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2nd TERM NEWSLETTER

I greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus, without whom our school would not have prospered.

This term I hired a locum for our youngest class as they had been sharing a classroom with a middle group but both classes had taken on new children. During the short holiday, David Scott, from our Governing Body, who heads up the maintenance team, prepared the Orange classroom by painting it and putting up hooks and symbols for the Grade 000 class. Toinette Berlotti joined us as a locum for our youngest children. She came in like a breath of fresh air and decorated the classroom beautifully. Our little ones responded to her immediately and she was soon like a mother duck with a string of little ducklings following her – too cute!

This term we decided to spread our small fundraisers over the term. We did not run a tuckshop but instead offered a different treat each Friday. We had an ice-cream morning, candyfloss, a movie, popcorn and a dress-up morning. These were well supported and the dress-up morning was lovely. We had ‘Cat in a Hat’, ‘Bob the Builder’, twin ‘Minions, Princesses, pirates and the Hulk amongst others!

We have had applications for next year already, as well as children who will be starting at the beginning of the third term. A few families usually leave at this time of the year as people seek jobs in other areas. However, we seem to be filling those spaces this year. The school is fulfilling our Godly mandate as we are back to serving those who have very little. We still have some families who are able to pay what we ask, as we offer a quality education and the word, thankfully, does get out which does help those who can not offer us much

Sadly, the organisation who was organising our free loaves of bread for the last 14 years are not able to access bread anymore but we owe such a debt of gratitude to Danny Morris of '7 loaves'. Through this ministry we were blessed with loaves of bread every week and they also gave to our church ministry – 'God's Kitchen'. Thank you is such a small word for the blessing you were to us, Danny and his team.

Our big event this term was our Sport's Day which took place on Friday 7th June. The weather was very kind as it had been raining quite heavily on Thursday but was clear on the Friday. As usual we had a very good turnout from the parents who come to support their children. This year we had a small 'drummie' group who had prepared a sequence for us. The classes had learned some war cries as well.

My favourite part is always the parents races as the parents are always such sports and love to take part!

As promised I have a few more staff members for you to meet:

Lisa Govender, is married to Deon Govender who is Pastor at a Church in Durban and they have a young son, Levi. Lisa has been at Udobo School for 4 years - she began teaching our middle group and this year she has taken a Grade R Group - this was a baptism of fire as she has 3 girls and 19 boys in the class and 17 of them had not been to school before. She has been impressive in that way in which she has continued to try different ways of settling them and meeting them at their point of need. Lisa is a real blessing both to her class and to me.

Lumka Mahlangeni has been at the school since 2008. She completed a certificate course through Caversham College and was both an assistant teacher and also helped run our aftercare. Lumka has a son, Siphiso who is a high school learner. This year Lumka was asked to take on a class and she has done an excellent job thus far!

The school water pipes have begun to leak again so Pierre and some Property Trust men from MMC have begun tracing the leak. Eventually we made the decision to close a day early as we have no water besides what we have in the JoJo tank.

Another term has flown away and we have lots of plans, God willing, for the 3rd term.

