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Unity College Weekly Newsletter

Download the following documents from our website:

- ❖ [Term plan Term 1](#)
- ❖ [School Calendar 2015 \(UPDATED\)](#)

Junior Swimming Gala at Unity

Get your sunscreen, hats and cameras ready.

The Junior gala will be held on Saturday 7th of February.

Please make sure your budding swimmer is at school by 8:30am on Saturday morning dressed in his / her swimming costume underneath his / her house colour shirt and navy blue shorts.

Should it be raining at 6:30am, the gala will be postponed to a later date.

We look forward to your shrieks of support and may the best house win..... Go Red Bishops!



Welcome

We welcome Latitha Tyantsi and Isabella Maul to the Unity Family. We hope you will have a long and happy stay at our school.

Intermediate & Senior Gala

A wonderful and exciting evening was had by all. The scores were so close this year culminating in an exciting finish.

Congratulations to all our swimmers and huge thanks to Heronbridge for the use of their amazing facility. Thank you to our PTA for all their time and effort in producing the delicious eats and drinks for us all.

Congratulations to the Blue Cranes who swam to victory for the winning house trophy. The Yellow Weavers wowed the crowd with their war cries and carried off the Spirit Trophy.

Congratulations to Lerato Ngcobo and Gabriel Bloem who won the Intermediate Swimming Trophies and to Nina Naegele and Stefan Fourie who won the senior swimming scrolls.

Talk at Unity 20 March 2015

We are delighted to INVITE YOU to an informative talk by Clinical Psychologist Jeanine Lamusse who graduated Cum Laude at the University of Johannesburg when she completed her masters in Clinical Psychology.

[Read more...](#)

Value this week - Respect



Note for Parents

Please advise Debbie in the office of any changes in telephone / cell numbers or email addresses.

Please also advise her of your child's lift scheme name and contact numbers if not using one of the Unity buses.

This information is vital should we need to communicate with parents urgently.

Senior Camp at Konka

Our senior campers are off to Konka Camp in Magaliesberg next week for a four day stay. This is part of our senior life orientation programme and it promotes socialization, independence and leadership.

We are sure our senior learners will have an awesome time and look forward to seeing their photos of the camp.



Remember to drop your empty glass bottles or jars into the bin at Unity.

Unity School Caps

The wearing of these caps is compulsory. By the end of this term, we would like every child in the school to have a cap. The caps will be kept at school in your child's register class. Please order your child's cap through Debbie at the office R55.00.

Aftercare

Aftercare is open daily throughout the term from 13:30 / 14:00 / 15:00 until 17:30.

FEES:

Regular - R1000.00 per month

Casual -R 100.00 per day

Please contact Hazel on 083 755 5968 should you require further information.

Entrance stickers for parent's / lift scheme cars

Please collect your 2015/16 sticker from Debbie. If no sticker is displayed on your car, you will have to sign in with the guard.

The sticker must be placed on the OUTSIDE of your windscreen on the bottom right hand corner (when sitting in the car).

Unity's New School | Progress

Progress at the new campus has moved along even more than when you had the opportunity to view it in November. Mr. Botha is now permanently stationed there and invites all parents to visit and have a personalised tour of the facilities.

[Read more...](#)

Kids News Website

Kids News is a portal site for South African parents, teachers, therapists and others involved with children.

Our website and newsletters will help to keep you up to date on events and workshops - educational and recreational - as well as holiday camps and entertainment, products and services for children, and other ideas to help you in your role as parent.

Register for the newsletter in your area (see left menu) and we will keep you informed. We don't share your email, and you may adjust your subscription

[Read more...](#)

Labelling of Items

A **reminder** to please mark your child's clothing and stationery items, lunch box etc clearly with a permanent marker.

We have a large amount of unmarked clothing which if unclaimed will go to our second hand shop.



School Uniform Orders

School badges are available from Debbie in the office White school badges are to be sewn onto all white school shirts or white golf shirts.

Blue school badges are to be sewn onto all Unity school tracksuits that do not have badges.

The badges cost R25 each.

Tracksuits, sports shirts, school caps and ties should also be ordered through Debbie. She will be placing an order towards the end of this week for sports shirts, tracksuits and caps. Please contact her urgently for orders. She will measure your child for size.

Upcoming Events

Unity Junior Gala at Unity College

Saturday 7 February at 9:00

Senior Camp at Konka

9 - 12 February

Half term

27 Feb - 2 March

Unity sports day

Saturday 14 March at 09h00

Annual general meeting

Monday 16 March at 18:00

PLEASE DIARISE THESE EVENTS

Note from Business Manager

A reminder that school fees are payable in advance on or before the 5th of each month.

A full term's notice is required should your child be leaving Unity College.

Please note Henry's new telephone number (011) 460 0017 or cell 082 801 1918

Unity Bus Routes

We have three bus routes to and from Unity. We have spaces available on each of our routes. (Parktown, North Riding and Midrand)

Please contact Henry on (011) 460 0017 or on his cell 082 801 1918 should you wish to find out more about these routes.

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Individual development planning meetings (idp's)

A personal invitation is extended to all parents to meet the "Unity team" (Principal, HOD, Class teacher and Therapist involved with your child) on an individual family basis.

These are special meetings held twice a year with parents to discuss their child.

For new parents - a full explanation of IDP's will be found in the "pack" given to you.

Your child's teacher will send a copy of your child's IDP home prior to your child's class IDP date.

If, after perusing the IDP, you wish to make an appointment with the team, please phone Debbie or Mads to book your half hour appointment.

Junior Tracey	09 February
Junior Monya	16 February
Junior Vicky	19 February
Intermediate 3, 4 & 5	11 February
Intermediate LO & Int 1, 2	12 February
Senior 1	17 February

Birthday Celebrations

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.

~ Oprah Winfrey ~

Click on their names to see their beautiful smiles:

[Tiyiko and Clement](#) & [Shariq](#)

From the Principal's Pen

Strategies for promoting positive behavior

You may find that your child is a little unsettled at the moment with talk of the new school move, new classes, new teacher, gala practices etc. Try some of these strategies:

- Praise desired behaviors frequently, and sincerely.
- Ignore trivial mistakes or wrong-doings (pick your battles).
- Educate your child to choose appropriate behavior (tell them what you would like them to do when a problem arises, e.g., talk with me instead of hitting your brother).
- Teach your child more effective ways to manage frustration and respond to challenges. Identify problem situations and plan solutions ahead of time.
- Spend special time with your child to provide more positive attention.
- Model positive behavior. Use your own behavior to demonstrate positive alternatives (if you stay calm, it helps your child stay calm).

Take into account who your child is. If your child has trouble with transitions give your child warnings and more time to shift activities. If your child is impulsive and distractible provide your child with more supervision to insure task completion.

Till next week

Bruce Lindsay