PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 22.12.2011

SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

It was a great evening at Marybrooke last night as the Year 6 children graduated. They looked resplendent in their neat casual dress. The Year 6 Graduating Class of 2011 had a terrific evening. Thanks to all the parents and family members who attended the formal proceedings and we wish all the Year 6 children an enjoyable time at their secondary schools next year and every success in the future. Thanks also to the special guests who attended.
GRADUATION - YEAR 6 CLASS OF 2011

YEAR 6 GRADUATION - DINNER & PRESENTATIONS

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations was held last night at Marybrooke Restaurant. Graduation Awards were presented to:

Highest level of achievement in the Standardised Testing Program (English & Maths)

THE PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

KINGSLEY M

General Academic Achievement

JAYDEN C & HAILEY M

CAL T & JAKE D

BRYCE M

JAYDE T & RUTH M

DECLAN A

Bendigo Bank - Education Scholarship award - $100 towards Year 7 Expenses

This was presented at Monday’s assembly by Luan Hanlen, the Manager of the Bendigo Community Bank at Upwey.

BRYCE M

La Trobe Student Leadership & Community Service Award

This was presented at assembly on Monday 6th December by Laura Smyth, MHR for the Federal seat of La Trobe.

JAYDEN C
“CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS” FAMILY PICNIC & CAROLS EVENING

We had a fantastic evening on Monday. The features were the relaxed atmosphere (eating, talking and playing), Santa visit and lolly bag giving (mind the spilt drink!) and the Carols Singing led by Mr G (as well as our talented singers/dancers Ariel, Sienna, Lucia, Taylor, Renee & Hailey). Thanks to all those who attended and made it such a great night!

CAMEO EXCURSION

The Whole School Excursion to the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave to view the movie “Arthur Christmas 2D” was a big hit. The movie was enjoyed and the picnic lunch in the outdoor cinema was something different. The weather conditions for walking were also pleasant.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – TODAY!

Today, Thursday 22nd December, dismissal will occur at 1:30 pm with a lunch hour being eliminated. The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at this assembly.

RED FACES 2011

The annual, and favourite, Red Faces event was held today. Some entertaining performances were noted with the winning acts being: Caitlin S (Playing the Flute – Accompanied by Big Brothers Liam & Kyle) & Kurtis H (Martial Arts demonstration) with 20 points. Runners-up were Marshall B (solo singing) and Sienna N, Hailey, Renee (Dance) on 19 points.

STAFF DEPARTURES

MRS IRENE ARVANITIS – It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Arvanitis at the end of this year. I have already provided parents with information regarding the circumstances of her departure. I wish her every success at her new school for 2012 and I am sure she will accept the challenges with her usual energy and skill. Good luck Mrs Arvo!

MRS ERIN BEER – We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Beer after she has run the Music Program for most of this year. I wish her all the best with the delivery of her 2nd child mid way through the year and thank her for her valued involvement. Mr Greig Douglas will be taking over the Music role for 2012 after a selection process recently. He has visited the school to have a look at the room and equipment and meet with Mrs Beer. We are looking forward to his involvement and wish Erin all the best for 2012.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2011

Today, the last day of Term 4, I presented Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this term. Gold (100% attendance this term) and Silver (94 – 99% attendance this term) awards were presented.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY TIME

I would like to wish all children and parents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. For the children- have a well-deserved and exciting holiday, and take it easy. To the parents- thanks for your wonderful support and enjoy the time with your children. I hope everyone has an enjoyable time in the holidays and look forward to a great year in 2012.

THANKS TO AN AMAZING STAFF

Thank you to all the staff for your continued support and amazing effort during the year. It has been another busy and exciting year with everyone contributing strongly to Upwey PS. Our school ethos is well supported by all staff. Have a relaxing and extremely well-deserved holiday break and be ready for moving on to new challenges in 2012.

REMINDEERS

SCHOOL RETURN DATES FOR 2012

Staff will be returning to school for the start of the 2012 school year on Wednesday 1st February. Children will be returning to school on Friday 3rd February.

We will look forward to welcoming our new Prep children for 2012.

WRITTEN REPORTS- END OF THE YEAR

December Written Reports for Semester 2 were distributed last Friday 16th December. I hope all parents enjoyed reading the reports and highlighted the positives. Please complete the Parent Comment page and return the page for photocopying for us to complete our records.

SCHOOL FEES & BOOKLIST PRICES FOR 2012

School Fees for 2012 will be $265 for the first child and $215 for the second child (This includes a $40 B & G levy- refundable on attending a working bee.) The Booklist component of the school fees will be $125.

The information sheets have already been distributed to all families. Please see the office if you have misplaced your copy.

The minimum payment anticipated will be $125 (booklist section) and will be due during the hours indicated on the booklist. Payments may alternatively be made before the end of the year or at the beginning of 2012.

Direct Deposit is available.

THANKS

SIGNATURE BEARS- YEAR 6 CHILDREN

A special thanks to Kay Goodall for her great assistance in organising and sewing the Signature Bears for the Year 6 children. The unbelievable time and effort she puts in is very much appreciated.

BRUSH CUTTING

Thanks heaps to Liam S for volunteering to do a huge amount of brush cutting near our Amphitheatre this week. Your assistance is very much appreciated.
Parents Association News
Thank you to the Upwey Primary School Community for supporting the P.A. in 2011. Your support has been wonderful.

The Christmas raffle will be drawn today, thank you to everyone who donated prizes. The hampers were fantasti, congratulations to all the winners.

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.

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Shire of Yarra Ranges
We have uploaded to our website the Yarra Ranges School holiday program that was a result of the many contributions from the Yarra Ranges Child Youth and Family Network and vulnerable families working group. Please find it under links for parents at http://www.easternhealth.org.au/mentalhealth/fapmitraining.aspx#links%20to%20help.

Many families find the school holidays a difficult time and so this is a wonderful resource.
OUR 2011 GRADUATES

GOODBYE & GOODLUCK
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**Before & After School Care**

Thank you to all of my BASC Children
We’ve had so much fun!
Have a great holiday and goodbye and goodluck to our Year 6 students
See you in 2012,

Sam :)
What a busy week at U.P.S.

Look what we made: Snowmen!!!!!

What a great way to end the year.
Movie day & fun in the Sun
CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS