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Cricket: The 1st cricket XI played against Hoërskool General Hertzog from Witbank on Saturday. It was a rather depleted side because most of the matric players requested permission to be excused on Saturday due to a busy exam timetable. Uplands batted first and scored 223/7 in their 50 overs. Joshua Rood batted absolutely magnificently for his 107 runs. Joshua became the second centurion of the season following Neil Brokensha's 125 against Hoërskool Oosterland from Secunda. He was well supported by Rhett Bridgens who scored 50. The two of them were the mainstays of the innings and ensured that we posted a defensible total. General Hertzog went into bat. They lost wickets at regular intervals and finished on 205/8 in their 50 overs. Joshua Rood has really put in a complete performance by taking 3/48 in his 10 overs, Rhett Bridgens took 2/25, Brett Mackay bowled superbly in his first major spell for the 1st XI by finishing with 2/37 in his 10 overs. I must mention, amongst others, the commitment and passion of Damain Carlisle who pulled his hamstring whilst batting, but insisted to bowl his 10 overs of spin taking 1/42. Uplands won by 18 runs and we were delighted with the performance of the youngsters.

Uplands won the toss in the U15A match and sent General Hertzog in to bat. It proved to be the correct decision as we skittled them out for a paltry 115. Gareth Park was the destroyer-in-chief claiming figures of 4 for 6 in 4 overs. He was ably assisted by Keagan du Preez (3 for 29 in 7) and Justin Pyne-James (2 for 30 in 6).

We didn't get off to the greatest starts with the bat and at one stage we were struggling at 6 for 3. But thanks to two magnificent innings by vice captain Cameron Jacobsz (55 not out off 45 balls) and the skipper, Simon Kamstra (32 runs off 27) we managed to chase down their total in the 14th over to seal victory by 6 wickets. Well done to our U15's. They are still undefeated thus far.

The game against Nelspruit U/14C on Tuesday was an extremely close affair. Nelspruit batted first scoring a competitive 102/9 in their allotted 20 overs. The most notable performance on the bowling front was Bradley Kirk with 2/31.

Uplands started badly whilst chasing the necessary runs, whereby our first 3 batsmen did not trouble the score board. Bradley Kirk scored a wonderful 35 and Zwelakhe Sacolo scored a faster than a run a ball 20.

Unfortunately we choked in the last over only needing 3 runs to win, the game finished on a tie. On the whole it was a much improved performance and the boys are getting better and better each week.

Culture Corner: Last week was such a full week on the cultural front that this important notice was left behind. Fortunately it is not too late to still come and support local talent and have a good time in the process. The CASTERBRIDGE MUSIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME is presenting a variety Music & Dance Show on Saturday 4th September at 6.30pm at The Barnyard Theatre, Casterbridge in White River.

This is the second in a series of musical variety shows, aimed at showcasing our local talent. The emphasis is on young musicians, singers and dancers. The Barnyard Theatre is providing a wonderful platform for these performers to show us what they can do! Quite a few of our own students were involved in the first show which was a great success.

The line-up includes:

- Jikelele Dance Company (from Msogwaba)
- The popular Singing Waiters (from Hlau-hlau)
- A selection of young soloists, and bands, from within our community
- Triple S Jazz Band – (from Nelspruit)
- Rhythm Image Dance Studio (from Nelspruit)

Book a table for the family and for the friends, bring your own picnic basket and enjoy an evening of music and fun. Cash bar will be available. Tickets are R50 for adults, R30 for students & children plus you get a 10% discount on a table booking (10 people).

Contact bookings@barnyardlowveld.co.za or call Jo on 083-4948281 / Mike on 082-9215172

Back at school, we had our annual combined music evening with the Prep school on Monday and our pupils, once again, were absolutely fantastic. In fact, it was a good all-round performance by everybody who participated.

We are in the last week of the Eisteddfod which is English Speech and Drama. The results so far look great, but we will summarize them for next weeks' newsletter. 3 of our pupils received awards for their classical instrumental talents. Tsavo Raath received the Junior Piano Trophy and Beth Walker walked away with the high school trophy for 'Other Instruments' (meaning not piano). Eden van der Westhuizen received the Innibos Bursary. Well done to all of you and congratulations! You are really making us proud.

