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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 10.2.2012

NEW STUDENT
Welcome to another new student for 5/6R who started this week:
Laura C is in Year 6. Also welcome to mum Kylie. Please make them feel welcome if you come across the opportunity to meet.

SOMERS CAMP
Our seven campers were well organised and headed off for Somers Camp this week on Tuesday morning and combined with another 143 children from other schools, including about 40-50 from our local network. I hope they are enjoying the activities and making some new friends. Their parents have been invited to visit the campers this Sunday from 12:00 pm at the camp to be shown around the facilities. The campers will return on Wednesday and return to school on Thursday next week (just in time for the House Swimming Sports on Friday).

PREPS
I have been seeing that the Preps have settled in extremely well to the classroom and the school. Thanks to Mrs Hickey and parents for making the transition a smooth one. Get To Know Interviews will be continuing from 2:00 pm until the beginning of March. Check out the timetable for your interview time please Prep parents.

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Email: upwey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Website: www.upweyps.vic.edu.au
HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Our House Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 17th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool from 9:30 am until about 11:00 am. Children in Year 3 to 6 will be included. Any Year 2 child who is a good swimmer may be included with parent permission. Please contact me if you are in this category.

FREE FEED FRIDAY

Gavin from Soupees will be continuing to organise Free Feed Friday for breakfast each Friday from 8:30 am. All children are invited to attend and start the day with an excellent breakfast including cereal, fruit and toast.

I would like to thank Gavin and his band of volunteers for this wonderful opportunity that is provided to assist our school community. Remember to take advantage of this offer.

FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES EVENING - ALL WELCOME

The Family Picnic and Games Evening to welcome the school community and herald the 2012 School Year will be held on Tuesday 14th February from 6:00 pm until about 8:00 pm. All parents, relatives and children are invited to attend. Let’s hope the weather is kinder than last year. The evening will be organised into dinner at 6:00 on the school oval (bring takeaway, picnic food, chairs and rugs) and then Tribes Games at about 6:45. Races and Novelty events will be organised from about 7:15. (Sorry but no egg throwing/catching competition this year!) Everyone is welcome!

WHAT'S HAPPENING HOUR & SAUSAGE SIZZLE - DON'T MISS IT!

All children and parents are invited to attend our Information Sessions for the beginning of the year. The event will be held on Wednesday 7th March from 6:30 - 8 pm. We will be starting the evening with a Free Sausage Sizzle for children and parents from 6:30-7 pm and then everyone (children and parents) will move into the grades to be provided with the “What's Happening Hour” grade information for classroom routines.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN/VICE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS-

Congratulations to the following who have been elected as School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2012 at the election held on Monday.

School Captains: Nathan D & Marguerite T
School Vice Captains: Sienna N & Luke M

All other children in Year 6 will be required to take on a leadership role of some type during the year. House Captain/Vice Captain elections and Junior School Council elections will be held over the next two weeks, after the Year 5/6 campers return from Somers.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

CRE is scheduled to begin in a couple of weeks. Parents have completed and indication on enrolment whether they wish their child(ren) to be involved.

It is most important that if you have changed your mind on involvement please contact the school office by Wednesday 15th February to complete a form indicating your preference. We do have CRE teachers for all grades this year but actual involvement will depend on final numbers. CRE lessons normally are ½ hour in length.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SPECIALIST LESSONS

The following is the day schedule for Specialist Lessons:

Tuesday: Art/Craft (Mrs Mitchell)
Wednesday: Music (Mr Douglas)
Thursday: Physical Education – PE (Mr Aspinall)

German LOTE is scheduled to be held on Tuesday (PH & 1/2A) and Thursday (3/4/5G & 5/6R) with Sharon Hefernan. This is likely to start within the next two weeks.

STUDENT INSURANCE

We will be distributing brochures from companies for you to consider 24 hour student insurance for your child (ren). We are not endorsing either company or the need for student insurance as it will be a decision parents will need to consider for themselves. The two companies are JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and EBM.

CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISING EVENT – Relay For Life 2102

Information regarding this event has been put in the newsletter. The event will be held on March 24th and 25th at the Knox Athletics Track. If you are interested in involvement we may be able to make a school team.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I am encouraging all parents to consider becoming members of the School Council and actively becoming involved in school decision making and school activities. We not only appreciate this involvement but need it! Please see me if you are requiring any more information on commitment which includes a meeting on an evening once a month. Today will be the final day for nominations so please get them in!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012

The schedule for the 2012 School Council election process is as follows:

- Friday 10th February: Nominations close.
- Friday 17th February: Ballot papers (if required) distributed by this date
- Friday 24th February: Close of ballot
- Friday 24th February: Count ballots and declare results

Monday 5th March: School Council AGM & School Council Meeting

We have had several nominations already but there are positions still available for interested parents.

