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## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

There is a stark contrast between the Highveld and the Lowveld at the moment in that we still have wonderful hues of green around us. Travelling to Beaulieu Prep last weekend, I observed the changing colours of Winter. We had a good trip and the children were excellent ambassadors for Uplands. We will be changing to the winter uniform from next week. Please ensure that your child has the correct clothing and they may need some help with the ties!

What a busy week we have had with an inspiring assembly by the grade 3V class on talents, a rugby game at the College, Old Testament Day, soccer vs. Penryn Prep, Uplands Has Talent, the Winter clothing collection and reaching a crescendo with the Uplands Winter sports festival on Saturday. Well done to our pupils and thank you to all parents for your support in the various activities in the past week.

Uplands Has Talent: the performances were of a very high standard this year and we had a wonderful evening on Wednesday. Thank you to Walter Fourie and Ben Lombard for performing items at the show. It is exciting to have such professional talent right here in the Lowveld. Congratulations to Mrs Annelie Malherbe and her music staff on a successful event. Well done to all the contestants for sharing their talents with us. The results were as follows:

### Junior category

1st Junior Choir  
2nd Josh, Kira and Farrah - dance  
3rd Tirhani - dance

### Senior category

1<sup>st</sup> Ryan and Luke - Fatal Beatings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren and Matthew - dance  
3<sup>rd</sup> Marimba Girls

Homework is a phenomenon that predates Ipods, X-boxes, Play stations and Facebook. And it is still an essential part of the learning process as children grow their organisational and discipline skills. It is much like tax, because if you don't complete it, it will catch up with you. The pupils are issued with homework diaries at the start of the year and the onus is on them to write down their homework each day. To quote from the code of conduct "Home work diaries are the responsibility of the pupils, and they are to ensure that their parents sign them after they have finished all homework". Please assist by checking your child's homework on a regular basis.

Staff news: congratulations to Mr Brett Greensill and Mrs Lucretia Bell for completing their honours degrees in B.Ed (Hons) Education Management and B.Ed (Hons) Specialisation in Inclusive Education respectively. Sharonn Allmark has also just completed (with flying colours) a Trauma Course for nursing. Mr Ryan McCarthy has been selected to play for the Mpumalanga Country Districts side. Well done on their achievements! The staff also attends conferences and seminars throughout the year as part of our staff development programme.

**Green Tip of the Week:** Recycling is far better than just sending trash to landfill, but it still uses energy and creates climate-changing CO2 emissions. In other words, recycling isn't a free pass - it, too, has its cost. Deciding not to buy products you don't really need is the greenest choice of all. (Friends of the Earth)

Have a festive weekend!

**Best regards,  
Dave Ernstzen**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Matthew Southern 18/05, Anel Esterhuyse 18/05, Mitchell Davies-Webb 20/05, Duncan Davies-Webb 20/05, Aidan Head 20/05, Tamsin Creecy 20/05, Adam Davies 21/05, Aidan de Bruno Austin 21/05, Liam Peoples 21/05, Tema Gamedze 21/05, Jessica Renssen 22/05, Kerry-Ann Bal 22/05, Britney Stoltz 23/05, Shalom Bako 23/05, Luke Edmondson 23/05, Paul Hume 23/05, Dylan Cooper 23/05, **Staff:** Renata Stewart 23/05

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!**

## Individual Achievements...

### ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

#### **Amani Omar**

participated in the first Mpumalanga Artistic Gymnastic Trials on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May, and received the following for Level 1:  
5 Golds for: Overall position, Beam, Floor, Vault and Bar. She was selected to represent Mpumalanga in Ermelo in two weeks time.

### KARATE

#### **Joshua Rogers**

received 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at the SA champs in Benoni.

**Congratulations!**

Allegro Choir performs on  
the 30<sup>th</sup> May

plus soloists at 14:00

in the Bergland Primary school hall, Nelspruit – light classical soiree  
Brittany Duke and Brandon Cordeiro – playing recorder as a duet  
Wanda, Lorraine and Nita - Latin American Saxophone

**We change to the Winter uniform  
from Monday 17 May 2010**

## School Mountain Bike series -

We would like to encourage all participants in the school Mountain Bike series to wear a school cycling uniform. The Prep cycling top with black cycling shorts is preferable. The cycling tops will be available for measuring and pre orders at the Monkey Apple Uniform shop from the 24<sup>th</sup> of May. If you are unable to purchase a cycling top the prep sport top can be worn.

## MONKEY APPLE UNIFORM SHOP

### NEW STOCK

Prep girls bottle green skorts R150  
Prep bottle green winter scarves R65

Prep Grade 0/00 winter fleece tops  
Prep Grade 0/00 winter fleece beanies  
Prep Grade 0/00 winter tracksuit pants

Trading hours:

|           |               |               |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Mon & Wed | 07.30 - 09.00 | 11.00 - 16.30 |
| Fri       | 07.30 - 09.00 | 11.00 - 15.00 |

**Contact: Petra Mailey 083 252 3438**

**Uplands Festival**  
**Friday 28 May to Sunday 30 May 2010**  
Visit [www.uplands-festival.co.za](http://www.uplands-festival.co.za) for bookings of shows  
and more details

**Uplands Football and Netball Festival 15 May 2010**  
from 8am

Schools participating: St Peters, Penryn, Mitchell House, Southern Cross,  
Unicorn, Riverview, Kings School, Hazyview Primary and  
Uplands!  
All welcome!

## Forthcoming Attractions...

|              |       |                                                             |
|--------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 15 May   | 08:00 | Uplands Winter Sports Festival                              |
| Tue 18 May   |       | Group assessment in History                                 |
|              | 14:00 | Rugby vs Nelspruit Primary U10, U11, 2nd and 1st <b>(A)</b> |
|              | 18:00 | Prep PTA meeting                                            |
| Wed 19 May   | 14:00 | Soccer vs Riverview <b>(A)</b> U8, U9, U10, U11, 2nd, 1st   |
| Thurs 20 May | 14:00 | Netball vs Penryn <b>(H)</b> U8 to Open A and B teams       |
| Fri 21 May   | 07:45 | Holy Communion                                              |
|              | 14:00 | Marimba Festival <b>at Uplands</b>                          |

## Play it Forward with MySchool Woolworths Campaign

With just 3 more weeks to go of the Play it Forward Campaign, the leader board looks very interesting. Grade 00K have overtaken the Grade 7Cs who, last week, looked like they would streak ahead during the rest of the competition. 7C was sitting in first place with 1125 points and Grade 00K had 328 points. Well done Grade 00K. This week the results are as follows:

|     |        |             |
|-----|--------|-------------|
| 1st | Gr 00K | 2526 points |
| 2nd | Gr 7C  | 2026        |
| 3rd | Gr 4M  | 801         |
| 4th | Gr 6C  | 746         |
| 5th | Gr 7G  | 737         |

The grade 00K class win SA flag pins for each child and a R150.00 Woolies stores voucher for a class party.

Parents, please remember to call 0860 100 445 and register for Play it Forward to participate in the competition.

### MOMS IN TOUCH

#### PSALM 105:4 (NIV)

*"Look to the LORD and His strength;  
seek His face always."*

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@iafrica.com](mailto:lagerwey@iafrica.com) for further details.