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WEEKLY NEWS

Dear Parents, girls and boys

"Tis the season to be jolly..." and thus we bring the year to an end. The children at Uplands have obviously been very good this year because Father Christmas has visited the campus twice in a week! The last visit was at the Wooden School concert and the children performed delightfully to a full house. I must add that the angels were beautifully adorned in white dresses with wings.

Well done to the Fuller House for winning the Inter House Gala this week. On Tuesday they emerged as the overall winners after the Junior Gala. Has the long domination by Ogilvie come to end? There were also a number of new records set at both galas. Well done to all the participants and the swimming coaches for their effort.

A number of staff will be departing at the end of the year. The details will be published by the Headmaster next week, suffice to say that they are all leaving for very sound reasons. While it is sad to say goodbye, we wish them well on their new adventures and hope that Uplands occupies a special place in their hearts. Thank you to all the staff for a wonderful year that has required many hours of dedication and commitment.

This evening Uplands will host the annual Leavers' Dinner, one of the highlights of the year for the grade sevens. Having just dotted the I's and crossed the T's in their exams today we say goodbye to a special group of pupils. Thank you to all the grade 6 mums and dads for their help in organising the dinner- as you know all the hard work goes in well before the dinner. Well done to Mrs Annelize Van Rooyen and Mrs Marina Hassenkamp and their committee for arranging the dinner down to the very last detail.

Next week there is a host of fun and formal activities so please ensure that your children attend school as normal. On Wednesday the Junior Prize Giving will start at 8h00 and the Senior Prize Giving at 10h00.

Pupils depart for their summer holiday thereafter. The reports will be available for collection from the front office on Friday at 9h00.

On a lighter note

A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. 'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked.

'Well, I can think of one thing,' the cowboy offered.

'On a trip to the Black Hill in South Dakota, I came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman. I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So, I approached the largest and most tattooed biker and smacked him in the face, kicked his bike over, ripped out his nose ring, and threw it on the ground. I yelled, 'Now, back off or I'll kick the daylight out of all of you!' St. Peter was impressed, 'When did this happen?' he asked.

'Couple of minutes ago,' the cowboy replied.

Green Tip of the week: Enjoy the November/ December seasonal fruits that include: apricots, avos, boysenberries, cherries, grapes, guavas, litches, loganberries, mangoes, melons, nectarines, paw-paws, peaches, pineapples, plums, raspberries, spanspeck and watermelons. Anything else is probably imported!

Have great weekend.

**Kind regards,
Dave Ernstzen**

To our dear Uplands Family,

We would just like to thank you for all the wonderful love and support you have given to us during this difficult time. We appreciate you keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Love from

Hugh, Heather, Katie and Amy

Individual Achievements

SWIMMING

Savannah Hooker

2nd in butterfly at the Impala Swimming Club gala

CYCLING

Murray James

completed the 94.7 Cycle Race in Johannesburg in an astonishing time of 4hrs 09!

MPUMALANGA HOCKEY

U13 training squad

Bevan Carlse, Andreas Kuhn, Daegan Oosthuizen, Aidan Mailey

U12 training squad

Tamzyn Emery, James Macgregor and Greg Spear

GYMNASTICS

Amani Omar

awarded the trophy for best achiever for gymnastics in 2010, for levels 1 – 3 in Mpumalanga.

Robert Ferreira

2nd in his gymnastic competition

Congratulations everyone!

Invitation to Prize Giving
on Wednesday 1 December 2010
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Junior Prize Giving at 08:00
(children may go home thereafter)

Senior Prize Giving at 10:00

All welcome!

School closes at 12noon

**This is our last newsletter of the year
so we take this opportunity to wish you all a
WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY....

