PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 6.8.2010

SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS
PASSIONS 2010- STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST

We start Passions 2010 next week. Children will be given their groupings today and I will pass on the group composition to staff and volunteers also.

The program will run on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:30 (or 1:30 – 3:30 for some groups who need some extra time). The dates are confirmed as Wednesday 11th August, Wednesday 25th August, Wednesday 1st September and Wednesday 8th September.

Friday 6th Aug 2010

- Curriculum Day. Student Free
- P.A. Meeting 9am in the staffroom
- Working Bee clean up for Election Day
- Beechworth Campers depart: School Council Meeting 7.30pm
- UNSW Math testing
- Beechworth Campers return.
- Election Day Polling at Upwey Primary School

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P/1D Charlotte
For confidently writing some sentences about her experiences over the weekend!

P/1D Kurtis
For confidently and correctly answering number problems during our class competition.

2/3N Stella
For always listening attentively to her classmates during circle time and for having a great sense of humour.

2/3N Jack
For being a wonderful friend to everyone in 2/3N and for always remembering to use his manners.

2/3N P.E Award Stella
For trying very hard at high jump and being such a helpful classmate to others.

4/5G Sienna
For completing 10 weeks of homework in a row. She is a homework Champion!

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to Holly N in 2/3N after an extended trial of home schooling. We are pleased to have Holly and mum Julie-Ann back as part of our school community. Holly's brother Sam N will be back at school also - attending Upwey South PS.

AMERICAN VISITORS
We were fortunate to have visitors from Virginia in USA to gain some educational experience in an Australian setting. Madelyn (&Lachlan) in 6R, Ben in 2/3N and Matthew in P/1D are cousins of Caitlin S and Kyle S and visited on Wednesday and Thursday. The family will now be heading to Queensland for a holiday - pity they can't take the Principal with them!!

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES
We are continuing to implement Restorative Practices as a main element of our Student Welfare and Discipline Approach at Upwey PS. We continue to work in partnership with the Shire of Yarra Ranges- School Focused Youth Services and other local schools in training staff and progressing with consultation. Mrs Rowles and Mr Gallaher attended a Professional Learning session today with other local teachers as part of the process.

MAJOR COMPUTER SERVER UPGRADE- ULTRANET
Technicians have been working on our server upgrade yesterday and today. The aim is to complete an infrastructure upgrade to be compatible with the implementation of Ultranet. All school computers and staff laptops will be fitted with Windows 7 as part of the process to unify our computer and improve compatibility and reliability across our network.

2010 Federal Election
Saturday 21st August
Our school has been chosen as a location for polling.
Our P.A Fundraising Committee will be holding a Sausage Sizzle and Make 'n Bake Stall. We will be needing volunteers for our BBQ and volunteer chefs & bakers to create some wonderful tasty delights to sell to the community. All money raised goes to our school, so please join us for a fun filled actioned packed day at the polls!
More information will follow
REMINDERS
STATE WIDE CURRICULUM DAY-STUDENT FREE DAY-MONDAY 9TH AUGUST
A final reminder for parents and children that Monday 9th August is a State Wide student-free day when schools will be preparing staff for the Ultranet and State Principals attending a combined meeting in the city called “The Big Day Out-Connections 2010”- where the Ultranet will be officially launched by the Education Department (DEECD) and the State Government. The web address for parent information on the Ultranet is www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet
EARLY SCHOOL ARRIVAL
Thanks for co-operation regarding avoiding early arrivals in the morning. The response has been positive with only rare intervention required for children arriving before 8:45 am.
BEFORE SCHOOL CARE- EARLY START AVAILABLE
Please be reminded that Before School Care is available from 7:30 am to 8:45 am (and by appointment with Sam from 7:00 am)
UPCOMING EVENTS
YEAR 5 & 6 BEECHWORTH CAMP
All Year 5 & 6 children attending camp should have returned their permission forms for the Year 5 & 6 Beechworth Camp at the Old Priory. The trip to Mt Buffalo should be terrific for those who want to see snow. Final payments are required now. Please organise final payment with Cindy or Kay at the office by Wednesday 11th August at the latest to guarantee participation in the camp.
4/5G- DURING CAMP
All Year 4 children in 4/5G along with those not attending camp will have a different classroom program during the camp week. To free up Mr Gallaher for the Year 5 & 6 Camp I will be taking his grade for most of the week, with assistance from other staff and Mrs A with a couple of different activities organised- including an excursion on Monday 16th August. All Year 4 children and non-campers are required to attend school as normal.
VICTORIAN OPERA & ANAM MUSIC EXCURSION
As part of the Vic Opera & Australian Academy of Music program we will be participating in a free excursion to view a rehearsal at Horti Hall in the city to view a musical rehearsal. This is a follow up to the program held at our school last week. Departure time will be 11:30 for performance from 1:00 until 2:00 and then return to the school for normal dismissal. The event will be held on Monday 16th August. We propose to take the Year 4 children and children not attending camp as well as 2/3N. Upper Ferntree Gully PS and Heany Park PS will also be attending the session. The permission notice will be distributed today or Tuesday at the latest for return by Thursday 12th August.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS- Change of Date
The District Athletics Sports has been changed. The change is from Monday 13th September to Tuesday 5th October (the 2nd day of Term 4). We would anticipate

