Calendar

Monday 5th March
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Wednesday 7th March
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Friday 16th March

“Official Opening of the School Year 2012” 2.30pm
School Council AGM 7pm, and School Council Meeting 7.30pm
P.A. Fundraising AGM & Meeting 9am. All welcome
‘What’s Happening Hour’ & Sausage sizzle
Knox Raiders Basketball Clinic for all students

There was many thrills and not too many spills at the Annual Upwey Billy Cart Races

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 2.3.2012

UPWEY BILLY CART RACES
The Upwey Billy Cart Races Event was held on Sunday 26th February in Main St Upwey and it was a great success. We had several children involved in the event including: Hayden W, Adam W, Sam M, Caitlin S, Stella S, Leeson T, Bertie S.

We even had a couple of stars photographed for the local newspaper; congratulations to Hayden W and Adam W came equal first in the novelty event.
Caitlin S gained a 2nd in her age group.
Congratulations to all competitors who competed so well. I am sure that all enjoyed the day, especially the spectators.

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PH P.E. Award
Jai
For concentrated effort and completing all tasks accurately.
PRINCIPALS AWARD
1/2A 
Ash
For always producing an excellent standard of work in Art and always doing your best.
6R 
Renee
For making a fantastic start to Year 6. Great work, Renee, keep on going!
6R 
Billy
For excellent work on problem solving in Mathematics.
6R 
Bertie
For excellent work on problem solving in Mathematics.
6R 
Max
For excellent work on problem solving in Mathematics.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012
The Official Opening of the School Year will be held on Monday 5th March from 2:30 to 3:30.
This is a very special ceremony where the School Captains/Vice Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council representatives will be invested.
Parents and relatives are invited and welcome to attend this formal occasion. Make sure you bring your camera, especially if your child is being invested in a position of responsibility. An afternoon tea for parents, relatives, guests and visitors will be held at the conclusion of presentations. We are fortunate to have Mr Tom Daly (Upwey High School Principal) attending with our 2011 School Captains, Jayden C & Hailey M. I will look forward to seeing as many visitors as possible.
The following children will be invested during the ceremony:
School Captains: Nathan D & Marguerite T
School Vice Captains: Luke M & Sienna N
House Captains: Josh C, Laura C, Jack H, Renee D, Max S, Libbie E, Alec P, Lucia R,

Congratulations to the following who have been voted on to the Junior School Council. They were presented with their badges at the ceremony.
Year 6- Marguerite T & Nathan D
Year 5- Stella S
Year 4- Caleb L
Year 3- Hannah B
Year 2- Caitlin J
Year 1- Josh My
Prep- Adam W

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS SUCCESS
Congratulations to Caitlin S for coming 2nd in the 9/10 Year Girls Freestyle and 3rd in the 9/10 Year Girls Breaststroke at the District Swimming Sports last Wednesday at Belgrave Pool. This was a great effort indeed.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
1. A reminder to parents that children must be booked in to the BASC program to be assured of a position. Everyone needs to be aware that 15 children is the maximum number permitted to attend our program. If the program is full then no more children are able to attend. Permanent bookings have priority.
2. Please be aware that cancellations for permanent bookings need to be notified to ensure you are not charged. Charges will be made for permanent bookings if we are not informed about non-attendance.
3. Accounts have been distributed and payments are due now. Please attend to accounts as this will dictate permission for continued involvement in the program.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
All grades were involved with the Clean Up Australia Day program on Monday at 2pm. Cleaning up our local school grounds is the main priority. On Sunday, the Upwey Scouts will be also taking part in the Clean Up Australia Day. They will be cleaning up our School Sanctuary between 2pm and 4pm. Upwey P.S. community are invited to join in.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2012
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
All current councillors are reminded to please attend the AGM beginning at 7:00 pm.
The parents and staff duly elected/continuing after completion of the nomination process are:
Newly elected: Andrew Gannon, Kim Gray, Louise Hartley, David Myers, Jenny Staff.
Continuing positions: Nanette Anderson, Annette Dare, Sue Comello.
Staff- Cindy Nyari, Lauren Hickey, Kay Rowles & Malcolm Aspinall
We will have the opportunity to co-opt other members as required.
Congratulations to all members as we look forward to another busy and productive year.
A folder with School Council Matters (Agenda, Minutes, Reports etc) will be sent to each parent by email and hard copy in a folder today.

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 Tuesday 7th March from 7:00 -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.

