PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 17.2.2012

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS – TODAY

Our House Swimming Sports were held today Friday 17th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool for our Year 3 – 6 children.

The results are not available at time of printing but considering the overcast conditions the children did an amazing job. Congratulations to all those children who participated and put in a terrific effort; some children even competed in every possible event.

The relay at the end of the competition was a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable morning. Thanks to our band of reliable helpers for assisting on the day. They were: Samantha E, Kim G, Nolene D (& cameos by Liz Mc & Jenny S). The help made sure the event went smoothly and timing was millisecond perfect! Thanks to Mr G for starting each race. A special mention is in order for Kurtis H and Sam M for being game and competing as Year 2 children.
FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES EVENING
The Family Picnic and Games Evening heralded the 2012 School Year in style on Tuesday. The whole evening was great fun and certainly entertaining, particularly to the MC and other observers during the races and shoe scramble. Involvement in the parachute activity, one of the Tribes Games, was a highlight with enthusiastic participation by all. Thanks to all those who attended and participated in the fun evening.

SOMERS CAMP
Our seven campers have returned home from Somers Camp this week. They have plenty of stories to tell and have been fortunate enough to enjoy such a wonderful experience. I am sure that parents (siblings & teachers) are glad to have the children back with a renewed enthusiasm!

PREP PRACTICUM
On Monday we will be welcoming Mrs Terjesen to the school and in particular Prep H. She will be on Teaching Rounds in Prep H for the next two weeks as part of her teaching course.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
‘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 again to our elected School Captains and School Vice Captains for 2012.
School Captains: Nathan D & Marguerite T
School Vice Captains: Sienna N & Luke M

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2012
Congratulations to the following new School Councillors who are hereby announced as being elected without a ballot being required:
Andrew Gannon
Kim Gray
Jenny Staff
David Myers
Louise Hartley
Cindy Nyari
Lauren Hickey

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PREP EARLY FINISH
No Prep Early Finish. The Prep children will be having their first full day of school on Thursday 1st March and full school days will apply from that time onwards.
CAR PARK FOOTPATH
A reminder to all children to please use the footpath along the staff car park entrance/exit and **not walk or climb on the stone wall** as it could be dangerous. I would appreciate parent support in reinforcing this expectation.

NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAYS
Due to the lack of orders on Mondays during 2011 we have now deleted Mondays from the days for providing lunch orders. **Lunch orders will continue from Tuesday to Friday** each week.

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice  
For we are young and free  
We’ve golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature’s gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history’s page let every stage,  
Advance Australia Fair,

In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant southern cross  
We’ll toil with hearts and hands,  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands,  
For those who come across the seas  
We’ve boundless plains to share,  
With courage let us all combine  
To advance Australia Fair.

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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.

HAYLEY’S HAIR CARE

Thursdays at 2nd Bell  
in the German Room

Come learn how to Braid/Plait  
Bring your own brush, combs, hair ties, ribbons & glitter jell  
No sharing brushes or combs  
Max 15 students for this next two weeks then we will change over.  
Write your name down on the list at the office  
Hayley Warton

Happy Birthday

For our students & staff  
From 17th Feb – 24th Feb  

Jack T
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

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

FIGHTINGFIT
Great for all fitness levels!
Boxing & Kick-Boxing Training.
GET A FULL BODY WORKOUT, WHILE HAVING FUN!
For Ladies and Men, that enjoy combat sport skills, without being hurt.
Fitness skills and drills to increase:
- Fat Loss
- Cardio Fitness
- Muscular Toning
- Core Stability
- Strength
- Posture
- Great for Diabetics

Mondays Tuesday and Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Belgrave South
Call Zak: 0488 724 665
First Class Free

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

Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

INFORMATION SESSION
Understanding Auditory Processing
Cost $20
Tuesday 13th March 2012 7.00pm – 8.30pm
At: The Remedy Group 1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale

We help children with:
- Concentration and short attention span
- Development and language delay
- Learning and reading difficulties
- ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia,
- Sensory Integration,
- Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Using art, movement and music, we can help transform hindrances that will enable your child to discover their true potential.