children from Years 3-6 being involved as we make up teams of up to 7 for each age group (boys and girls in separate teams)- 12s, 11s and 10s with 8 and 9 Year olds able to compete in the 10s if they are capable.

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS
We are still anticipating holding our House Athletics Sports on Monday 30th August- weather permitting. Any parents who are available to assist are welcome to contact me before that date.

PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
The session scheduled for Wednesday 4th August had to be postponed due to the absence of Miss Drew. We will re-schedule for another date after consultation between Margaret and Miss Drew.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING
The English Competition was completed this week. The Mathematics Competition scheduled to be held on Tuesday 17th August will most likely be re-scheduled for Friday 13th August to ensure participation of the Year 5 & 6 children who will be at camp on the scheduled date. This is the final competition in the Educational Assessment Australia program run by the University of NSW. Congratulations to the following students who received certificates for the Science Competition. All are Year 6 children.

Participation Awards- Kyle S, Credit- Mia H Distinction- Jackson H, Josh A

SCHOOL BENEFITS PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PLAN
The CSP software purchase program will be the last ever offer. Information leaflets will be distributed on Friday 20th August for return by Friday 3rd September if you are interested in any of the educational software on offer. We do receive some free material for the school as a result of our involvement in this program.

Software on offer includes-Reading For Literacy, Volcanic Panic, Baggin’ the Dragon, Manic Maths and Braintastic-Word Skills, Maths and Reading Success.

REBEL SPORTS
All families will receive a 5% discount at Knox Rebel Sports Store on purchases. An amount of 5% will also be credited to the school for purchase of sports items. You just need to quote the Upwey PS Customer Number 035045. We have just bought new outdoor soccer balls and footballs for the grades and I notice they are being well used- I seem to checking our the building roofs occasionally!

AWARDS
POSITIVE PLAY
The two winners of this week’s draw were Jay T (2/3N) & Rhiannon M (2/3N). Congratulations!

HOUSE COMPETITION
The winners of the House Competition for the last week were: LOWAN (Now 3 in a row!) & BOGONG Congratulations to all members of Lowan and Bogong for their contributions.
ART ATTACK WITH THE PREPS & 1’S

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS - HAPPY & SAD

BABY SISTER FOR SARA & TYLER
Congratulations to Kylie and Hayden on the birth of Marli. Sara (6R) and Tyler (2/3N) now have a gorgeous baby sister.

GRANDMA HAYLEY
Congratulations to Hayley W (Integration Aide in 2/3N) on becoming a grandma with the birth of Ariana on Sunday 18th July. We have a very proud grandma on our hands!

SUE’S LOSS
Our deepest sympathy to Sue L (and family) on the loss of her mother during the week. On behalf of the whole Upwey PS community I would like to pass on our condolences and hope Sue remains strong during this difficult time. We sent some flowers to Sue and the family, and comments of support. 6R have also completed some lovely cards for Sue. Looking forward to seeing Sue back on deck soon.

MONEY PROBLEMS
You are stuck with your debt if you can’t budge it.

School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Representatives.

Our group photos are available for purchase through School Pix for $20 each. If you do not have a payment envelope, please pick one up at the office. Orders are due in ASAP.

Junior School Council Reps
School Captains
Bogong Captains
Moonah Captains
Lowan Captains
Corella Captains
EMA 2nd Semester

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD OR PENSION CARD?

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR EMA THIS YEAR??

