KNOX BASKETBALL CLINICS
These were held today at school. Coaches from Knox Basketball, home of the Knox Raiders and several other basketball clubs, ran the clinics for all grades and had the children working very hard and enjoying a variety of activities. Thanks to Rachael, Nikki and Ben for running the clinics so capably.
9:00 – Grade 3/4/5G
10:00 – Grade 5/6R
11:30 – Grade Prep H
12:15 – Grade 1/2A
PLAYGROUP STARTS AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
The first session for the newly formed Play group held in the Multi Purpose Room began last Friday with fun and enjoyment had for all!
This is now a weekly activity at school for interested parents. Please contact the office if you are interested.

YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER DESIGN
Thanks to the Year 6 children for coming up with some most interesting designs for putting on the back of the Year 6 windcheater for 2012. We eventually had six finalists after the initial voting by the Year 6 children. Following staff input and a final deliberation by me a design has been chosen (it will be altered slightly to achieve final satisfaction). Congratulations to Sienna N for the design. This design will now be placed on a hooded windcheater as part of the School Uniform, to be worn only by Year 6 children. The next step will be to contact the printer for completion of the design and have them printed and available for sale as soon as possible (Anticipated for use at the beginning of Term 2).

STAFFING CHANGE-GLENN WILKINSON
It is with regret that I inform the Upwey PS Community that Glenn will no longer fill the Integration Aide role at Upwey Primary School. Glenn has been involved with the children in Grade 1/2 A over a year and a bit and has decided to take on some new job opportunities. I have appreciated his involvement and effort, and wish him all the best for the future. Grade 1/2 A have given him a Farewell Card and the staff held a special morning tea and gift giving on Tuesday this week to thank him for his valued contributions.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2012
The second School Council Meeting for 2012 will be held on Monday 26th March at 7:30 pm. Some sub-committee meetings will be held next week in preparation for the meeting. Information will be distributed to School Council Members next week. Parents are invited to indicate an interest in being involved in any of the committees.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION
ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS INCURSION – Grade 1/2A
Grade 1/2A will be involved with the Animal Encounters incursion on Wednesday 21st March. Permission notices have been distributed. The incursion is related to the topic of Endangered Animals that the Year 1s and 2s are completing during Term 1 and costs $15. Payment is now due.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
We are requesting donations for inclusion in the Easter Hampers for the Easter Raffle. Please pass on any donations to the office if you are able to assist the PA/Fundraising in this fundraising activity.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX
This annual event is planned for Tuesday 27th March from 9-12. Get those billy carts ready. Entry will be available for all year levels. Entry forms and information is being distributed with this newsletter. The entry cost for drivers will be $5 and this will go towards Junior School Council Fundraising for local charities. Please support the event and enjoy the fun.

The PA/Fundraising will also be holding a Hot Dog Lunch day on the day.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW-INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2012
Application forms with associated costs will be available soon for parents who want their child to be involved in the ICAS University of New South Wales Testing Program. The order form for these competitions was distributed with the newsletter last week. Please return with payment by Friday 23rd March if you are interested in your child participating in any of these competitions.

I am encouraging children to participate in the UNSW - ICAS Competitions for 2012. Only children in Years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to participate. Please contact the office if you require a copy.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOD STALL – KNOX RELAY FOR LIFE
Please assist with our recently organised food stall to be held at the Knox Relay for Life to be held on Saturday 24th March. Details in the PA/Fundraising News. This will be a most worthwhile event as well as a great opportunity to begin our fundraising for 2012 as well as support a very worthy cause.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1
We will be having the final assembly for Term on, Friday 30th March at 2:15 pm and dismissal will be at approximately 2:30 pm. School will return on Monday 16th April.

REMINDEERS
SCHOOL AGREEMENTS – BASED ON TRIBES & SCHOOL VALUES
In our Tribes Groups we recently introduced children to our new School Agreements (which include a combination of our Tribes Agreements and our School Values). The posters will be displayed in the windows of the school hall.
The agreements are:
Appreciation – showing empathy and thanks to others
Attentive Listening – using your mind, eyes, ears and heart
Integrity - display truth, honesty, responsibility, loyalty and courage
Mutual Respect - show respect, fairness, strength, consideration and sincerity
Right to Pass/Participate – have time to think and become involved
Resilience - develop courage, initiative, flexibility, humour and bounce back
Personal Best – striving for personal excellence

 STUDENTS WITH ANAPHYLAXIS
A reminder to parents that we do have children with severe allergies that may cause anaphylaxis. For this reason nuts and nut products are not permitted at the school. This is also an opportune time to mention that children should not share any items from their lunch or play lunch with any other children.
If you are unsure about a particular product that has been included in your child’s lunch please contact the office for any clarification.

TWILIGHT WORKING BEE
We will be having another twilight working bee on Friday 23rd March, between 4pm—7pm. If you can spare and hour or so, we would really appreciate your help.
STUDENT ATTENDANCE
IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY- UNLESS ILL!
Here are some of the reasons for children to have regular attendance at school as provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Is regular attendance at school important?
Yes – from the first day. If your child misses the basic skills in primary school they can experience difficulties with their learning.
Regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future.
Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem.

