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WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

What's in a name? Some may say nothing at all, but I am giving away a set of airline tickets if you can pronounce Eyjafjallajokull. This Icelandic volcano has caused a week of chaos in air travel that will be long remembered. Once again Mother Nature has had the final say and we cannot alter the natural forces around us. It has also given new meaning to the term crisis management.

It has been a very busy week with rugby, netball and soccer fixtures taking place. Our pupils have made a very good start to the season and we look forward to more exciting results in the weeks to come. Some of the seniors visited a recycling plant this week as part of our broader environment programme. And the Uplands Has Talent semi-finals took place on Thursday evening. Well done to all the participants on a wonderful performance. The finals will be hosted at the Barnyard theatre on the 12 May. It is wonderful to be able to watch the children on the sports field and on the stage in the same week!

School will resume on Wednesday after the long weekend. South Africa is fortunate to be able to celebrate Freedom Day. And we are now down to 48 days to the World Cup. There is definitely lots of excitement growing and I think we are on the brink of something great.

Enjoy the freedom of your long weekend!

**Best regards,
Dave Ernstzen**

Winners of the Woolworths Easter Colouring-in Competition:

Grade 00	Vuxa Hlatshwayo
Grade 0	Awethu Mlambo
Grade 1	Jamie -Lee Cullen
Grade 2	Shaída Jooma
Grade 3	Kira Karantonis

Congratulations to you!

Individual Photographs

Please return the photographs if you do not want them by next Wednesday 28 April.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Oliver van der Merwe 26/04, Daniel Jacobs 29/04, Paolo De Leo 29/04, Timmy Prettejohn 30/04, Finlay Dalrymple 02/05, Griffin Jones 02/05, James Emery 02/05, **Staff:** Tracey Docking 26/04

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

Individual Achievements...

GOLF

LUCAS RUF

played in a golf competition on Sunday 18th April and came tie 1st with Louise Tombs

ACTION CRICKET – 3 day tournament, 16 – 18 April

CAMPBELL DAVIES-WEBB

was selected to play in the U10 team for the Indoor / Action Cricket Eastern/ Northern tournament. His team came 2nd and he got a silver medal

ETHAN SCORGIE

received a bronze medal for 3rd place

AIRIN SCORGIE

received a silver medal

Congratulations everyone!

MySchool - Soccer fever - PLAY IT FORWARD

As excitement looms with less than days to kick off in our beautiful country. Don't forget our own countdown with MySchool and PLAY IT FORWARD. The competition our beautiful school is participating in till June 2010!

The winning school receives R100 000 plus an additional R50 000 to hand over to a under privileged school.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO? I HEAR YOU ASK:

By simply registering on the website www.playitforward.co.za and then swiping EVERYTIME you purchase at Woolworths.

REMEMBER THE MORE YOU SWIPE THE MORE CHANCE YOUR CLASS AND OUR SCHOOL HAVE OF WINNING!

Dear Uplands Prep Parents and Staff

Kylie, Luke and I want to thank you sincerely for the love and support that you have poured onto us since we lost our Beloved Peter. You have surrounded us with love and great strength. Luke's little classmates have been an inspiration with showering Luke with daily hugs and kindness and Moms-In-Touch, thank you for practical help and endless delicious meals.

Love from the Granat Family

OUTREACH NEWS (NO. 4, 2010)

Our new Outreach project, "Teachers for Excellence", became a reality at the end of the first term, when it was launched in the Uplands College hall on Saturday 13th March.

The occasion was attended by more than 100 guests: representatives of the Department of Education, our donors (Investec, Autozone and Mondi), the University of Johannesburg and the University of Cape Town, members of the Uplands Outreach steering committee, other special guests, and, of course, the real guests of honour, the 52 Maths teachers from our partner schools, representing 22 schools in Mpumalanga, who are participating in the T4E Programme.

Certificates were handed out by Dr Clark of the Schools Development Unit (UCT) to successful short course students from last year's programme and addresses were made by Programme Manager, Sandra van Niekerk, Timothy Nyundu (one of the T4E students), Mr L M Tsehla (Deputy Chief Education Specialist of the Mpumalanga Department of Education), and Setlogane Manchidi (Head of Investec Social Investment).

KKS's catering was superb and we were splendidly entertained by members of the Fundinjobo School Choir. Investec were so impressed with their performance that they offered to kit the choir members out with a full uniform.

Setlogane Manchidi's powerfully motivating speech was followed by a moving candle-lighting ceremony, when the 52 T4E students pledged the following:

I, as an active participant in the Teachers for Excellence programme, stand here and commit to the following;

At least 80% attendance

Fulfilment of all course and practical requirements

Sharing with and supporting my fellow classmates and colleagues

Furthermore, I commit to exceptional and outstanding performance.

But above all, I commit to ensuring that knowledge learnt and gained, is translated into meaningful difference in class, school and broader community

I embrace with both hands, the notion of sharing the light that I hold today for the betterment of this country.

After the launch, no time was wasted in getting down to work. A two-day orientation workshop was held by our academic partner, the University of Johannesburg, on 15th and 16th March, followed by a week-long workshop in the holidays. Each student also attends lectures at Uplands one afternoon a week from 14h00 until 19h00.

We are also pleased to report that thanks to a donation from the Apexhi Fund (Tshikululu Social Investments) we will be able to expand the T4E Programme next year to include 20 primary school Science teachers.

On a less positive note, we were shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Peter Granat. Our prayers and condolences go to his family and colleagues.

Liz Mackintosh

Forthcoming Attractions...

Wed 28 April	07:45	Normal school day
	14:00	Soccer vs Nelspruit Primary (H) U11A and 1st XI
Thurs 29 April	14:00	Netball vs St Peters (H) U10, U11A, U12A & B, U13A
Fri 30 April	07:45	Holy Communion

News from the Sports Desk...

Uplands fields have had a very a busy week. A total of 25 matches were played. On the 20th of April Uplands managed to get 15 Netball teams together. A total of 135 girls showed us what they were made of, and a total of 107 goals were scored through-out the afternoon.

Unfortunately 2 of our teams were affected by the rain late in the afternoon. The results of the afternoon are below.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
U8A	Won	Skukuza	2 0
U8B	Won	Skukuza	4 2
U9A	Won	Skukuza	4 3
U9B	Lost	Skukuza	8 4
U10A	Lost	Skukuza	14 4
U10B	Drew	Skukuza	3 3
U11A	Lost	Skukuza	7 2
U11B	Rained Out		
U12A	Lost	Kings	6 4
U12B	Lost	Skukuza	9 4
U12C	Lost	Kings	8 3
U13A	Rained Out		
U13B	Won	Kings	18 3
U13C	Won	Skukuza	8 4

Results of the Soccer matches against Victory Park to follow in next week's edition.

Ryan McCarthy
Sports Co-ordinator

NB ALL children that do tennis at Uplands need to bring their own rackets.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Psalms 34.4

"I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears."

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 for further details.