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WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

Welcome back for term three and I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday with your families. It is always exciting to hear about the holidays from the children as they tell me about exotic destinations that they visited. What is remarkable was how many children attended World Cup games. Well done to all the parents for getting your children to the games. It was a show case for South Africa and long may the unified spirit prevail. I am also glad to see the flags and window socks have remained on so many cars! It was a pity that our team did not make the last 16 but we found ourselves in good company as many other 'strong' teams also exited the competition. We were however treated to some world class games.

The entrance road is now complete and thank you for your patience during the closure. The Webster House road was also paved during the holidays adding to the aesthetics of the school and will hopefully alleviate some of the congestion. I remind you please to be patient as you drive and not to park in front of the 'big tree'.

Many of our boys were involved in a cricket festival in the last week of the holiday. The U13 side won 4 of the 5 games and the U11s won 2 of the 5. Well done to Bevan Carlse who was awarded the Best U13 Bowler Trophy. We look forward to an exciting cricket season this year as we have been able to secure far more fixtures.

Congratulations to Aidan Mailey (grade 6) who has been selected to represent South Africa for tennis at U12 level. She will be playing in an international tournament in South Korea in August and we wish her well on her fantastic achievement.

Mrs Alison Emery is away on long leave this term and we welcome Mrs Bev Rau as her replacement for the term. Joshua Snyman has also joined us as 'gap' student and he will be assisting with coaching and hostel duties. We congratulate Gavin and Mary Sinclair on the imminent marriage of their son in the UK and wish them well as they travel off to spend some pounds today.

The Mountain Bike series starts this Saturday here at Uplands. We are the defending champions and I am sure that our children will enjoy this event again this year. Registration starts at 12h00 and helmets must be worn.

A very happy and blessed birthday to Nelson "Madiba" Mandela for this Sunday!

Green Tip of the Week: Wash out empty plastic ice cream cartons and use them as lunchboxes or to store food in the fridge. They're also ideal for storing all sorts of things around the house, shed or garage - such as batteries, nails and screws, small toys, make up, pencils, and all those little bits and pieces that normally end up as clutter. (Friends of the Earth)

Have a great weekend!

**Kind regards,
Dave Ernstzen**

Welcome back to the third term everyone!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Siana Garrido-Mirapeix 19/07, Dino Roux 21/07, Jacques Rabe 21/07, Carlo Siebel 22/07, Alton Theron 23/07, **Staff:** Gillian Scorgie 20/07, Marlé Faul 22/07

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

Individual achievements

Carried over from 2nd term:

HORSERIDING

TYNEALE TERRY

Two 1st places in 70cm jumping and dressage and two 2nd places in dressage on her pony Madam Mouse

IMVELO MOUNTAIN BIKE CLASSIC 22KM RACE - SWAZILAND

MURRAY JAMES

KIRSTY SHUTTLEWORTH

1st place overall
completed the race

SA GYMNASTICS FEDERATION

AMANI OMAR

took part in the SA Gymnastics Federation North Zone's Challenge and was awarded a Bronze medal for the over all position and a Gold medal for her floor routine

Congratulations everyone!

Junior cricket clinics on Friday afternoons, grade 0 to grade 3
R50 per session

Please contact Roger or Ryan McCarthy on
079 046 7669 or 084 476 4424

Important Information

Grade 4 and 5 pupils, who are fetched after extra-murals, have to be collected from the Prep Hall, if collected between 15h30 and 16h30. Waiting at the parking lot near the library is not allowed during the second session.

Climbing your own Everest” Spellathon Week

I am sure that you will all agree that being a good speller has always been advantageous! On Monday of next week all the pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 7 will be given lists of words to learn and know by Friday when they will be tested. This is to motivate everyone to reach their own Everest in terms of spelling.

The results of **this** spelling test will be used to raise money for Sibusiso Vilane to help him finance the publication of his book on his recent expedition to the South Pole. (You can sponsor your children for each word that they get correct or you can give a donation to help this cause. All money must please be collected and handed in to the class teachers by Wednesday, 21 July.)

Vilane has achieved much in his life. He has been to Uplands Prep on three occasions to talk and motivate our pupils. He has spoken about his summits of Everest from the South and North sides, his Seven Summits of the highest mountains in every continent, as well as his extreme adventure trek of 1100 kilometres, unassisted and unsupported, to the South Pole.

For each of his achievements, he has raised money unselfishly for various charities and organisations. Last year he ran the Comrades’ Marathon to raise money for the Starfish Foundation. This year he completed this gruelling race, trying to raise money to raise funds for his new book soon to be published.

In our small way the members of the Uplands family will help a fellow member of our Mbombela community for this goal.

I would like to end with the words of Vilane himself, “Always strive for the best, and be the best by giving it all you have got!” We aim to use his infectious enthusiasm to improve our spelling here at Uplands.

Sue Kloeck (HOD English)

A warm welcome to Darian van der Vyver and her family to Uplands. Darian joins grade 5E and the boarding hostel.

We hope you will be happy here!

Forthcoming Attractions...

Fri 16 Jul	07:45	Holy Communion
Sat 17 Jul	12:00	MPU Schools Mountain Bike Series at Uplands
Mon 19 Jul		"Climbing you own Everest" Spellathon
	14:00	Cricket: U10B vs U11B (H), U12B vs U13B
Tues 20 Jul		Group assessment: English
	14:00	Cricket vs NPS U10A, U11A (H)
	18:00	PTA meeting
Thurs 22 Jul	14:00	Cricket vs NPS U12A (H), 1st XI (A)

Term Dates for 2011

First Term	12 January to 18 March
Second Term	5 April to 1 July <u>Exeat Weekends:</u> Close 21 April and open 3 May Close 15 June and open 20 June
Third Term	26 July to 23 September Public holiday 9 August
Fourth Term	11 October to 7 December

There are still a few plates, kitchen cloths and cake tins not collected from the Uplands Festival cake donations towards the tea garden. Should you be missing a container, please come and check from the front office.

MOMS IN TOUCH

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

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@ishica.com for further details.