PA/FUNDRAISING MEETING & AGM
The next meeting of the PA/Fundraising Committee will be held at 9:00 am on Wednesday 7th March. The meeting will incorporate the Annual General Meeting and organisation for special events.

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 more details coming soon.

PLAYGROUP AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
We are anticipating holding a Play group once a week at school for interested parents. Please contact the office if you are interested in becoming involved. The School Council will discuss the idea and if accepted may even begin next Friday.

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 will be distributed with the newsletter next week. Please return with payment by Friday 29th 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.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The CRE Program began for children who are permitted to attend lessons this week.

KNOX RAIDERS BASKETBALL CLINICS
On Friday 16th March we will be completing basketball clinics at school. Coaches from Knox Raiders will be running the clinics for all grades on this day.

REMINDERS
PREP EARLY FINISH
The Prep children will be continuing each day from now with a full day of school. Prep H will be attending the Official Opening of the School Ceremony for 2012 on Monday 5th March.

NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAYS
We have now deleted Mondays from the days for providing lunch orders. Lunch orders will continue from Tuesday to Friday each week.
SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM
Susan Shearman, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be attending the school during term two to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parent’s consent). The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.
Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 477.
Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to 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

1/2A GAVE OUR KITCHENS A GOOD WORKOUT, YUMMY CUPCAKES!

Happy Birthday
For our students & staff
2ND MAR - 9TH MAR

Mrs Hickey
“Today”
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

"March 17 is Audition Day
Boys and girls aged 5 years and up are invited to audition for the Victorian Boys Choir or Victorian Girls Choir on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at our venue in Ringwood East.
Choir Victoria Inc is a performing choir employing professional music staff to give your child excellent musical tuition in an atmosphere of great fun and friendship.
For an affordable musical and wonderful lifetime experience for your child, please contact Ros or Sam to arrange a booking for your child’s audition.
Contact: Ros 0403 472 033 / Sam 0417 531 128
Hi all.
Here’s what’s happening in BASC next week

**MONDAY** Collages

**TUESDAY** Mosaics

**WEDNESDAY** Making “Super balls”

**THURSDAY** Games afternoon

**FRIDAY** Tea painting

Please remember to call the office to book your children into BASC. Places are limited & must be confirmed by staff. Bookings are also needed so we can expect your children into the program.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday

Sam :)
We now have a few parents who have signed up for our Playgroup. We are hoping to start in the next week or two, more details will follow.

If you know of any young families in our area, who would like to be involved in our playgroup please pass this flyer on.

There is no charge at all for our Playgroup but please contact Kay or Cindy in the Office to book your child/ren in.
Some amazing facts about our Australian Mammals

The Platypus

Platypuses can consume their own body weight in food in a 24 hour period!

If you thought this was a cute and cuddly Australian animal, well, you are only half correct. The male platypus have a hollow spur about 15 millimetres in length on the inside of both hind legs. This in turn is connected to a venom gland, and the platypus uses this spur to defend itself against predators.

The male platypus has venom strong enough to can kill a small dog, or cause excruciating pain among humans.

The Koala

Koalas are often referred to as a Koala bear. However they are not a bear. The name Koala comes from an Aboriginal word. It means "no drink", as Koalas get enough fluids through the eucalyptus leaves they feed on. Koalas are found all over east Australia, mainly in the south east.

Fossil remains of koala-like animals have been found dating back to 25 - 40 million years ago.

Koala is the only mammal, other than the Greater Glider and Ringtail Possum, which can survive on a diet of eucalyptus leaves.
Koala seldom drinks water obtaining it from the eucalyptus leaves, which are 50% consisting of water. Although, they can drink water if due to drought the leaves water content is reduced.
Koalas consume eucalyptus leaves and bark from 12 different eucalyptus tree species. They also consume mistletoe and box leaves.
Koala in Victoria would have different diet from koala in Queensland as different species of eucalypts grow in different parts of Australia.
Sometimes koalas eat leaves from other trees such as wattle tree, tea tree, paperbark tree

Dingoes

• Dingoes cannot bark - but they can howl.
• Dingoes have unique wrists in the canine world, capable of rotation. This enables dingoes to use their paws like hands and turn door knobs. Their ability to go where other dogs can't means dingoes can cause more problems for humans than other wild members of the dog family can.
• A dingo can turn its head through almost 180 degrees in each direction.
• Dingoes have permanently erect ears.