



NEWSLETTER AND UPDATE ON UPPA: SEPTEMBER 2011

Dear Uplands Past Pupils, Past Parents and Friends of Uplands

In November 2010, a considerable group of Uplands Prep Past Pupils met and established the Uplands Past Pupils Association (**UPPA**). An interim Steering Committee was duly elected by the meeting. The need for such an association arose from a number of considerations, being, in brief

- That the past pupils should be able to contribute to the policy formulation and governance of the school to the extent that the past pupils would have a mechanism through which to be custodians of the ethos and culture of the school and its governance;
- To be able to make a meaningful contribution to the school through a bursary fund for children of past pupils and to contribute to infrastructural projects for the school.

Since its inception, considerable progress has been made to fulfill the UPPA vision.

- A constitution has been developed and adopted for UPPA.
- Many meetings have been held with the Boards of the Prep, College and the Joint Schools' Board, as well as with the relevant Headmasters in order to explain and promote the aims of UPPA and to voice concerns raised by the broader Uplands community.
- UPPA is particularly pleased to be able to inform you that the outcome of these deliberations is that UPPA Steering Committee members have been appointed to represent the Association to various Uplands Uplands Boards and Committees, as follows:
 - **Guy More has been duly elected and represents UPPA on the Prep School Board.**
 - **Murrough Davies Webb has been elected and represents UPPA on the Joint School Board.**
 - **James Sheard represents UPPA on the Schools' Governance Committee, and**
 - **Duncan Macgregor represents UPPA on the Committee looking into the matter of boarding facilities at the Prep, which has been a matter of concern for both existing and prospective parents.**

I am also pleased to be able to inform you that the College has aligned to UPPA and UPPA now represents past pupils, past parents and friends of both the Prep and College.

UPPA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION: On a less positive note, our endeavours at recruitment of UPPA membership (is disappointingly slow???)_. An UPPA website has been developed and membership registration is a quick exercise on line. A lifetime membership fee will not make a dent in your pocket and will support the UPPA cause!. The www.uplands.co.za website will give you a direct link to UPPA and registration forms. If we are to grow into a relevant force, we need strong membership. UPPA is one of the custodians of the Uplands tradition and we, as a collective, need to ensure that the tradition and culture we espouse to is upheld and preserved.

I therefore appeal to all those whom this newsletter has reached to ensure that every past pupil, parent or friends of Uplands that you may know have signed up for membership. PAST PUPILS NETWORK: We invite past pupils to send us their newsclips and we will attach them to future newsletters.

This has been a busy nine to ten months for the UPPA Steering Committee that you elected. I believe that we have come through well thanks to the work and dedication of the Steering Committee members. My special thanks go to them.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION DRIVE!!

Best wishes to all past pupils, past parents and friends of UPPA.

Murrough Davies-Webb

Chairperson: UPPA Interim Steering Committee