Please contact the school if you would like a nomination form to be delivered or posted to you.

The first School Council Meeting for 2012 will be held on Monday 5th March. AGM at 7:00 pm and Ordinary School Council Meeting at 7:30 pm

SPORT

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Our House Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 17th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool from 9:30 am until about 11:00 am. Children from Years 3 to 6 will be invited to attend if they have swimming competency. (Can at least swim 30 metres from the deep end to the shallow end, with possibly a little walking in the shallow end)! Any Parent of a Year 2 child who has swimming capabilities mentioned above may contact me regarding involvement if desired. The day will have some competition and fun elements. The school team for the District Swimming Sports will be selected from the results of the
Happy Birthday
For our students & staff
From 10th Feb – 17th Feb
Joel

House Competition. The District Swimming Sports will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at Belgrave Pool from 10:00 am. Parent helper volunteers are requested for both events. Please contact me or the office if you are able to assist. Permission forms have been distributed this week.

**REMINDE R S**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**
A Whole School Assembly will be held each Monday from 3:00 pm in Howarth Hall (our school hall).

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
Under school policy students are to be in school uniform unless permission is gained via a note or contact with myself. Out of School Uniform days will be held on special occasions during the year.

A school hat (broad rim) is compulsory during Term 1.

**JEWELLERY ETC.**
Under school policy the following applies to all children:
Uniform should comply with Health and Safety recommendations:
6.1 Only earring studs to be worn at school as other types of earrings (loops, sleepers, pendant earrings etc) should not be worn for safety reasons.
6.2 Long hair on all students is to be tied back at school to assist in avoidance of head lice infestations.
6.3 It is recommended that boys and girls wear track shoes or black shoes (THONGS, SANDALS & HIGH HEEL ED SHOES will not be permitted).

**NUT ALLERGY**
Children in 5/6 R will not be allowed to bring nut products such as peanut butter to school due to the allergies and risk of anaphylaxis of students in the class.
I would like to enlist the support of the whole school community with children in other grades avoiding nut products. This will eliminate the chance of affected children coming in contact with nut products. Please assist the school in providing this level of student safety.

**CAFFEINE & GUARANA DRINKS, CHEWING GUM & BUBBLE GUM BANNED**
I would like to remind everyone that drinks with caffeine or guarana are not to be consumed at school. Also chewing and bubble gum are not permitted at school. Both are for reasons of health and safety.

**SHOES TO BE WORN AT SCHOOL**
I am also seeking parent support in ensuring that children are wearing shoes at all times in the school grounds. Children may take shoes off in the classroom/hall according to teacher directed activity requirements. This is for safety reasons, especially with broken glass around. I am insisting on correct footwear. During Physical Education lessons on Thursdays I would also appreciate track shoes or similar being worn.

**GAME BOYS, PS2, NINTENDO DS ETC**
The above items and other expensive personal items are not to be brought to school for reasons of security.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

The EMA provides assistance to eligible families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children.

**Eligibility**
To be eligible to receive EMA, you must:
Have an eligible Centrelink card or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent and submit your application to school by 29th February 2012. Please pick up a form at the School Office.
Welcome to all our Preps and New Students to Upwey P.S.

Nathan  Eva  Banjo  Adam  Hayden

Eva  Ben  Violet  Hunter  Jack

Ruby  Indy  Connor  Emily

Ben  Sage  Nathan  Ripley

Molly  Max  Libby  Kiana

Apologies, Josh M was away today for the photos, Look out for him in next weeks newsletter.
UPWEY BLOOD SERVICE VISIT
Location: Upwey-Tecoma Bowls Club
Chosen Avenue, Upwey

Monday 20th Feb 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 21st Feb 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday 22nd Feb 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 23rd Feb 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 24th Feb 9:30am - 3:30pm

On the day of your appointment
- Drink 4-5 glasses of water OR juice before donating
- Eat a healthy meal & snack before coming in to donate
- Bring photo ID (E.g. Driver's licence) OR your blood donor card in with you
- Smile!!! You are making a HUGE difference in someone's life

To secure your appointment;
Call 13 14 95
Or email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au

**When booking please advise if you are currently a registered donor

A place to call home
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Messages from Overseas
"Australia seems very interesting, I like the climate and I’ve heard that Australians are nice and friendly." – Daniela, Finland
"I want to discover something else and enrich me with a new and beautiful experience." – Marie, Belgium
"I am curious to explore a different country. I hope to create friendships with others and be part of different customs." – Matteo, Italy

Find out more!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chantel Woods
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@wep.org.au

SONG WRITING
Upwey Primary School, 2012

The program aims to develop students’ creative and vocal expression.

