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WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

This week a group of grade 7s had the wonderful opportunity to view the Fifa World Cup Trophy as part of the Trophy Tour by Coca Cola. It was all very exciting and the children walked out with a flag, photograph and fun filled memories. There are only 13 days to go to kick-off and 8 school days left in the term. It is great to see the South African flag on so many cars and the striking yellow shirts being worn around town. So if you are not branded with items yet, get out there and join in the fun. There is a growing unity across the land which could not have come at a better time.

The school has been as busy as ever this past week with more netball and soccer fixtures. It was good to see the girls involved in a "C" team netball festival on Wednesday as it gives everyone a chance to play in fixtures. We remain mindful of our B and C teams and we make every effort to find them fixtures too. The grade 4 and 5 pupils have been working hard on their play - Samson. The play will be next Thursday in the hall at 18h00. The grade 3 classes entertained the school today with their Market Day and we face some tough fixtures this afternoon as we play the Ridge and Brescia House at soccer and netball respectively.

The Uplands Festival also starts today and thank you to all the staff and parents involved for their time and effort. Tracey Russell has done a wonderful job of getting all the nuts and bolts in the right place for you to enjoy a feast of activities this weekend. The College has its traditional winter sports fixture against Penryn College on Friday and Saturday as well and if you have not been across to the campus this is a great opportunity to see the bigger kids in action. The Super 14 Final will be shown at the festival and it is a 17h00 start. The Stormers have a real chance of lifting the cup although the "Orlando" Bulls seem to be back on track. At least we know that the winners are South African!

Next week we will kick-off our World Cup Soccer week with activities in and out of the classroom revolving around soccer. There will be Football Friday next week as well and this will give the pupils a chance to show off their Bafana shirts at school. The 1st XI Hockey girls also depart for Kwazulu Natal on Friday and we wish them well on their tour.

Green Tip of the Week: Recycling stations will be clearly marked at the Festival and Green ambassadors will be on hand to help with educating everyone. Please make a special effort to place the right waste in the right bin.

Have a wonderful time at the Uplands Festival!

**Kind regards,
Dave Ernstzen**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Kehno Coetzee 31/05, Susan Tarwa 01/06, Bruce Nel 02/06, Ryan Tilly 02/06, Dylan van Zyl 02/06, Amé van Rhyn 02/06, Anthony More 03/06, Christine Williamson 03/06, Laura Pakendorf 03/06, Lara Hare 04/06, Ashleigh Smart 05/06, **Staff:** Caroline van der Merwe 01/06

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

OUTREACH NEWS FOR NEWSLETTER

As winter draws near, life gets more difficult for some of the poorer families in the communities where our outreach partner schools are situated. Every year our request for a collection of warm clothes and blankets from the Uplands family is met with generosity and enthusiasm. This year was no exception. Hundreds of items of clothing, blankets and shoes were a sight to behold at Uplands Prep the other day, as they were all strung up on "washing lines" around the school. The mountain of collected goods was distributed to Siphon Mondlane and his colleagues who work with orphans, vulnerable children and impoverished families in the Kabokweni area, and to Nitto Maluka and his Savuka Youth Crew who work in the Kanyamazane area. They will make sure that the poorest of the poor benefit from your kindness. Many thanks to everyone for your donations, and to Cheryl Calmeyer who organised the collection.

Thank you also to the Comley family for second-hand clothes, games and spectacles, to the Spoor family for books and sets of encyclopaedias, and to all the other (sometimes anonymous) donations from members of the Uplands community.

You can also help the Outreach Programme by using your MySchool card. The proceeds that accrue to Uplands every time you swipe your card all come to Outreach. We use these funds for various different projects:

- The SMILE Programme. Nearly 30 Grade 4 kids from a rural disadvantaged school come to Uplands every Wednesday afternoon for literacy improvement with the College SMILE team.
- The Teachers in Partnership Project. Teachers from our outreach partner schools spend a week at Uplands Prep once a term, immersing themselves in a typical Uplands week. They share ideas with their host Uplands teachers, attend workshops and gain inspiration and motivation from their experience.
- The implementation of THRASS. This reading and spelling programme works beautifully for the non-mother tongue English speakers at our partner schools. Frances Hyson visits the schools for training.

Thank you, Uplands! You are truly helping us make a difference!

Liz Mackintosh

MOMS IN TOUCH

Isaiah 41 : 10 (New King James)

*“Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”*

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@iafrica.com for further details.

MONKEY APPLE UNIFORM SHOP

We now have stock of the new hooped sports socks in size 4 -7 and 8 -10

Don't forget to place your orders for cycling tops for the Mpumalanga Schools Mountain Bike series!

Contact: **Petra on 083 252 3438**

Play it Forward with MySchool Woolworths Campaign

This winner of this week's Play it Forward is grade 7C with 3112 points and their prize is a R200 gift voucher from Woolies for a class party. Well done 7C. The rest of the standings are as follows:

Grade 00K	3084	
Grade 4M	1480	
Grade 4S		1033
Grade 7G	992	

Thank you to you all for remembering to swipe your MySchool cards!

Forthcoming Attractions...

Fri 28 May	14:00	U10, U11, 2nd XI, 1st XI Soccer vs The Ridge at Penryn
	15:30	U12, 1st team Netball vs Brescia House at Penryn
	17:00	Uplands Festival
Sat 29 May	08:00	Uplands Festival
Sun 30 May	08:00	Uplands Festival
Tue 1 Jun		Group assessment : Science
Wed 2 Jun		World Cup Soccer Week
	14:00	Soccer vs Kings (H) U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, 1st XI
		Cancelled U11A, and B soccer vs Royal School 1st and 2nd XI soccer vs Majika Primary
Thurs 3 Jun	18:00	Grade 4 and 5 play in the Hall
Fri 4 Jun	07:45	Holy Communion
		1st team Girls Hockey tour departs for KZN
Sat 5 Jun	08:30	Prep Board Meeting

Sporting results from Soccer played against Riverview and Summerhill :

Uplands U10vs Riverview U11	drew 3 - 3
Uplands 2nd vs Summerhill	won 4 - 0
Uplands U10 vs Summerhill	won 4 - 1
Uplands U11B vs Woodlands	drew 2 - 2

Brett Greensill
Coach

NEWS FLASH

The main performance of the grade 4 and 5 Musical, Samson is on Thursday, 3 June at 18:00. All actors and actresses must please be at school to dress and get ready at 17:00. All, except the main characters, must arrive at school with "blush", lipstick and coloured eye shadow already applied.

The parents are welcome to enjoy a glass of sherry in the staff room and be seated at 17:50 so that we can start promptly at 18:00.

(The performance for the school will be on Monday 31 May at 11:00 or those who can not make the evening show).

See you there!

P McCreedy
(Producer)