We also received the Art results: they were as follows. PRESTIGE were achieved by Shelley Adams (97%), Celma Costa (96%), Ruby Wilson (95%), Sam Davies (95%) and Maya Da Silva (95%)

Tarryn Craig, Grace Brauteseth, Tsavo Raath, Caitlyn Gibson, Bronwyn Tod, Domenica Pupillo, Megan Cochrane, Emma James, Sam Matthews, Anna Simenova, Lerato Rambau, Kayleen Van Rooyen and Mikaela Erskog all achieved GOLD. Hlompie Chiloane, Willemien Jerling, Tiffany Briggs, Gemma Rawson, Sheila David, Hannah Matthews, Kylie-Anne Granat, Danielle Human and Domenica Pupillo each were awarded a SILVER certificate. BRONZE certificates were awarded to Ross Culverwell, Amy Ernst, Sheila David, Sarah Mitchell, Natalie Carle, Precious Chikura, Megan Nepgen, Grace Brauteseth, Futhi Matsebula, Ewald Esselen, Gabriela Butler, Holly MacLennan, Salma Mohamed and Lauren Erasmus. If you see a name more than once, it means that the student presented more than one piece of art. Well done to all of you! Your efforts were outstanding!

Mountain Biking: Some of our mountain bikers travelled to Cullinan to participate in the Mountain Bike event. Emily Clarke finished 1st in her category and Declan Sidey was 5th in his category. The field was many hundreds strong, so we are right up there with the best of them right now. I have not paid enough tribute to Declan Sidey's achievements this season thus far. It is interesting to note that Declan has finished 2nd at Uplands, 3rd at Penryn and 3rd at Lydenburg. He is most definitely one of our most consistent contributors at the moment. Tomorrow is another big event at Mankele (next to the Sudwala Caves). We wish all our competitors the best of luck.

After Exams:

- The Grade 8 and 9 pupils will continue with the normal compulsory sport and extra-mural programme once they are finished with their exams – they finish on Wednesday.
- Grade 10's join in team practices with other seniors in afternoons where needed, otherwise not compulsory (this is, however, a good opportunity for Grade 10's to catch up on their community service hours).
- No extra-mural activities in the last week of term (teachers busy with reports)

Soccer: Our soccer boys travelled to Hoërskool Lydenburg on Wednesday and both our Team completely annihilated their opponents on the day. Both teams won 6-0. Yesterday, our teams played against Penryn at Penryn. I do not have all the results yet but I do know that our Boys' 1st Team won emphatically 5-1. Well done to our soccer players. I am hoping to give a better account of your performances in next weeks' edition.

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Golf Day

Date: *Sunday 19 September 2010*

Venue: *White River Country Club*

Format: *4 Ball Alliance, Scrambled Drive*


Cost: *R135*



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LONGEST DRIVE - LONGEST DAY.....



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FORTCOMING ATTRACTIONS:

- ☺ **Saturday 4 September:**
 - Cricket: U15A (home) versus Hoërskool Middelburg.
 - The Casterbridge Music Development Programme at 18:30
 - Inter-Schools Mountain Bike Series at Mankele

- ☺ **Sunday 5 September:**
 - Mountain Bike Race at Casterbridge

- ☺ **Monday 6 September:**
 - Sport Advisory Committee meeting at 17:00 in the Chapel Lab
 - Blood donation at Bishop House Common Room starting at 14:00

- ☺ **Tuesday 7 September:**
 - Cricket: U14B vs Hoërskool Rob Ferreira
 - Touch Rugby: Staff vs The Boys

- ☺ **Wednesday 8 September:**
 - Soccer versus Lowveld High (away)
 - Grade 10's back to class

- ☺ **Thursday 9 September:**
 - Grade 8 and 9 pupils back to class

- ☺ **Saturday 4 September:**
 - Cricket: 1st XI versus Hoërskool Ermelo (Home) & U15A versus Ermelo (Away).

I hope you are going to have a super weekend.

George van Rensburg