Must I send my child to school every day?
Yes, unless:
- your child is too sick or injured to go to school
- your child has an infectious disease
- the principal is provided with any other genuine and acceptable reason for absence.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away?
Yes – for the wellbeing of your child, Department of Education & Training has an attendance policy and teachers and schools are required to follow up student absences.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2012
On the last day of Term 1, Friday 30th March, I will be presenting Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this year. The awards were introduced in 2011 and the certificates recognise the children with extremely high attendance, and minimal absences for each term of the year, and congratulate them on this fine record. (Absences and late attendance will affect attendance rates).

Mt Barnett Observatory

Mr Gallagher attended the Scientist in Schools meeting at the Mt Barnett Observatory in Cockatoo
Our whole school took part in the “Clean up Australia Day”

They Swept

They picked up rubbish

They tidied up

They dug

& then they were all tuckered out!

Impact of Sleep Difficulties in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

This workshop will be presented by Professor Amanda Richdale PhD, MAPS, Associate Professor, Principle Research Fellow Oiga Tenison Autism Research Centre School of Psychological Science

Professor Richdale has worked in Autism research since 1987 she will talk about sleep development in children in general and sleep in children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), including sleep problems and their potential impacts. Amanda will also talk about what parents and carers can do to promote sleep.

Tuesday 27th March 2012, 7pm - 9pm

At: South Croydon Anglican Church
199 Bayswater Road
Bayswater 3153

Cost: $30 Families and Carers of children with ASD
$50 Professional Development

Please note parking is available at the church, if this carpark is full please park at: Irabina Childhood Autism Services
193 Bayswater Road
Bayswater

Please contact Irabina to place your booking on 9720 1118
Cancellation notice of less than 48 hours prior to the workshop—no refund. Payment for workshop is required prior to attending.

Light refreshments provided.

Creating opportunities where you live...

Have fun
Get fit
Make friends

Play BASKETBALL

NEW VENUE

BASKETBALL @ Belgrave South

Sherbrooke Basketball, Basketball Victoria & YMCA Access for All Abilities Present...

WHERE: Belgrave Heights Christian School, Wattle Valley Rd Belgrave Heights Melways 84 D1

WHEN: Saturday 17th March 2012

Session runs from 10:00-11:30am

COST: $12 per session

The Sherbrooke Suns provide a valuable opportunity for people with a disability to learn the base skills of basketball and also provide pathways and opportunities to play competitively.

People of all ages and abilities are invited to come along and have a go at basketball in a fun, nonthreatening environment. Skills are taught through games and activities with a qualified coach.

Register your interest with Pam 9754 3961, 0401996 046 pam@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au
LOST PROPERTY
We have an absolute mountain of lost property
In our sickbay. These include school jackets, jumpers and also lunch boxes
Please pop in and have a dig through. All unclaimed items
Will then be resold as second hand uniforms.

WHERE:
Upwey Tecoma
Football Club,
Chosen Avenue,
Upwey, 3158

WHEN:
Saturdays 9–10 am
Starting 14th April

REGISTRATION:
Register online at
www.aflauskick.com.au

COST:
$60 which includes an Auskick Kit (bag, ball, hat, water bottle, etc) and coaching sessions until August

VOLUNTEERS:
Are always welcome and needed. No experience necessary only enthusiasm!

COORDINATOR:
Marty Svihla sveehla@hotmail.com

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### Before & After School Care

Hi all,

Here’s what’s on for BASC next week:

**MONDAY** Egg decoration

**TUESDAY** Cooking chocolate slice

**WEDNESDAY** Easter baskets

**THURSDAY** Masks

**FRIDAY** Painting

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday,

Sam :)

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### Crafts 4 Kids

A huge thank you to Christine J for donating her wonderful Craft packs for our Playgroup. Here is just a few of Christine’s packs. To see more, please visit the website: [www.craftpacks4kids.com.au](http://www.craftpacks4kids.com.au)

We are looking for more items for playgroup, we need Tea sets, plastic or wooden animals, cars and play dough cutters. If you can help, please drop them in at the office. Thank you!
A huge welcome to our new playgroup families

Do you recognise any of these gorgeous kids?
CSIRO’s Double Helix Science Club Membership Form

CSIRO’s Double Helix Science Club brings together science fans aged 7 and above.

Members receive:
- A magazine delivered free to their door every two months
- Discounted entry to Double Helix events
- Free email newsletters with science and maths articles and activities
- Discounts at the online CSIRO shop
- Free or discounted entry to CSIRO public attractions.

Join online at: www.csiro.au/helix-subscribe
For bulk orders see: www.csiro.au/resources/DHSCBulk
Teachers: Find out how the club can support your school at www.csiro.au/helixschools

Subscription will commence with next available issue. Please note that we are unable to invoice for memberships.

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Pack includes two back issues of the magazine, plus a personalized card.
- Yes, include a gift pack for an extra $10.

Send gift pack to:
- the member directly; card should say "To __________, from __________"
- the gift-giver (card will be left blank for your message)

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Available free online at www.csiro.au/resources/guides.html

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- I agree to the terms & conditions at www.csiro.au/education

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