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY
PLEASE FILL OUT FORM IN THE OFFICE TODAY

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

NOTICES TO BE RETURNED
Beechworth Camp, Years 5 & 6
Final payment due Friday 16th August

To our students & Staff
6th Aug to 13th Aug

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Waffles and Fruity Yoghurt
By 2/3N

I liked decorating the yoghurt and then shoving it in my mouth! It was delicious!!!!
Ben W (Staff family, American relative)

I loved making the waffles and eating them and putting the fruit on and mixing them.
Jimmy

I thought the waffles were delicious and yummy! It was fun when we got to decorate the dish like in Master Chef!
Stella

I had fun making the waffles, but I wished I had syrup on them.
Jack. H

It was delicious and I love cooking, so I loved it so much I want to have it for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Mary

Soooooo tasty! I liked cutting the fruit.
Tiger

I liked the waffles because they were prefect with the vanilla yoghurt and strawberries and bananas.
Connor

I liked the food because it was yummy and the best part was eating it!
Caitlin

I loved eating the waffles they were delicious! I loved it!
Lily

I had fun cooking the waffles because I really liked the strawberries, bananas and pineapple.
Hiyat

I loved decorating and eating the strawberries and banana.
Caleb

I had fun making waffles. I especially liked decorating the waffles with fruit.
Holly

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Dear parents, if you would like to receive our newsletter link via email please either contact the office or send us an email.
The newsletter looks wonderful in colour!
ZUMBA® CLASSES!!!
Belgrave Heights/South and Upwey
Come join the party that everyone is excited about. New times and locations!!

Mon evenings 8:15pm-9:00pm Belgrave South Community Centre
(Sophie Giles)Brick building at end of Gilmore Ct, down bottom to R
Tues evenings 6:30pm-7:15pm Belgrave Heights Progress Hall
127 Colby Dve, Belgrave Heights
Tues evenings 7:45pm-8:30pm Upwey Community Hall
1143 Burwood Hwy, Upwey
Wed mornings 9:15am-10:15am Belgrave Heights Progress Hall 127
Colby Dve, Belgrave Heights

All levels of fitness welcome. Children from age of 12 welcome in all classes.

COST $$$
$12 for 1 hr class
$10 for 45 min class
10 class cards $90
(valid for 3 months from date of purchase)

For more information contact Liarna on 0421 200 064 (fully qualified Zumba instructor, fitness instructor and dance teacher)

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Marianne Nicholas  0438835729
Upper Ferntree Gully, VIC
listenmovelearn@gmail.com

I'm holding a Lorraine Lea Linen party to raise funds for children with cancer & I'm sure you'd like to help, too.

Walk with Me
Sunday 12 September 2010

Walk and make a difference!

By getting your family and friends together, you can make a difference in the lives of people living with a disability simply by walking.

This inaugural event will be held in partnership with Scope and Ability First Australia, to raise vital funds and awareness of people living with a disability.

Your registration donation of $10 (minimum) goes to Scope.

The unique aspect of this fundraiser is its Ambassadors - our clients.

Meet Ambassador's and have fun!

During the lead-up to the day, participants will have the opportunity to get to know a little about the people they are raising funds for.

Walkers can get to know our Ambassador’s dreams and goals, to see the person not the disability prior to and during the event and will have a chance to meet them on the day of the walk.

There will be entertainment and plenty of family fun on the day. Most importantly we are spreading awareness of people living with a disability and raising some much needed funds along the way.

Walk with Me details
Date: Sunday 12 September 2010
Location: Federation Square, Melbourne
Organiser: Scope and Ability First Australia
Distance: Participants have the choice of doing either the 2km or 4km route.

More info: Walk with Me or contact scope-events@scopevic.org.au for information
# 2010 - Upwey Primary School Family Calendar

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Don’t forget: Student Free Day Monday 9th August 😊
WAFFLES

INGREDIENTS:

1 3/4 Cups (210g) plain flour
1 tbls baking powder
1 tbls sugar
1/2 tsp salt
3 eggs
250g butter, melted
1 1/2 cups milk (375ml)

Method
Pre-heat waffle iron
Whisk the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a large bowl.
Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and pour in the beaten egg whites, yolks, butter and milk.
Whisk all the ingredients together but don’t overbeat them.
Pour the batter on the iron, covering about 70% of the grid. Cook the waffle till steam issues from the iron (approx 2 minutes) and waffle is golden.
Keep the cooked waffles fresh by placing them on a tray (do not stack) in a warm oven.

Serve with chopped strawberries and yogurt
Serves 3, double the ingredients for more