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WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

Spring is in the air and September is here! Today we celebrate both Arbor Day and Casual Day in civvies. The proceeds from the Casual Day stickers will go to the Lowveld Association with People with Disabilities. Mrs Bessie Pienaar entertained the school in her wheel chair at Tuesday's assembly. Her message was simple and clear with reminders like not parking in a disabled parking space. It was wonderful to hear her talk about her life and how she overcomes obstacles. The children gained an appreciation of their own mobility.

We will have a tree planting ceremony as well today as we celebrate Arbor Day with Mrs Greenbody. The importance of trees and carbon dioxide was been the theme this week. This is a keystone of environmental education as we face an uncertain climate future. Thank you to Charles and Alice De Beer for their kind donation of trees this year!

Congratulations to the U11 cricket team for winning the tournament in Middleburg last weekend. They also walked off with the trophies for best bowler (Aidan Viljoen) and best batsman (James Macgregor). The speech and drama Eisteddfod has also been a great success and so many of our children have learnt an enormous amount of confidence by being on stage. The choirs and marimba band performed with the College choir on Monday. Well done to all the pupils and staff for a fantastic performance. The choir will be on stage again next week Wednesday at the Annual Combined Choir festival hosted at Penryn.

Unfortunately the hockey festival had to be cancelled due to local schools withdrawing for various reasons. There is however an exciting weekend lined up for the mountain biking children at Mankele. This is the final in the series and our children have an incredible lead going into the final event. I know that they will not rest on their laurels and I expect to see more great performances in the saddle. There are also local cricket trials on Saturday for our boys to show their mettle. Best wishes to all those involved this weekend.

Aidan Mailey returned from South Korea this week bearing some silver ware. Aidan and her doubles partner came third in the tournament and they were the only South Africans to bring home a trophy. Her friends were very excited to see her again and congratulations on an excellent achievement.

Next week Thursday the grade 5 group will embark on their Island Day experience. I hope this does not mark the start of the rainy season. The children love this event and the excitement is already palpable. The grade 6 group will host their market day next Friday and plans are set for all the budding entrepreneurs to learn about running a small business.

Green fact of the week: The world's water cycle has accelerated. Research from the American Journal of Climate confirms that surface warming (oceans) over the past 50 years has penetrated into the ocean's interior, changing deep ocean salinity levels. This results in dry regions becoming drier and wet regions becoming wetter.

Have an exciting weekend.

**Kind regards,
Dave Ernstzen**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Alexander Garrido-Mirapeix 06/09, Febe Tobing 08/09, Lien Vanderstraeten 09/09, Ameerah Omar 09/09, Kayla Bray 09/09, Sebastiaan van Niekerk 12/09, **Staff:** Josh Snyman 01/09, Ann Fryer 10/09

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

SWIMMING

ANTON VAN DYK

won 1 gold and set a new record in 50m free style, 3 silver medals at the Small Provinces Inter-Provincial Swimming Gala held on Saturday 28th August in Germiston.

KARATE

ADEN HAUSSMANN

won 1 silver medal for KATA and 1 silver medal for Kumite at the Karate Regional Championship in Johannesburg

CRICKET

U11 Boys

won the tournament in the Middleburg 10 / 10 this past weekend.

Jamie Macgregor

won Best Batsman

Aidan Viljoen

won Best Bowler. He got a hat-trick in his first over.

Congratulations Everyone!

JOHANNESBURG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

NELSPRUIT THEATRE

BE SEATED BY 09:30

NO CHARGE

All pupils are invited to attend a rehearsal of the Allegro choir together with the Johannesburg Philharmonic orchestra. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to observe and listen to one of South Africa's top orchestras. All pupils attending must be accompanied by an adult please.

For queries: Lorraine 0826892707

News from the Sports Desk...

Ehlanzeni Hockey championships.

Congratulations to the U11 hockey girls as well as the U11 and U12 hockey boys who won the Ehlanzeni play offs and have made it through to the Mpumalanga play offs.

As there is no hockey league in the Lowveld, festival days are held throughout the term and one afternoon where all the Ehlanzeni teams of a certain age group get together and have a “play off day”. It is a strange way of finding a winner; this decision was taken a few years back by the headmasters of the government schools in the area.

These girls and boys will be travelling to Middleburg on the 18th of September for the MP quarter finals and if they make it through they will have to travel to Volksrust on the 9th of October for the semi-finals and finals. We wish these children the best of luck and we all know that you will be flying the Uplands flag high!

Ryan McCarthy
Sports Co-ordinator

Uplands 1st Team Cricket Boys
invite you to join them for the screening of
“Letters to Juliet”
at the Casterbridge Cinema

Date: 9 September 2010

Time: 6pm

Cost: R100 per person including cheese and wine
Cash bar will be available.

Tickets on sale in the Prep’s front office

Hope to see you there!

Proceeds go towards the forthcoming Cricket Tour to KZN

Forthcoming Attractions...

Sat 4 Sept	08:30	Prep Board meeting
	12:00	MPU Schools Mountain Bike Series at Mankele
Mon 6 Sept	14:00	Sports Coordinators' meeting at Flamboyant
	14:00	Cricket vs Barberton U11A (H) , 1st XI (A)
Tues 7 Sept		Group assessment: Geography
	14:00	Cricket vs Bergland U10A (H) , U11A (A)
Wed 8 Sept	14:00	Cricket vs Bergland U9A (A) , vs Laerskool Laeveld U9B (H)
	16:00	1st XI Prim 12 at Laerskool Nelspruit
	17:00	Combined Choir Festival at Penryn
Thurs 9 Sept		Grade 5 Island Day
		Gr 6 Market Day
	14:00	Cricket vs Bergland U12A (A) , 1st XI (H)
Fri 10 Sept	07:45	Holy Communion
	14:00	Mini Cricket Festival Gr 1 and Gr 2 at Penryn

MESSAGE FROM SIBUSISO VILANE

"I just want to say that I am very humbled and I am very grateful indeed for the huge sum of money you raised to help me publish my book. Thank you Uplands young Heroes and Heroines for doing this for me. Thank you for your support".

MOMS IN TOUCH

Habbakuk 3:18,19a (NIV)

"yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.
The Sovereign LORD is my strength; "

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@isfrica.com for further details.