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## WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

Where did the term go? We have managed to fit all the regular activities into this shortened period. The pupils, teachers and the parents have all absorbed the pressure wonderfully. We have concluded all the inter school fixtures and we will end the season with inter house netball and soccer fixtures on Tuesday next week. The World Cup Soccer theme will continue into next week as well. The hype is growing and there has been lots of talk (and emails) about looking after your children during the World Cup. I think common sense should prevail and you should look after your children as you normally would. This will be a massive spectacle with large crowds of people in and around the stadiums and fan parks. Be prepared to wait a little in queues and accompany your children (as you would), but do not let that detract from the fun and enjoyment the feast of soccer should deliver.

The Uplands Festival was a huge success despite the inclement weather on Sunday. Thank you to PTA and all the parents that gave of their time this past weekend. Well done to Tracey Russell and her team for putting on a great festival. The College also had a very successful sporting weekend against Penryn College. I have certainly never seen so many cars in this campus before.

Please be more vigilant on the road into the campus and slow down. Some of the plantations are bare and this makes the resident Duikers even more jittery and they are prone to running across the road. The road will also be upgraded this holiday so please note that access to the school will be via the South Gate from the 10 June to the 12 July.

The grade 4 and 5 classes put on a wonderful performance in Samson- the Musical this past week. Well done to all the children for their outstanding singing and acting. A special mention must go to Mrs Pat McCreedy for her patience and the time put into this musical.

We wish our 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey team well as they tour Kwazulu Natal for the next few days. This is a fantastic way to learn more about our country meet new people and play hockey against different teams.

The reports will be available from the class teachers next Wednesday at 12h00 as we break up for the winter holiday. The senior prep academic badge ceremony will take place in the hall at 11h00.

**Green Tip of the Week:** Big events like a birth or a wedding deserve to be celebrated. Why not mark a happy occasion by planting a tree? It will grow with your family and soak up CO<sub>2</sub> as the years go by helping to ensure the climate stays healthy while providing a leafy, lasting home for wildlife. (Friends of the Earth)

Have a restful weekend and a wonderful holiday!

**Kind regards,  
Dave Ernstzen**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Liané Meyer 07/06, Khwezi Gwala 08/06, Lwande Phenyane 08/06, Erin Haylle-Dick 12/06, Kyle Klesse 12/06, Mieke Hansmeyer 12/06, Tiree Conochie 13/06, Joshua Black 15/06, Rahul Mothilal 15/06, Lerato Thejane 18/06, Bheki Dlamini 19/06, Juwairiyah Peer 20/06, Heimer Schüler 21/06, Erica Bidwell 21/06, Jessica Loudon 22/06, Landau van Rooyen 22/06, Matthew Prior 25/06, Adam Rogers 26/06, Lisha Mitchell 26/06, Ozayr Karodia 26/06, Kiran Coetzee 26/06, Andreas Kuhn 28/06, Nicole Shuttleworth 28/06, Penny Wolhuter 29/06, Kirsty Shuttleworth 30/06, Mark Botha 02/07, Skye Davies 02/07, Joshua San Giorgio 03/07, Fourie van Rhyn 04/07, Imran Omar 04/07, Nhlanhla Dlamini 05/07, Noluthando Nkosi 06/07, Aidan Siu 06/07, Daegan Oosthuizen 07/07, Tayla Nortje 08/07, Connor McFadyen 08/07, Milan Venter 09/07, Mayara Miquidade 09/07, Jeanne Hansmeyer 13/07, Jonathan Dalais 14/07, Airin Scorgie 16/07, Sarah Frost 16/07, Joshua Birch 17/07, Hans Swartz 18/07, **Staff:** Lynette Carlisle 10/06, Cristelle Otto 19/06, Susan Stratford 20/06, Kathy Vincent 22/06, Aggie De Aguiar 25/06, Annie Oosthuizen 28/06, Carlisle Steele 06/07, Tracy van den Heever 07/07, Estella Muller 09/07, George Jones 12/07, **Board:** Aaron Chituta 15/06, Eric van Dyk 25/06, Bruce James 17/07, Austin Clarke 18/07

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

The **Uplands Festival Committee** wishes to thank all parents who were involved with the festival this weekend. It was very well attended and the turnover should be better despite the dismal weather on Sunday.

