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"Semper Sursum - Always Aim High"

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To the UFS Community,

FOUNDERS' DAY

Our inaugural Founders' Day was held last Friday, and I am sure that you would have heard from your children what a fantastic day it was. (If at least for nothing else, the delicious cupcakes that we presented to all students and staff!)

On a more serious note though, it was a most dignified and poignant celebration of our school's legacy and existence.

Our newly appointed Head Boy and Head Girl, Zamokuhle Gina and Angel Musuku were superb in serving as the Maters of Ceremony.

A number of new meaningful traditions were introduced.

Mrs Baker, as our longest serving teacher, had the honour to commence proceedings with the ringing of the school bell.



This saw the Grade One students being escorted down to the field by the Form 5 students.



The new Founders' Day Vault was unlocked, and from it, a Swazi candle and a Scroll of Acknowledgement and Commitment were removed.

The youngest student in Grade One, Masimbonge Nxumalo lit the candle to symbolise our wish and desire for the proceedings to be blessed, and for the school, and all of its stakeholders to be blessed for the year ahead.

The Scroll of Honour was read by Mvali Thwala. The words on the scroll are as follows;

*As we light this candle,
we re-ignite the memories of,
and bring thanks and light
to our school's founders.*

*We express our gratitude
for their pioneering and
visionary service.
Through their dedication,
the lives of countless students
and families have been enriched.*

*We acknowledge and are humbled
by the selfless service
of all staff members, past and current, of our school.*

*We, the students of UFS International, re-affirm our gratitude
to all those who make it possible to school here.*

*We are cognisant of the responsibility that accompanies this privilege,
and commit, to strive in all our thoughts and deeds,
to bring pride and honour,
to our founders, parents, families, guardians and teachers.*

May our school continue to flourish, and go from strength to strength.



The Grade Ones placed their laminated hand prints into the vault. These will be returned to them at the Founders' Day of their IGCSE Year in 2032.



The Honourable Minister Neal Rijkenberg, and Chairman of the USF International Governing Council, Mr Anthony Geldard addressed the gathering. This was followed by the unveiling of three plaques which have since been installed onto three plinths, naming three key areas of the school. The main sports field has been named **'Founders' Field'**, the smaller field, **'Lower Field'**, and the grass quad between the admissions office and the Grade 4 & 5 classrooms has been named the **'Lewis Quad'** in honour of the first headmaster of UFS on the current premises, Mr Jeff Lewis.





Masimbonge Nxumalo was then called upon to extinguish the candle and placed it back in the vault.

The Estate Manager, Mr Mandla Dlamini then announced the 'Keeper of the Key'. This position is given to the longest serving support staff member. This person is charged with looking after the key for the Founders' Day Vault until next year's Founders' Day.

The 2022 / 2023 Keeper of the Key is Mr Zweli 'Lucky' Dlamini.

After the locking of the vault by Mr Lucky Dlamini, Mrs Simelane was superb in leading the large gathering of students, staff, guests and parents in the singing of the National Anthem.



The finals of the Grade 7 boys and girls Inter-House Tug-of-War competition were then conducted.





Indlovu girls and Ingwe boys took the honours with the respective captains having the honour of tying their house colours onto the newly made trophies, to claim bragging rights until next year's event!



To wrap up Founders' Day matters, our ever articulate Head Boy has penned a poem on the event. It is shared with you at the end of this newsletter.

SPORTS MATTERS

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Blake Young will be participating in the Junior World Motor-Cross Championships in Finland in August. Well done Blake!

The u/9 hockey boys and girls played against Sifundzani on the 1st of June. The girls won 3-1 and the boys won 3-0. Mrs Larkan reports that the quality of hockey was very good and that great sportsmanship was on display by both teams which is always pleasing to see!

The u/11 boys and girls played hockey against Montessori on Wednesday with both teams losing narrowly, 1-0.

On Saturday 28 May, our u/20 teams participated in a hockey tournament hosted by Waterford.

GIRLS	
Group Games	UFS 2 – Sisekelo 0
	UFS 1 – Sifundzani 0
Final	UFS won on penalty shoot-out vs Waterford
BOYS	
Group Games	UFS 0 – Enjabulweni 0
	UFS 0 – UTech 0

Results of the u/20 Boys basketball at Waterford on the 4th of June

Group Games	UFS 36 – Waterford 34
	UFS 39 – Sisekelo 5
Semi-Final	UFS 49 – Lusundvu 11
Final	UFS 35 – Waterford 32

In closing, I wish to remind all drivers that Jabula Crescent operates as a one way leading towards the school from 7h00 – 8h00 and from 12h00 – 14h00. Thank you!

Yours in Education,



Gareth Allman
Executive Principal



Founder's Day

This day pays tribute to those who came before us.
Those who had the courage to dream,
And the audacity to act.

This day pays homage to all those who never gave up.
Those who knew that they were something special,
And had to show that to the world.

This day is not only about those who have come and gone however.
This day speaks to us who are currently apart of UFS International,
And looks ahead to all those who will join us in the future.

This day speaks of how we all have a dream that we carry in our hearts.
A dream that we are happy to share,
And are unwilling to betray.

This day reminds us that we each have a name.
That we each have a song,
And that we are proud to sing it.

This is Founder's Day.

Zamo Gina

