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WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

The Storm

A friend of mine has an adorable four year old daughter. She is bright, and she is talkative. If try-outs were being held for a modern-day Shirley Temple, I think she would win, hands down.

One night there was a violent thunderstorm. The lightning lashed and thunder rumbled- it was one of those terrifying storms that forces everyone to stop and tremble a bit. My friend ran upstairs to his daughter's bedroom to see if she was frightened and to assure her that everything would be all right. He got to her room and found her standing on the window sill, spread-eagled against the glass. When he shouted, "What are you doing?" she turned away from the flashing lightning and happily retorted, "I think God is trying to take my picture."

(Tony Campolo: 20 Hot Potatoes)

Well this is exactly the kind of confidence we breed into our children here at Uplands. It is not failure that we fear, but rather a failure not to try. This week we had an astonishing amount of pupils progress to the final round of the spelling competition after achieving excellent results in the "spellathon". The finals take place today and the winners will be announced next week. The grade 6s wrote the IEB Core Skills (bench marking) Test on Thursday and these results will be made available later in the year. Our pupils have always fared well in this assessment and we are able to rate our performance against Independent School averages.

The grade 00s were in for a treat this week when the "Fire Truck" arrived just outside their class on Wednesday. All the modern workings of the fire engine were explained in detail and they had a turn to hold (and spray) the hose! Thanks to Mr Greg Fouché for giving the children a magical experience. Mini Cricket will take place today at Uplands and this is always a fun filled afternoon. The first hockey festival will take place in Lydenburg on Saturday and we wish all our teams' best wishes. The second in the Mountain Bike series will take place on Saturday at Penryn and we have a healthy lead on the points table at this stage.

Next weekend we will close at 12h00 for the National Women's Day Exeat weekend and normal school will resume on Tuesday 10 August. More about women and all their wonderful virtues next week!

Green Tip of the Week: Near the end of a bottle of wine but don't fancy finishing it? Pour into an ice cube tray and put it in the freezer (red or white wine is fine). Then add a cube or two when you next cook pasta sauce, gravy, soup, risotto etc for a bit of extra flavour. (Friends of the Earth)

Have a great weekend!

**Kind regards,
Dave Ernstzen**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

William Jackson 02/08, Luke Bray 03/08, Adrienne Southern 04/08, Ashley Jones 04/08, Giovanni Martini 04/08, Gabriel Zietsman 07/08, Ryan Clarke 07/08, Joel Kempthorne 08/08, Kiara Nel 08/08, **Staff:** Lorraine Kirk 05/08, Brett Greensill 05/08

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

Individual achievements

GOLF

LOUISE TOMBS

entered the mixed under 13 Mpumalanga Junior Golf Academy 18 hole held at Nelspruit came third from 18 entries.

MTN X-COUNTRY MOUNTAIN MIKE SA CHAMPIONS

SAFFRON VOSLOO

won the SA Champs in the Sprogs division. 1st overall in her age group on 17 July in Pretoria. She is also the national champion

Congratulations girls!

Dear Parents

MySchool Cards

A big thank you to all who continue to use their MySchool cards at various retail shops countrywide. This month, we raised R1 459.15 compared to R1 366.43 last month. The money goes towards our out-reach projects at The Uplands Institute. Every time you swipe your card before you make a payment at the retail outlets displaying the "MySchool" sign, the outlet donates a portion of that transaction to our school.

To those parents without a card, please come into the front office and collect an application form from Lynette Carlisle, or visit the MySchool website, www.myschool.co.za to download one. If you would like the school to email you a form, we can do that too.

To those parents with MySchool cards, please remember to look out for the MySchool signage at pay points and keep SWIPING!

News from the Sports Desk...

The past week saw the U12 cricket boys get their season underway. The boys were up against a very strong and talented team from Nelspruit Primary.

Uplands lost the toss and were sent into field first. Our open bowlers did a sterling job in creating pressure upfront with NSP only managing to score 35 runs from the 12 overs. However NSP only lost 1 wicket in this spell and had some big hitters batting 4 and 5. NSP scored 155 runs in the allotted overs. Top bowlers were; Hans Swartz - 1 for 7 in 6 and Daegan Oosthuizen 4 for 9 in 2. Daegan was unlucky not to pick a 5 wicket haul with 2 drop catches in his 2 overs.

Uplands then went into bat and totally collapsed. Justin Smith was top scorer with 12 runs. Justin was also fantastic in the field and thus picked up the man of the match award. **Lots of hard work to be done U12 boys!**

Unfortunately the 1st XI game was cancelled due to a wet pitch last week.

Tuesday the 20th in assembly saw the capping ceremony of the 1st XI Cricket boys. Congratulations to the following on receiving their 1st XI Caps:

C. Murray © W/K
R. Calmeyer
J. Rogers
D. Eaton
A. Mullin
M. Prior
B. Carlse
O. Karodia
D. Hare
A. Kuhn
G. Botha

Ryan McCarthy
HOD Sports

MOMS IN TOUCH

Romans 5:8 (New Living Translation)

" But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

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.

Forthcoming Attractions...

Fri 30 July	07:45	Holy Communion
	14:00	Mini Cricket Festival Gr 1 and 2 (H)
Sat 31 July	08:00	Hockey Festival at Lydenburg
	12:00	MPU Schools Mountain Bike Series at Penryn
Mon 2 Aug	14:00	Cricket vs St Peters U12B (H)
	14:00	Cricket vs Laerskool Nelspruit U11B (H), U13B (A)
Tues 3 Aug		Group assessment: Maths
	14:00	Cricket vs White River U10A (H), U11A (A)
Wed 4 Aug	14:00	Cricket vs Barberton U9A (A)
		U9B (H) vs <u>White River</u> - cancelled
		Hockey Trials U12 and U13 Boys (H)
Fri 6 Aug	07:45	Holy Communion
	12:00	School ends at 12 - Exeat weekend
Mon 9 Aug		Public Holiday - National Women's Day
Tues 10 Aug	07:45	School starts

TO OUR INTREPID MOUNTAINEERS, PETE WARRENER, DAN PEOPLES,
QUINTON COETZEE AND CECIL CORRINGHAM.

GO GUYS! YOU ROCK!

WITH ALL BEST WISHES FROM THE UPLANDS OUTREACH TEAM

It's that time of year again, and Uplands College is pleased to present the new musical **RISE OF THE SUPERHEROES!** The story takes place in a land where there are no ordinary people, only superheroes. One boy, however, has no powers, so he sets out on a quest to discover his powers, with the assistance of a variety of interesting and original superheroes – the Cats, the Impis, the Drummers, and some other interesting characters... As with all good stories there is of course a villain and our budding Superhero uses his love of music as a weapon against this eccentric character.

There will be a special matinee performance on Wednesday 11th August at 2pm (show starts 2.30pm), to which our local elderly community will be invited. Parents are also welcome to bring along **pre-school children**, and a tea will be served. There will be **no charge** for this performance.

There will be 3 evening performances. The details are as follows:

Thursday 12th August – 6.30 pm

Friday 13th August – 6.30 pm

Tickets: R50 each (R30 for kids under 12)

Final Performance with *Gala Dinner – Saturday 14th August 6.30pm for 7pm

Tickets will be available from Uplands Prep and College school offices

from Tuesday 3rd August.

**tickets for Gala Dinner – please contact Andrea 072-2031501 or email uplands.pta@gmail.com*

The show is appropriate for all ages. Drinks, snacks and confectionary will be available from the PTA tuck shop and bar. These performances are always great fun to attend, so please bring the whole family along!