Students could expect to learn basic song structures and easy accompaniment on keyboard or guitar, creating songs in any style of music they like.

No prior experience or skills required.

$30 per individual / $20 p.p. in pairs
Enquiries: Lisa O’Beirne ph. 97582420

SPECIAL OFFER
Group sessions @ $10.00 SAVING $5.00
One on One sessions @ $20.00 SAVING $5.00
Her Body Fitness provides a welcoming environment for women of all ages, shapes, and sizes. Our goal is to create an inviting atmosphere where ladies feel comfortable pursuing their fitness goals. HBF is a place where women can enjoy the support and interaction of other women while working together to be the best they can be!

Call Amanda: 0431 270 300
Located in Belgrave South at a private address, with an indoor and outdoor fitness setting.

All instructors are minimum Cert 4 qualified with Fitness Australia or Accredited Exercise Physiologists (AEP)

Live local...Play local!
- Do you like to play footy and want to become the best player you can be?
- Do you live in the Tecoma, Belgrave, Ferny Creek, Upwey, Tremont, Kallista, UFTG, Selby or surrounding areas?
- Do you want to play footy with your friends and make new ones?
- Do you want to be part of a dynamic club with a real progression path through to the TAC Cup, VFL and AFL?...then come and be a part of the

Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club

We have teams in all age groups from U9’s to U16’s and are after kids of all abilities. Come and see us at the Upwey Billy Cart Race Day, Sunday 26th Feb 2012 and register for the 2012 season

All players will receive a free Tigers backpack. All new players will receive free footy socks and all existing players who introduce new players will receive a free hoodie or polo top.

Jump on board the Tiger Train Now!
Enquiries to President Peter Hughes 0412 554 574
Music Lessons - Instrumental
In Schools Music - Andrew McAlister and the ISM team.
Already enrolled
Lessons are on Mondays
The Hills Bands
The Hills Band, Junior Hills Bands have started rehearsal on their normal days. The beyond Hot Band will follow after a number of lessons. If you would like to be in a band, please contact Andrew McAlister. Band rehearsals are open for parents to evaluate the program and students to become familiar with instruments.
New students
Early bird enrolments can be done direct to Andrew on 0408467147.
What Instrument Suits Me?
A special “What Instrument Suits Me?” orientation program will be offered in term one to determine instrument suitability. Information and a special information night will follow. Designed in consultation with parents it has proved highly successful.
Early bird enrolments available now. Group rates apply.
Instruments taught at Upwey Primary School
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Tuba, Drums, Percussion, Guitar, Bass Guitar and Recorder.
Background/ contact points
ISM is a fee for service provider, offering an elective, extension, instrumental music program in school time to senior students. It has been operating in Hills Primary schools since 1992 and developed an enviable profile state wide. Importantly, it has had a positive effect on hundreds of Hills kids.
Phone Andrew McAlister 0408 467 147 email ismusic@bigpond.com

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scce@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

FREE
CRT, flat screen TV 20inch (with wider back)
Approx 6 years old.
In very good condition.
Great for playroom etc.
Call Rob on 0417 509 472

Relay For Life
KNOX RELAY FOR LIFE 2012, Knox Athletics Track
March 24th & 25th
Information Night 7pm Knox Soccer Club, Monday 13th Feb, 7pm
Wallace rd, Knoxfield
Relay For Life is an overnight, community event for thousands of Australians who, relay non-stop as they celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost, and fight back against the disease by raising important funds
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: Samantha Emmett on 0417 812 017
Hi all.
Welcome to a new year in BASC! It has been great to meet so many new students coming into the program this year!

There are lots of great activities coming up this term so don’t miss out!

**MONDAY** - Beading & Painting
**TUESDAY** - Cooking - chocolate balls
**WEDNESDAY** - Games in the Hall
**THURSDAY** - Making our own puzzles & games outside
**FRIDAY** - Paper mâché

I will be distributing surveys to families using the BASC program this term so I can better plan to the interests of all children in attendance, so please keep an eye out for them.

Have a great weekend & see you all on Monday.

Sam :)

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Thank you to the Upwey Primary School Community for supporting the P.A. in 2011.
Your support has been wonderful.
Please consider becoming a member of our P.A. in 2012
It’s a fantastic way in meeting new fun people and toddlers are welcome too.
Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.
if you are interested in
being a part of this very dynamic and important group of parents please
contact the Office at anytime and leave your details.

Next Meeting is on Friday 9.15am in the staffroom.
We will be discussing ideas for this year’s fundraisers.
We look forward to seeing you there!