The feedback has been amazing!

## Individual achievements

### SHOTOKAN KARATE-DO

**Aden Haussmann**

received a Certificate of Merit and was successfully graded to Blue II

### MOUNTAIN BIKE RACING – Das Auto MTB Race

**MURRAY JAMES**

1<sup>st</sup> overall boy

**SAFFRON VOSLOO**

1<sup>st</sup> overall girl

### UPLANDS FESTIVAL HORSE SHOW

**SARA ARCHDEACON**

received a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 50 cm category

Congratulations everyone!

## News from the Sports Desk

I am sure some parents are slightly over the build up to the 2010 World Cup. Here at Uplands, we have decided to dedicate the whole week to the World Cup build up. We started yesterday with the "Fly a Flag day and today being Football Friday dress up.

On Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> (next week), we are going to spend the majority of the day with World Cup fun. There are plenty of surprises in store for the children that attend. From Gr 0 through to Grade 7, all the children will take part in a SOCCERTHON. I do not want let too much out of the bag but I can tell you that Mr. Sinclair is prepared to get some gloves on!

Uplands has bought some unique equipment for this day and will be charging R5 per child to cover some costs for the day.

As the Netball, Soccer and Rugby season has drawn to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their continuous support of the children. Whether it be in transporting children all over the Lowveld or supporting them on the side lines, it is truly appreciated. I know for a fact that my 1<sup>st</sup> XI soccer boys perform so much better when their parents have been on the side line.

I would like to thank Mr. Nigel Cruse for organising our wonderful water bottles that our 1<sup>st</sup> Teams are enjoying.

Next term we move into Hockey for boys and girls. Cricket for the boys and a day of Girls soccer and MTB for the girls. It is very important for our children to have the right equipment for the various disciplines. If your child partakes in hockey he/she would need their own hockey stick. Boys are encouraged to have their own cricket equipment so that they get used to it. The school does have equipment, but it is not guaranteed to be the same week and week out. Safety is our number one priority out on the fields. I would strongly recommend that your child plays hockey with a gum guard.

I would like to wish our 1<sup>st</sup> XI hockey girls well as they depart on there annual tour today. This year they will play against Treverton Prep, Crawford College, Clifton Nottingham Road and Clifton Laddsworth. Safe travels girls.

Enjoy your time with your children over this long break and please expose them to the Fifa World Cup if and when you can!

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

## Speech and Drama Eisteddfod

The Speech and Drama Eisteddfod is from 30 August to 4 September. I have been available during breaks to help pupils choose their items.

There will only be about six weeks of school time to prepare.

It is strongly advised that pupils get ready this term, so that they can work on their pieces during the holidays.

I will also be available on Monday 7 June to aid pupils find suitable material, in my classroom from 14:15 to 16:30.

**Sue Kloeck**

## Forthcoming Attractions...

Sat 5 Jun	08:30	Prep Board Meeting
Tues 8 Jun		Soccerthon Day
	14:00	Inter-house Soccer
<b>Wed 9 Jun</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>School closes - End of Term</b>
<b><u>REPORTS CAN BE FETCHED FROM TEACHERS AFTER 12:00</u></b>		
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Mon 12 Jul	14:00	Boarders return
Tue 13 Jul	07:45	School starts

## Uplands Equestrian Centre

We will be holding a holiday pony camp for the first 2 weeks of the holidays. All horse riders are welcome to join us, even children who can't ride and want to learn are encouraged to join.

You can book per day or per week. Mondays to Fridays.

Enquiries: Christine Gauntlett  
083 654 4326

Book in advance as days fill up quickly. Limited Bookings.

## MONKEY APPLE UNIFORM SHOP

Last orders Wednesday 9th June for Uplands cycling tops for the Mpumalanga Schools mountain bike series.

Open	Mon and Wed	07.30 - 09.00	11.00 - 16.30
	Fri	07.30 - 09.00	11.00 - 15.00

**CLOSED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. OPEN THE DAY BEFORE SCHOOL GOES BACK MONDAY 12TH JULY**

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## NEW VENUE – NEW DAY

### MOMS IN TOUCH

#### *Psalm 16:8-9 (New Living Translation)*

*I know the LORD is always with me.  
I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me.  
No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.  
My body rests in safety*

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