



Udobo School

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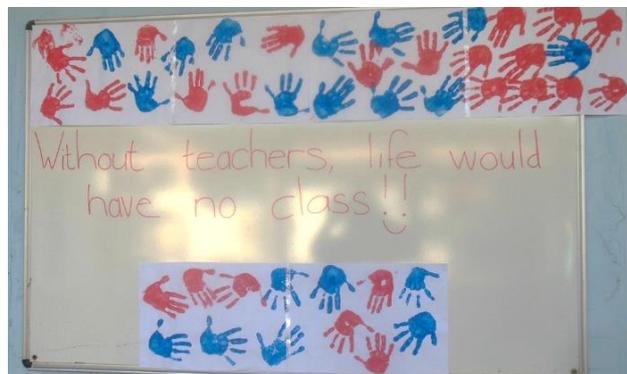
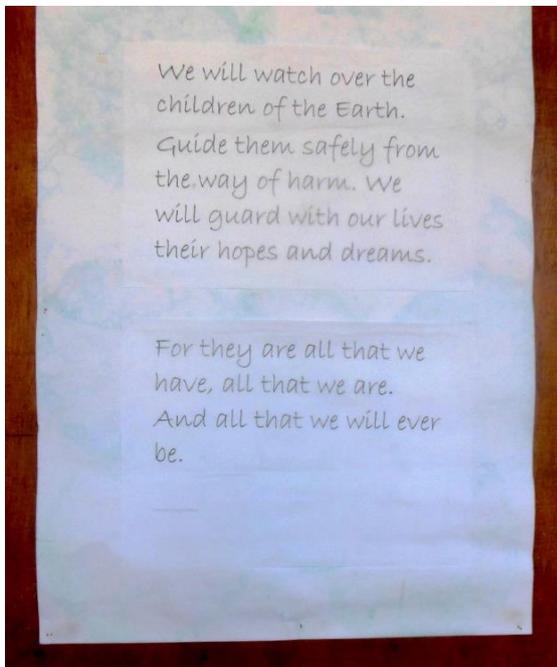
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The Second Term: 13th April- 26th June 2015

Dear Friends, I greet you in precious Name of Jesus to share about the school so close to the hearts of so many!



This is the term I enjoy as I teach for an hour each day during the months when the office is a bit quieter. The first and last terms are

spent in interviews and administration so I am not always able to teach. The children are so delightful – when I am able to spend time with them I am reminded of why the school exists!

We have a student with us for a few weeks – she is a teacher from Nkizumu Special School and she is studying further and needs practical experience at a school such as ours. She is very helpful to the teacher's who don't have assistants.

We have been affected by the Xenophobic attacks in that we have a large community of Zimbabweans living in Montclair and they are very frightened by what is going on. We had a service in the Montclair Methodist Church on Saturday 18th April where many people attended and our Bishop Mike Vorster delivered a message of support and encouragement. On the 23rd we had a mother come in to remove her daughter as she was returning to Zimbabwe – very sad as she kept talking of the wonderful grounding her daughter was getting at Udobu and asked if she could reapply if they came back.

The second term began on the 13th April and we organised a parent/teacher morning on the Saturday so that the parents could come and discuss their child's progress with the class teacher.



The walk through between the offices and main school was completed during the holidays with shelving and a display table having been built. We have moved the containers of toys across. The Theme table looks impressive and is now visible to parents as well as our children. The school is looking very attractive.



We had a visit from the Nursing Sisters from Clairwood Hospital – they check that all the children’s vaccinations and vitamin A drops are up-to-date. This year they brought a nutritionist who weighed and measured each child and then advised if the child was underweight or suffering from malnutrition. She identified seven children and provided them with large packs of fortified porridge and vitamins and various foods. The parents are then able to access more from the Hospital, I felt this was a wonderful service.

As usual we receive bread every Tuesday from ‘Seven Loaves’, we collect fresh fruit and vegetables from the KZN Market every two weeks and with the money we are receiving from Social Development we are buying fish and meat so our children are well fed. The Daily News Milk Fund is still supplying us with full cream powdered milk which we add to the breakfast porridge.

Every Friday we continue to have assembly in the Methodist Church and the children are told a story and are given incentives (one per class) every week – eventually everyone has had a turn to take something from the incentive box. The birthday box is also there for the children who have had a birthday that week to choose something



as well as getting a cake on their birthday.

On Friday 8th May we had a fun day at school where the children dressed in Autumn colours and were treated to juice, popcorn and a movie.



On the 22nd of May we were visited by Lions of the South Durban branch – they presented each child with a beanie and a jersey, very useful as winter approaches. They also provided the children with juice and a hotdog meal. The Lions continue to support our school in various ways and at our final assembly, usually give a pack of stationery to the children who are off to Primary School. The Lions used the theme “ Christmas comes early” and brought along Father Christmas much to the amusement and bemusement of the children – although one child cried the rest were highly entertained!



We find that parents are applying for placement at our school earlier each year and we already have parents enquiring and filling in documents for 2016.

On the 5th June we had our annual Scooter Race and Sport’s Day. This is a fund raiser as we ask each parent too get family and friends to sponsor their child for the scooter race. As usual it was a lovely event, very well supported by parents and much enjoyed by the children. The looks of concentration on the children’s faces as they whizz down a little slope are priceless. Our parents thoroughly enjoy the parent races and the novelty events we organise for them. Even though it was a cool day it did not stop them from taking part in the

balloon toss and getting soaked! We made about R8000.00 for which we are very grateful



In mid-June we had a visit from a delegation of woman from the Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Church. They were from different branches and were very impressed with the work being done at Udo School.



Our final week has been all about finishing off reports as well as tidying the school in preparation for our three week winter break. On Thursday 25th June we had a pyjama party where the children came to school in warm pyjamas, enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and marshmallows and watched a movie. This was tremendous fun – the children danced to up-beat music when they became tired of sitting.

Then resumed watching the movie. Wendy Kirstin from the Church Office also arrived in her pyjamas and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with us! Inez Goswell, a friend of the school made each child a beanie and scarf in soft wool and beautiful colours – absolute works of art and made with such love for 100 children – amazing and the children were thrilled!



Friday is early closing and the holiday begins. The Grade R children take home a holiday work book to keep them busy and also consolidate what they have learned this term. I trust my staff, children and their families into the hands of God that He would protect them and allow them to have a good rest.

May God bless you all,

Anne Snyders

Principal