skye Clarke 13/04, Sameerah Karodia 14/04, Sarah Hume 14/04, Darren Jackson 14/04, Sellin de Beer 16/04, Beon Pienaar 16/04, Sabreen Mohamed 16/04, Chloe Hooker 16/04, Duncan Japhet 17/04, Jessica Scannell 18/04, Gemma Warrener 18/04, **Staff:** Sue Doble 16/04

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!**

## Individual Achievements...

### UNISA MUSIC EXAM PRIZE

**SABENA OMAR** – has received the Hennie Joubert Merit Prize which is awarded to the 3 top candidates per grade who have achieved the highest marks countrywide. A cheque was received from Unisa to be handed over to Sabena.

**Congratulations Sabena!**

### Junior Cricket Coaching – Boys/Girls from Grade 0 to Grade 3 Term 2

We are again holding coaching sessions in the afternoons. Coaching takes place on Fridays. The cost will remain the same as last term (R50 per session).

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Dear Parents

Please may we remind you about school policy regarding birthdays at school and party invitations.

#### **Party at school**

We are happy for the pupils to celebrate birthdays at school with their friends. You are welcome to send a square cake or cupcakes, or ice cream each, which will be eaten at break time. Please do not send sweets and cold drinks so as to avoid too much junk being brought to school

#### **Invitations**

Invitations may be handed out at school by the teacher when the whole class is being invited, or all the girls or all the boys. Kindly text or send invitations out privately if a select few are being invited. This is to avoid feelings being hurt.

Dear Parents

Please note two issues of great concern that affect our children's safety:

Firstly, I would like to urge all drivers to please observe the 60km/hr speed limit on the road that leads to the main gate of the Uplands Campus. The road, as you may have noticed, is quite narrow and has curves that do not always permit a clear view of on-coming traffic.

Secondly is the "no parking" area marked in yellow just after the parking bay on your left as you approach Webster House. There is just not enough space for cars parked on both sides of the road to allow a smooth flow of traffic at peak times. May I also encourage drivers to be cautious of children being dropped off and walking across the road to their classrooms.

The road safety of our children is of utmost importance and we would greatly appreciate everyone's co-operation.

### Woolworths PLAY IT FORWARD campaign with MySchool

Each child has been given a letter and a brochure to give to their parents regarding the above. The letter is quite self explanatory and there will be weekly class prizes for the leading class (most swipes of MySchool cards) of the week, 5 supporters can stand a chance to win Nintendo Wii game console simply for registering for the competition. For those of you without MySchool cards, you may call 0860 100445 or go to [www.myschool.co.za](http://www.myschool.co.za) to register.

This is a fun competition giving us the opportunity to raise more funds for the school in an easy and painless way. Every time you and swipe your MySchool card at Woolworths during the competition period, a certain percentage of your purchase is donated to the school!

The competition runs until the 31st of May so get swiping!!!

But please do remember that you may still swipe your MySchool card at any other MySchool partners during the competition, although the points will not go towards the PLAY IT FORWARD CAMPAIGN. The school will still, however, get a percentage from your purchases.

Thank you.

### Tip for parents...

The newsletter is one of the most important means of communication between the school and you the parents. Please ask your child for it each Friday.

The newsletter is also available from the school's website, [www.uplands.co.za](http://www.uplands.co.za) in both pdf format and word.

## Forthcoming Attractions...

Fri 9 April	14:00	THRASS workshop for staff
Tues 13 April		Group assessment in English
	14:00	Rugby vs Clivia <b>(A)</b> : U11 and 1st XV
Wed 14 April	14:00	Soccer vs St Peter's <b>(H)</b> : U8, U9, U11 and 1st XI
Fri 16 April	07:45	Holy Communion
	18:00	Senior Primary Families' Social (venue tba)
Sat 17	08:00	Eco-schools Seminar <b>(Hall)</b>

### UPLANDS HAS TALENT

The search is on to see if Uplands has talent! Judging by the standard that was set in 2009, we can expect outstanding talent from our stars on stage this year!

The dates are as follows:

13<sup>th</sup> April - knock-out round

22<sup>nd</sup> April - Semi-finals in the Prep hall. Tickets at R20.00 p/p will be on sale early next term.

12<sup>th</sup> May - Finals at the Barnyard. Tickets at R50.00 p/p.

Please encourage your child to participate. It is not only for the enjoyment and fun but there are also big cash prizes for the winners.

Please note that the Music department can not be held responsible for obtaining back-tracks. These can be ordered from Pro-Trax in Pretoria at 012 342 1133 or Peter Echo Studios in Nelspruit at 072 194 2133. Please be also aware of the fact that music used for dancing and singing must be **age-appropriate**. The school reserves the right to censor music that is inappropriate.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Annelie Malherbe

*Welcome back to school everyone!  
Have a lovely 2nd term*

### MOMS IN TOUCH

#### Psalm 91 : 4 (NIV)

*He will cover you with his wings and you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

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 in the **Prep Library**, 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.