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Uplands Preparatory School

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WEEKLY NEWS

HEADS UP

2012 has arrived and the weather during the last two days resulted in over 200mm of rain being recorded at the Prep. We received some interesting stories from parents as to how they had to traverse a river to get home (the Rose's for example had to use a dingy to ferry their children to their house).

We trust that everybody is safe and sound now that the sky has cleared.

Welcome back everybody! 2012 is an Olympic year and the staff have many wonderful adventures planned to coincide with this important global event.

We welcome the following staff members to the Prep:

Miss Tamryn Oberholzer who will be teaching Grade two; Mrs Maryke de Wet who is teaching Grade five; Mrs Sue Kloeck has taken over the responsibility in the media centre; Mr Vusi Thabethe who joins us as part of the ISASA Maths and English programme and will be assisting in various capacities at the Prep. We wish you all a fulfilling and rewarding time at the Prep.

Mrs Theresa Schoeman has tendered her resignation from the Music Department and Mr Wayne Liesching will be our locum music teacher in the interim period. Welcome Wayne!

We are presently filling our vacant posts and in the interim period, Mrs Tania Powell will be with us during the first term of the year in the Senior Primary. We are indeed fortunate to be able to acquire the services of experienced staff at short notice. Mr Ernstzen is taking on a larger teaching load during the interim period also to assist in the Senior Primary.

Important date:

Meet the Teacher presentation:

Tuesday 24th January

New Parents cocktail evening:

Thursday 2nd February

We have a number of new pupils who have joined the Prep and we look forward to sharing in their growth and development over the years.

We are delighted with our new homework diaries which have been branded and request pupils to sign the Code of Conduct which is located in the front of the diary. The homework diary serves as an important tool of communication between the teacher, the pupil and our parents.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!

Warm regards

Brett Frost



What have we been Up to...

News from the Pre-Prep & Foundation Phase

Welcome back to school! We hope you and you families have had a wonderful holiday and we wish you all a prosperous and happy 2012.

A reminder that on Tuesday the 24th January at 5.30pm there will be "meet the teacher" get together at school. This is for all the parents who have children in Grades 1-7. It is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and also for the teacher to inform you of certain requirements and happenings that will be taking place throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We have already had our Orientation days for the Pre-Primary Phase (The Wooden School, Grade00 and Grade0) so the parents of these children are not involved in this particular get together.

Kind Regards
Heather Prior

Happy Birthday...

Hannah Guthrie 23/01, Michael Fry 23/01, Michael Esterhuyse 23/01, Princess Chikura 23/01, Liam Brander 25/01, Zama Ngomane 25/01, Radovan Dolezal 26/01, Muzzammil Cassim 26/01, Gregory Spear 26/01, Pierre Naude 27/01, Noah Holland 28/01.

News from the Senior Prep

Welcome back to school for an exciting year of growth that 2012 will bring. There are lots of wonderful things to look forward to this term alone. Please consult the Green calendar carefully to plan your way through the next 10 weeks. This is also a leap year and an Olympic year!

The Grade 7 group will be going on a combined leadership and grade camp early in the second term this year. The 6 and 7 groups have started auditions for the annual play in week nine. This promises to another great opportunity for the pupils to show off their talent on stage.

Unfortunately the weather has delayed the start of the athletics and swimming season- but we will get back on track ahead of the Sports Day on the 4th February.

"Meet the Teacher" will be on Tuesday next week and will provide parents the opportunity to find out all the information regarding your child's new class and grade.

The mobile planetarium will be here on Wednesday morning. This is an extra at a cost of R 15.

The pupils have been issued with a school diary this year. Please assist the teachers by signing your child's diary each day. This will help with communication and ensure the all homework is completed on time.



Green Term Calendar Term 1-week 1

January

Monday	23		Duty Week 7M	
Tuesday	24	07:45	Assembly. Dave Ernstzen	
		17:30	Meet the Teacher Evening	Class Rooms
Wednesday	25	09:00	Mobile Planetarium	Hall
Friday	27	07:45	Holy Communion	
		14:00	MPU Swimming Trials	Nelspruit

Moms in Touch

PSALM 54:4 (NIV)

“Surely God is my help

The LORD is the one who sustains me.”

