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## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

It is that very special time of the year again when we celebrate our moms. This is an opportunity to acknowledge, honour and thank our mothers for giving us life, raising us and for their constant support. The history of Mother's Day is interesting and it varies from country to culture. The common thread however is that of the peace maker, maternal caregiver and pure love.

*Mother...*

*You filled my days with rainbow lights,  
Fairytale and sweet dream nights,  
A kiss to wipe away my tears,  
Gingerbread to ease my fears.  
You gave the gift of life to me  
And then in love, you set me free.  
I thank you for your tender care,  
For deep warm hugs and being there.  
I hope that when you think of me  
A part of you  
You'll always see.*

**Author Unknown**

We learnt about John 3:16 in assembly this week as Rev Dean Matthews showed the children how to remember the verse using body language. Ask them to show you (hopefully they remember) as it was very entertaining. This week we also enjoyed the public speaking event as well as more sports fixtures. The senior teams travel to Beaulieu Prep in Johannesburg this weekend for netball, soccer and tennis games.

Next week the finals of Uplands Has Talent will take place at the Barnyard Theatre. Tickets are on sale from Courtney at the Hans van der Merwe Showroom (Barnyard) - please come and join us for an evening of music, dancing and drama. We will also be having a winter warmer clothing and blanket collection next Wednesday and Thursday. The items collected will be on clothes lines along the corridors and then distributed to local orphans cared for by Siphonondlane.

Uplands will be on air this Sunday when a programme on the history of Uplands will be broadcast on Radio Laeveld (100.5) at 17:00. Theresa Schoeman will be interviewing Sabena Omar and Laura Pakendorf as well as two College children.

**Green Tip of the Week: Feel the need - for less speed**

If you have to use a car for essential journeys, save cash and reduce pollution by going easy on the gas pedal. Driving at 100 km/h uses 9% less fuel than zooming along at the motorway speed limit (120 km/h). (Friends of the Earth)

Have a slow weekend!

**Best regards,  
Dave Ernstzen**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Wesley Tendaupenyu 10/05, Sam Black 11/05, Catherine More 11/05, Mariska Bam 11/05, Claudia Hemus 11/05, Jesse-Ross Wadsworth 11/05, Allan Verissimo 12/05, Bonginkosi Khoza 12/05, Hendrien Badenhorst 13/05, Lucas Ruf 16/05, Luke Korb 16/05, **Staff:** Janet Neish 15/05

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!**

## Individual Achievements...

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Best in Grade:

Grade 4 : Paul Hume

Grade 5 : Chloe Hooker

Grade 6 : Lauren Weir

Grade 7 : Brandon Cordeiro & Stephen McCrystal

### MPUMALANGA HOCKEY:

**AIDAN MAILEY** was selected for the U12 Mpumalanga A team.

### MTB FOREST 2 FALLS 15 Km RACE in Sabie – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May

<b>CHRISTOPHER LA GRANGE</b>	came 11 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MURRAY JAMES</b>	came 4 <sup>th</sup> overall (1 <sup>st</sup> sprog boy)
<b>ADAM MAGUIRE</b>	took part
<b>SAFFRON VOSLOO</b>	came 7 <sup>th</sup> overall (1 <sup>st</sup> sprog girl)
<b>DYLAN NORTJE</b>	came 4 <sup>th</sup> (sprog boy)
<b>MIKAYLA NORTJE</b>	came 4 <sup>th</sup> (sprog girl)
<b>STEVEN SAVAGE</b>	was 9 <sup>th</sup> sprog boy – in his first race ever!
<b>ROSS GAUNTLETT</b>	came 8 <sup>th</sup> overall
<b>RYAN CLARKE</b>	came 2 <sup>nd</sup> in sub-junior boys in both the Forest 2 Falls and the Clarens race (National Mountain bike series).
<b>STEPHEN McCRYSTAL</b>	came 12 <sup>th</sup> (sprog boys)
<b>JOSHUA BIRCH</b>	came 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the sub-junior boys and 6 <sup>th</sup> overall

## Congratulations!

### **Monkey Apple Uniform Shop** **New Arrivals**

Fleece tops and beanies for Grade 00/0  
Green scarves

**Open Mon/Wed & Friday**  
**Contact: 083 252 3438**

Dear Parents

If you are at any of our Uplands functions and events and taking photographs, please may you share them with the school. It is not always possible to be at the many sporting and cultural events that happen. So any interesting photos captured by yourselves would be greatly appreciated for use in our school magazine, press releases or archives!

Kindly forward them to [admin@uplands.co.za](mailto:admin@uplands.co.za).

Thank you.

***Uplands Festival  
28 May - 30 May 2010***

The Uplands Festival website is up and running with all the information pertaining to this year's festival. The website address is [www.uplands-festival.co.za](http://www.uplands-festival.co.za)

We will notify you when the changeover from Summer to Winter Uniform is to take place.

At the beginning of the every year we have a very empty car park at Webster House (main entrance) and very full car parks elsewhere.

As your children move through the school they change classrooms, and you, the parents need to change car parks. If you have a child in grade 4 - 7 please use the Webster House parking, freeing up the top car park for junior primary parents. Only grade 000 and 00 parents should be using the grade 00 parking area. Please do not park in the staff parking bays.

The Nelspruit bus also uses the junior car park and needs space to turn around, so please make sure you park only in the designated parking bays.

Please also remember to drive slowly and carefully at all times on the school campus. All our children are precious.

FROM: The Grade 000 Teachers and children

TO: The Klesse family for their generous donation of classroom toys and

TO: Mr Dave Ernstzen for the loan of a fridge for the Wooden School kitchen.

The Wooden school teachers and children are very grateful and will be sure to make good use of these new acquisitions.

## Forthcoming Attractions...

Sat 8 May		Beaulieu Prep Festival in Johannesburg
Tues 11 May		Group assessment : Geography
Wed 12 May	14:00	Soccer vs Penryn <b>(H)</b> U8, U9, U10, U11, 1st XI
	18:30	Uplands Has Talent (Finals) <b>at the Barnyard Theatre</b>
Fri 14 May	07:45	Holy Communion
Sat 15 May	08:00	Uplands Winter Sports Festival

## MySchool

Our records show that Uplands has raised R1 159.00 during the month of May against R881.86 in April. 131 supporters raised funds as compared to 123 supporters in April, by swiping their MySchool cards at participating stores and outlets.

Thank you and well done.

### PLAY IT FORWARD

The winning class this week is 7C. Congratulations.

Herewith the top 5 classes:

In first place this week is 7C

2. 4M
3. 00K
4. 7G
5. 5E

We still have until the end of May and there are lots of super class prizes to be won including a class party with treats from Woolworths!!!

## Casterbridge Cinema special movie offer for all Uplands pupils

Tickets at only R20 per pupil

To receive this special discount please collect your discount slip  
from the Prep front office or from Bev at the College.

For every ticket bought by an Uplands pupil,  
Casterbridge Cinema will give R5 back to the Cancer Debs.

## MOMS IN TOUCH

### PROVERBS 3:5,6 NIV

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."*

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 are required. You are most welcome to join us or to contact Linda Lagerwey on 0824412675 or by email [lagerwey@iahica.com](mailto:lagerwey@iahica.com) for further details.