Bookings essential
Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335

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Warburton Harmony Festival 2012 8-12 March
concerts • workshops • films
forums • kids program • dance
Celebrating cultural & interfaith harmony

Bookings - 5966 4500
www.harmonystfest.org
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 0408 467 147.

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

KNOX RELAY FOR LIFE 2012,
Knox Athletics Track
March 24th & 25th
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

Relay For Life

COMMUNITY MINDED PEOPLE

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd is now recruiting Community Coordinators in your area. We are looking for men and women who believe that international student exchange is a life-changing experience for young people and for the host families in their local community. As a Coordinator, you will interview potential host families and provide ongoing support to both families and students to ensure that the exchange experience is a success for everyone and you’ll interview local students wishing to study overseas.

You’ve got questions?… contact us on 1300 135 331 (Australia) or 0800 440 079 (New Zealand)

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd is a not-for-profit company registered as a secondary exchange organisation with education authorities in Australia and New Zealand. Our Mission is to “offer the unique experience of living and studying in another culture and to enable young people to develop the skills and awareness that will enhance their future potential. Experience is everything™.”

www.studentexchange.org.au
www.studentexchange.org.nz

BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB
JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED
Age 8-17
playing at Knox Netball Centre
Contact: Jenny 0408 933 956 belcomasec@gmail.com
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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.
Great fun to be had in BASC this week.
**MONDAY water painting**
**TUESDAY** Cooking Lemon cheesecake
**WEDNESDAY** Origami
**THURSDAY** Games afternoon
**FRIDAY** Plasticine figurines

Remember that we provide breakfast at Before School Care and a healthy afternoon tea After school.
Have a great weekend & see you all Monday
Sam :)

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**What's Happening**

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Parents Association

Book Club orders are due next Wednesday 22nd Feb

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.

PLAY GROUP
UPWEY PRIMARY WILL BE SOON STARTING A
STAFF RUN PLAYGROUP IN MARCH 2012 ON FRIDAYS

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my self
my name is Emma Goodall. I will be running Playgroup on
Fridays at Upwey Primary School.
I am qualified childcare worker, with over 10 years
experience. I am a Mum to 3 gorgeous kiddly winks
Tyson 7, Tahlia 4 and Karli 2.
My children and I have always enjoyed going to playgroup.
It is a great way to meet some new faces and for your
child/yourself to have fun in a relaxed environment.
Families& friends from the school/local community are
welcome to come along.
I will be setting up a variety of activities for the children to
enjoy. I will also be helping out wherever needed during
the session.
More information will come soon
If you are interested or have any questions please don’t
hesitate to talk to Kay in the Office on 9754 2369
Thanks Emma 😊

WE ARE LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR OUR PLAYGROUP

* Tea set and play food.
* Plastic or wooden animals.
* Wooden blocks.
* Matchbox cars.
* Play dough cutters etc.

There is no charge at all for Our Playgroup but please contact Kay in the Office to book your child/ren in.
EASY AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS
Cheese and vegemite scrolls recipe

Special Info:
Egg free, Nut free

Ingredients:
• 1 ½ cups self-raising flour
• ½ cup wholemeal flour
• 80g butter
• 2/3 cup milk
• 2/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated
• ¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated
• 1 tablespoon vegemite, heaped

Method:
Preheat oven to 200°C.
In a medium bowl, combine both flours and butter.
Using your fingertips, rub the butter through the flours until you have a breadcrumb consistency, then add ¾ of the cheese combination and milk and work into a dough ball with your hands.
When these ingredients are combined, lightly flour your kitchen bench and gently push the dough out into a rectangle, approx 1 cm in depth.
Spread vegemite evenly over the top of the dough and sprinkle with remaining cheese.
Roll the dough into a long rope shape, rolling it away from you. When you have a rope of dough cut it into eight equal rounds and place them on a lined baking tray.
Brush with milk.
Bake for 20 minutes then remove from oven and cool on wire rack.

Notes
• If you don’t have wholemeal flour then use all white, just pour the milk in gradually as you might not need it all.
• With any dough, try and be as gentle as possible and knead it only as much as it needs to prevent the dough being tough.
• These freeze really well and will hold up in a lunch box rain, hail, and shine.
• My three year-old loves to help spread and sprinkle these.
• These are great at stopping afternoon tummy rumbles!