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 meet every Friday morning from 7.30 - 8.30 at the Pavilion (Prep), 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 Sally Bakken on 0832971660 or by e-mail at sal.bakken@gmail.com for further details.

News from the Sports Desk

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a restful and fulfilling Christmas break and our very best wishes for 2012.

In line with our efforts to maintain our Green Flag status as an Eco School we have decided to *communicate directly to the parents via e-mail for sporting fixture*, thus reducing paper wastage. If your child has been selected to represent the school in a sporting fixture we will e-mail a letter to you giving all details of venue, time, date etc. This will also avoid letters not reaching parents, getting “lost” in school bags and also not receiving replies timeously.

Please reply back to us via e-mail to the Front Office and they will forward the replies to the respective coaches.

This change ensures that the parents are notified. The team list will be posted on the boards but we request that you do inform your child, as many children forget to check the notice board.

We will be putting this into practise this term on a trial basis and any feedback would be appreciated.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact Ryan or Sharonn.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours in sport,

Ryan McCarthy and Sharonn Allmark

New pupils of Uplands
Prep 1st Term 2012



Wooden School

1	Jordin	Abrams	000D
2	Carlos	Aponte	000D
3	Matthew	Ernstzen	000D
4	Minenhle	Gwala	000D
5	Menzi	Khoza	000D
6	Henry	Rossaak	000D
7	Jaden	v.d. Merwe	000D
8	Heath	Viljoen	000D
9	Helen	Combrink	000D
10	Indi	Dalrymple	000D
11	Ziyanda	Dube	000D
12	Alexis	Jones	000D
13	Nthabiseng	Mahlatsi	000D
14	Tobi	Omoyajowo	000D
15	Andrew	Hine	000V
16	Lihle	Hlatshwayo	000V
17	Luke	Johnstone	000V
18	Okuhle	Mabuza	000V
19	Berto	Pieterse	000V
20	Daan	Vanderstraeten	000V
21	Tino	Zhakata	000V
22	Daniella	Chantler	000V
23	Kathryn	la Grange	000V
24	Tebogo	Maepa	000V
25	Morongwa	Modjela	000V
26	Lillian	Pienaar	000V
27	Chloe	Turner	000V
28	Micaela	Baird	000V

Gr 00

1	Sean	Braithwaite	00K
2	Jayden	Marsh	00K
3	Emily	de Villiers	00K
4	Hana	Linck	00K
5	Benjamin	Scorgie	00L
6	Bailey	Gilfillan	00L
7	Wealthy	Nkosi	00L

Gr 0

1	Skumbuzo	Mdhuli	0H
2	Jarad	Mumby	0H
3	Tristan	Walker	0P
4	Sophie	Nijsse	0P

Gr 1

1	Andile	Khoza	1F
2	Lauren	Hulley-Miller	1F
3	Buthulwazi	Buthelezi	1R
4	Lwazi	Silinda	1R
5	Mbuso	Makhubela	1R
6	Nthabi	de Almeida	1R

Gr 2

1	Luke	Gilfillan	2F
2	Smangaliso	Silinda	2F
3	Joshua	Hulley-Miller	2F
4	Isa	Nijsse	2F
5	Evah	Ncongwane	2F
6	Luke	Simaan	2O

Gr 3

1	Dylan	Mumby	3V
2	Bonga	Manana	3V
3	Bonolo	Mona	3V
4	Hala	Linck	3V

Gr 4

1	Joep	Nijsse	4R
2	Milile	Labe	4R
3	Andile	Mabuza	4R
4	Sarah-Jane	Dongo	4R
5	Kreagan	Tapson	4S
6	Selanna	Biggs	4S

Gr 5

1	Bevan	Ferguson	5D
2	Umaimah	Mahomed	5D
3	Jireh	de Almeida	5D
4	Jakob	de Villiers	5E
5	Kyra	Gilfillan	5E
6	Sweetness	Duba	5E

Gr 6

1	Merel	Nijsse	6C
2	Vicki	Mouritzen	6C
3	Kaylee	Prentice	6E

Gr 7

1	Asher	Biggs	7M
2	Nathan	Koen	7M
3	Vanessa	Mabuza	7M