Jayne Eaton 29/11, Michael Davis 30/11, Jordan Nader 02/12, Joshua Murray 02/12, Carla de Kock 02/12, Kyle van Zyl 03/12, Keegan Coetzee 04/12, Nicholas La Grange 05/12, Thabang Mnisi 05/12, Eden Izeboud 06/12, Macayle Visagie 06/12, Marié Pienaar 06/12, Justin Smith 07/12, Hugo Schüller 08/12, Nicholas Chantler 10/12, Rose Mutanda 11/12, Aman Minty 11/12, Danyal Minty 11/12, Mudathir Cassim 12/12, Jazmyynn Eksteen 12/12, Gabi Gerber-Manning 12/12, Jamie Viljoen 13/12, Claire Zhakata 13/12, Ellené Gower 14/12, Jade Bakker 15/12, Katherine Prior 17/12, Luke Hassenkamp 17/12, Savannah Hooker 18/12, Joshua Siu 20/12, Max Östlind 21/12, Louise Tombs 21/12, Adam Maguire 23/12, Pakiso Setunku 24/12, Joseph Mathebula 24/12, Bongwiwe Khoza 24/12, Jenna Rankin 24/12, Chantelle Mlangeni 26/12, Julie Brotherton 29/12, Dylan Smart 30/12, Oliver Gauntlett 31/12, **Staff:** Liesa Korb 30/11, Carol Frankle 02/12, Nita Lombard 10/12, Beulah Gous 12/12, Sharonn Allmark 24/12, Mandy de Villiers 31/12, **Board:** Ray Carlse 15/12, Muntu Silinda 26/12

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!

News from the Sports Desk...

As this is the last newsletter for the year, it is only right to say THANK VERY MUCH YOU TO ALL PARENTS!

To all parents that helped the sports department in some way A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU!

You supported your children in an outstanding way. Taking time off work to transport your children all the Lowveld has made my job so much easier. All of the hours that you have spent sitting on cold, wet, muddy and 'yucky' surfaces has really made a difference to your children's performance. From the heat of Skukuza to the overcast galas - this has not deterred you from supporting your child.

Thank you all once again. Enjoy the time you now have to spend with your child. I look forward your support early next year again.

Ryan McCarthy
Sports Coordinator

MOMS IN TOUCH

ISAIAH 9:6 (NIV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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@ialrica.com for further details.

Forthcoming Attractions...

Fri 26 Nov	18:30	Grade 7 Leavers' Dinner in the school Hall
Mon 29 Nov	13:00	Swimming Gala at Laerskool Nelspruit
Tues 30 Nov	18:00	Boarders' Christmas Party
Wed 1 Dec	08:00	Junior Prize Giving Assembly (pupils may leave afterwards)
	10:00	Senior Prize Giving Assembly (pupils depart)
Thurs 2 Dec		Staff admin
Fri 3 Dec	09:00 - 12:00	Reports collected at Webster House Staff admin Close at 12noon for Summer Holidays

Reports not collected by 12:00 will be posted

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Mon 10 Jan	09:30	Wooden School Orientation
Wed 12 Jan	07:45	Schools starts
	14:00	Parents meeting in the school hall

New Records set at UPS Inter-house Gala.

Name	OR	NR	Event
E. Edmondson	30.59	28.28	U7 Breastroke
B. Pienaar	27.36	26.88	U7 Breastroke
L. Siebel	22.48	20.78	U7 Freestyle
B. Pienaar	20.39	19.54	U7 Freestyle
U7 Girls Fuller	1.48.05	1.38.95	U7 4 x 25 Relay
U7 Boys Webb	1.42.01	1.40.25	U7 4 x 25 Relay
U9 Girls Ogilvie	1.25.62	1.25.45	U9 4 X 25 Relay
A. Rood	1.19.12	1.13.64	100m Free
A. van Dyk	1.15.21	1.13.16	100m Free
A. Smart	1.12.08	1.11.98	100m Free
A. Rood	1.28.14	1.26.55	100m IM
M. Bam	41.74	40.99	50m Back
A. van Dyk	41.55	37.72	50m Back
A. Rood	39.19	39.03	50m Back
D. van Rooyan	37.44	37.29	50m Back
D. Eaton	34.51	34.46	50m Back
A. van Dyk	46.84	45	50m Breast
A. Smart	43.32	42.05	50m Breast
A. van Dyk	43.26	41.81	50m Fly
A. van Dyk	34.57	33.05	50m Free
A. Rood	36.06	34.86	50m Free
D. van Rooyan	32.47	31	50m Free

Well done to all swimmers!