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## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

There was so much excitement on the corridors on Monday morning after Bafana Bafana came to town. Many of the staff and pupils attended the match and they all had a wonderful experience. We even had our very own player escort in Tirhani Mkansi who was also given a pair of togs by Teko Modise. And with just **20** days to go the anticipation is building!

Congratulations to Mr Brett Frost who has been appointed as the new Headmaster for 2011. You would have received a letter from Mr Bruce Norris the Chairman of the Board this week regarding the new appointment. We look forward to welcoming the new head to the Uplands family in the near future.

The Uplands Winter Sports Festival was a great success as we hosted almost 400 boys and girls here for netball and soccer. It was a very busy day with lots of fun and action. Thank you to the parents that hosted pupils from Unicorn as we only (as usual) had positive feedback from the staff about the weekend. Thank you too to Mr Rhodes Abell the PTA team and the parents for their tireless effort in the tuck shop on Saturday. Thanks must also go to Ms Mariet Boshoff for her personal touch in the catering department. This past week we have also continued with rugby, soccer and netball fixtures (see sports desk). I must however mention our U10 rugby team's achievements: they played their first fixture against Nelspruit Primary and after conceding a try in the first half they worked hard in the second half to score twice and win the game 10-5. Well done boys!

This weekend we host the Uplands Marimba Festival and it is a cultural event not to be missed. If you have had the pleasure of listening to the Marimba Girls, you will know what I am talking about. The weekend will include both performances and workshops for everyone.

Next weekend is the Uplands Festival which will begin on Friday at 16h00 with a performance by the Men in Red (Johannesburg Welsh Male Voice Choir) and the shows continue on until Sunday afternoon. The festival has grown this year and there are a variety of events taking place on campus- if you have not got a programme yet they are available at the front office or go to [www.uplands-festival.co.za](http://www.uplands-festival.co.za) or call 082 800 0618. If you miss it you will miss out! The PTA is looking for help in various areas- please assist where you can- no experience required. The class moms will be helping draw up rosters and you can contact Barry Carlse (PTA) directly as well if you would like to get involved. Barry's cell number is 082 677 1735.

### **Green Tip of the Week: Clear winner**

Make your glassware and windows sparkle without using synthetic detergents. Mix white vinegar with water and apply to glass with a pump-action plant sprayer. Wipe and rinse as normal for a natural shine. (Friends of the Earth)

What a fantastic rugby effort to have two home semi-finals this weekend. Is there a chance the Stormers may lift the Super 14 trophy in 2010? Have a good weekend!

**Kind regards,  
Dave Ernstzen**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY....**

Anita Gordijn 24/05, Michael Leach 27/05, Jonathan Mitchell 27/05, Aden Hausmann 27/05, Chloe Bell 29/05, Jimi Ogunyemi 29/05, Luke Gilfillan 30/05,  
**Staff:** Sue Kloeck 26/05, Bev Carlse 29/05

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!**

**Uplands has two official suppliers of the Prep and College uniforms**

- **White River Outfitters at the Strydom Building (by the big Spar) in White River**
- **Monkey Apple Uniform Shop (next to the grade 7C classroom) on the Uplands campus**

## **RAFFLE - VANESSA LOMAS**

The raffle for the Vanessa Lomas painting has been cancelled due to lack of response. The painting will now be auctioned on Friday 28 May 2010 at the opening cocktail party for the Uplands Art Festival. To those who have bought tickets, you will be refunded and sincere apologies to everyone.

Please could parents wishing to volunteer a couple of hours their time towards tuckshop duties during the Uplands Festival, please contact Barry Carlse on 082 677 1735. Dads are also welcome!

The PTA would like to thank Mignonne Van Vuuren for the donation of denim aprons to be used in the PTA kitchen in the Pavilion.

**Uplands Festival**  
**Friday 28 May to Sunday 30 May 2010**  
**Fanta Fun Fair**

R100 all day tickets will be on sale from next week Monday 24th, from Ann Fryer (bursar's office) and Charmaine Mahlangu at the front office

## **News from the Sports Desk...**

### **Uplands Prep School Winter Sports Festival**

The annual Uplands Winter Sports Festival took place over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

This year, it was decided to only involve the U11 and Open age groups but to include more schools. A total of eight visiting schools joined us on our magical campus. 376 Girls and Boys battled it out on the netball courts and soccer fields respectively. The netball girls played 10 minute halves with no break in between, and the boys played a straight 20 minute game. Each team was lucky enough to play six games.

The highlight of the day was when the Uplands 1<sup>st</sup> XI boys went into battle with the boys from Unicorn. Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Lubbe, the Sports Coordinator from Unicorn Prep School decided the night before at a staff function, that the boys would play for a 'trophy' - a single antelope horn (from a unicorn??) that had been lying around the pavilion for some months! Both staff members decided that the Gemsbok horn would be an ideal trophy. Unfortunately for the Uplands boys, they lost by one goal to nil in a well fought match. Unicorn Prep was the winner of inaugural 'horn'. Well done Unicorn!

I would like to thank all parents who took time out their Saturday morning to come along and support the day.

Thank you to our fantastic PTA parents for keep everyone who attended the festival well fed and hydrated.

**Ryan McCarthy**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**

### **Play it Forward with MySchool Woolworths Campaign**

Congratulations to Grade 00K for retaining the number one position. The top 5 classes of the week are:

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|----|-----------|-------------|
| 1. | Grade 00K | 3039 points |
| 2. | Grade 7C  | 2320        |
| 3. | Grade 4M  | 1442        |
| 4. | Grade 6C  | 923         |
| 5. | Grade 4S  | 850         |

## Forthcoming Attractions...

Fri 21 May	14:00	Marimba Festival <b>at Uplands</b>
Sat 22 May	08:30	Marimba Festival <b>at Uplands</b>
Tues 25 May		Group assessment in Biology
	14:00	Netball vs Summerhill and Woodlands <b>(H)</b> U9, U11
		Soccer vs Summerhill and Woodlands <b>(H)</b> U9, U11
Wed 26 May	14:00	Netball C Team festival <b>(H)</b> U11 and U13
		Soccer vs Skukuza Primary and Sijabelela <b>(H)</b> U10, U11, 2nd and 1st
Thurs 27 May	14:00	Netball vs Riverview <b>(H)</b> U10 to Open
	18:00	College Founders' Evening <b>at the College</b>
Fri 28 May	07:45	Holy Communion
	10:00	Grade 3 Market Day
	17:00	Uplands Festival
Sat 29 May	08:00	Uplands Festival
Sun 30 May	08:00	Uplands Festival

### MONKEY APPLE UNIFORM SHOP

#### **CYCLING TOPS**

The uniform shop will be taking orders for:

Uplands cycling tops from Monday 24th May - Friday 28th May

Should you wish to buy for the Mpumalanga Schools Mountain Bike series. Payment on order.

#### **PREP**

Size 28	285.00
Size 32	290.00
Size 36	299.00
Larger	310.00

#### **COLLEGE**

Size XS	299.00
Size M	310.00
Size XL	320.00
Larger	325.00

Contact: Petra Mailey 083 252 3438

### MOMS IN TOUCH

### **NEW DAY, NEW VENUE**

#### Psalm 18:28 (NIV)

*You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;  
my God turns my darkness into light.*

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 will now meet every **Friday** morning from 7.30 - 8.30 in the **Prep Pavilion**, 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@iatrica.com](mailto:lagerwey@iatrica.com) for further details.