



# Chatter



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## DEAR PARENTS

### EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

In education we must prepare our pupils for the challenging and exciting times into which they will be going. We keep abreast of all the changes in education and plan accordingly. There are, however, aspects of education that never change. Young people must have confidence and believe in themselves only then will they feel fulfilled and ready to face any challenges that may come their way.

146 years ago Abraham Lincoln wrote the following letter to his son's headmaster. I often reflect on what he had to say and know that you will find it interesting:

"He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him for every scoundrel there is a hero, that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader... Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend, it will take time, I know, but teach him, if you can, that a dollar-earned is far more value than five found... Teach him to learn to lose... and also to enjoy winning. Steer him away from envy. If you can, teach him the secret of quiet laughter. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest to lick... Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books... but also give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hillside.

In school, teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat... Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him that they are wrong... Teach him to be gentle with people, and tough with the tough. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the band wagon... Teach him to listen to all men...; but teach him to filter all he hears on a screen of truth, and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad... Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at cynics and to beware of too much sweetness. Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidders but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob... and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right.

Treat him gently, but do not coddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient...; let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind."



### THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO:

- **Shreya (7T), Arya (4B) and Sahil (1F) Maharaj** for the donation of puzzles and toys and **Amy (OOR) and Craig (1F) Chapple, Tamia (1G) and Jayden (OOR) Reddy** for the kind donation of shoes and clothes to Blackburn.
- **Sonia Bhagwandas (OOOW)** for the donation of a beautiful big activity cube for the Play Group.
- **Jaden Mc Intyre (OOB)** for the books donated to the Pre School.
- **Milla Di Paolo (OOR), Hannah Van Den Berg (RP), Zeke Moffitt (2B), Jarod Pretorius (RD) and Lara Watts (RC)** for birthday book donations.
- **Joshua Jones and Talia Poupard (OOR)** for puzzle library donations.
- **Benjamin (1Q) and Ethan Florens (4B)** for the donation of videos and books to the library, Aftercare and Blackburn.
- **Gaby Halford (3DI)** a massive THANK YOU to Gaby's dad, **Warren Halford from Everybody's Books**, for the extremely generous donation of books to the Junior Primary Library.
- The **Webber family** for their donations to Blackburn.

### CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO:

**Joshua Isbister (7B) and Perez Vermeulen (4S)** who were selected to represent KZN in **swimming**.

**Ethan Kraus (5B)** who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U10 surfing development trials and has been selected to represent the KZN **surfing** team.

**Perez Vermeulen (4S)** who has been selected to play for the U10 **Baseball** team at the Inter Regional Tournament.

**Sarah Donkin (2F)** who passed her **ballet** exam with Distinction and **Michaela Ehrich (1G)** who passed her **ballet** exam with Merit.

**Adam Patel (RC)** who won a medal and t-shirt for competing in "Mudman Series" **Triathlon race**.

**Travis Misdorp (6P)** who won medals for his **swimming** achievements in the Kloof Mini-Lympics.

**Darian Blair (7T), Rory Allan (7T) and Cullen Waberski (7T)**, who were selected for the U13 **North Durban Cricket Team** and **Cuan Crocker (6P)** who was selected for the Mynahs team.

**OPEN DAY 12 MARCH 10 AM - 12 PM**

**Please pass the word on to family and friends.  
Our PARENTS and CHILDREN remain our BEST  
AMBASSADORS AND MARKETERS!**



## SPORTS

### CRICKET RESULTS

Wednesday 10 February  
**UC vs Crawford La Lucia U13B**  
 CLL – 146/6 UC – 73 all out  
 UC lost by 4 wickets

**U11B** CLL – 118/4 UC – 61/5  
 UC lost by 57 runs

Saturday 13 February  
**UC vs Crawford La Lucia U/10A**  
 CLL – 152/7 (Matt Montgomery 3/20)  
 UC – 73 all out  
 Man of the Match: **Matt Montgomery**

**U11A**  
 CLL – 67/9 (Luke Mayo 3/12. Cameron Webber 2/5)  
 UC – 71/3 (Luke Mayo 33 not out)  
 UC won by 7 wickets  
 Man of the Match: **Luke Mayo**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI**  
 UC – 158/5 (Cuan Crocker 41 not out)  
 CLL – 140/9 (Kimball Klintworth 3/12)  
 UC won by 18 runs  
 Man of the Match: **Cuan Crocker**

Thursday 18 February  
**UC vs Durban North Primary**  
**1<sup>st</sup> XI**  
 UC – 185/7 (Rory Allan 51 not out, Bryce Wigston 31)  
 DNP – 83 all out (Marcello Uys 3/10, Darian Blair 3/33)  
 UC won by 102 runs  
 Man of the Match: **Rory Allan**

**U13B**  
 DNP – 43/9  
 UC – 45/1  
 UC won by 8 wickets

**D & D GALA** – The girls won the 'F' league and the boys came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 'E' league.

**WATER POLO** – The boys played their first social game against Clifton Prep and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The **CHILDREN LIVING WITH DIABETES FOUNDATION** is hosting a fundraiser at The Barnyard Theatre, Gateway on 11 March. Contact Doody Adams on 0833257341 for further details.

**Parents Prayer Group**, Wednesday at 7.30am – if you are interested, from next week parents will meet in the SP Board Room for devotions. All family members are welcome. Requests for prayers may be handed in to Mrs Reid.



2 sibling **kittens** looking for loving homes, contact Kate 0834598121.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

**LADIES NIGHT – 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm JP Hall**  
 Don't forget the Ladies Night supper-theatre style evening with Mary Stewart's "WOMANHOOD". Tickets are selling fast! Contact Leanne Roden on 0824563791 to book your seat.

Apologies for **MySchool** card announcement regarding the number of transactions (not amount) per family. It is not our policy to name parents and will not be published again.

**PA Meeting** Term 2 - 5 May @ 5.30pm.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

Thank you to the **Allan family, Webber family** and the **Gammie** family for the books, puzzles and games. A good response has been received regarding keeping a selection of books in the library from which your child can choose when it is his/her birthday. Just a reminder, if you would like your child to **purchase a birthday book** from the school, R50 must be paid into the schools account with the reference "BB + Child's name/surname" as soon as possible please. Bank details Standard Bank, branch code 042626 account number: 051262703. (No cash accepted for security reasons.)



Thank you, Debbie Wicht

## A CALENDAR REMINDER: MARCH

Thur 04	JP & SP Class & Individual Photos
Fri 05	Pre School Class & Individual Photos
Mon 08	SP Parent Interviews Grades 4 & 5
Tues 09	SP Parent Interviews Grades 6 & 7
Fri 12	OPEN DAY 10am-12pm Champ of Champs Gala & Family Braai
Mon 15	JP Parent Interviews
Tue 16	Hooked on Books

## FIFA

Although it has been reported in the local newspapers that Umhlanga College is an official training ground for the Cameroon team during the World Cup, no contract has yet been signed. Negotiations are taking place and parents will be notified once a decision is reached.

Please note a **STUDENT DATA UPDATE** form will be handed to your child in the near future. Please update your details accordingly and return to the class teacher as soon as you are able. Thank you.

**MARGO REID**