Prep/1D & 2/3N attended their big excursion yesterday. All went extremely well with just an occasional rush to meet a connecting train and a bit of rain to contend with. The children enjoyed a wide variety of activities and became educated in transport timetabling. (Well at least the staff did!) They particularly enjoyed the IMAX Dinosaurs presentation in 3D. Thanks to Miss Drew and Miss Nicola for organising and running the excursion which turned out to be a huge success.

Friday 23rd July 2010
Orchestral Music Workshop: Whole school
“Tree Planting Day”
UNSW English Testing
Upwey Pre School Visit
Curriculum Day. Student Free
Beechworth Campers depart.
SCHOOL COUNCIL
The meeting of the School Council was held on Monday 19th July at 7:30 pm. Some of the key discussions or decisions were:

- Very fruitful discussion on organisation and involvement at school family events.
- Welcome to Lisa O as a parent visitor to the meeting and Mr Gallaher
- Accepting of the activation of a school Bpay facility.
- Gratitude of the McLachlan family who received the donation from the Junior School Council for purchase of a Gift Card for Toys R Us (After the children lost all their toys in a house fire).
- Federal Election Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall- Saturday 21st August. (Yet to be confirmed)
- Finalising the design from Promotions of a School Business Card for distribution to businesses
- Postponement of refurbishment work inside the BASC/Music Room- Exterior plumbing work completed during the holidays.
- Humanities, Student Engagement and Computers & ICT policies will be reviewed and re-drafted this year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
SCHOOLS ULTRANET
In preparation for the introduction of the Ultranet for schools Mr Gallaher and I have completed another Lead Users Ultranet Planning Session today to assist in preparing the staff for the introduction of the Ultranet, particularly on the Curriculum Day on Monday 9th August. Parents will be receiving more information in the near future. The web address is...
STATE WIDE CURRICULUM DAY-
STUDENT FREE DAY-
MONDAY 9TH AUGUST

Another reminder for parents and children that Monday 9th August will be a “one off” 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”.

STAFF FIRST AID TRAINING

On Wednesday staff members and community members (17 in all) completed update training in Anaphylaxis, CPR and First Aid Level 2. Thanks to Kay G for organising the event and all the staff for putting in the extra hours to ensure qualifications are up to date. The soup and bread was great also thanks Kay G and Mr G.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VICTORIAN OPERA & AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC WORKSHOP

Quite a mouthful but we have been included in this program due to a successful Dandenong Ranges Music Council Grant. Next week on Thursday 29th July 4/5G and 6R will be involved in a workshop run by Richard Gill (Musical Director) from 11:30 am to 1pm in the school hall. Photo permission has been requested for purposes of promotion and publication of the event. If you do not wish your child to be included in photographs, mostly group shots, then please let me know. Local newspapers may also be covering the event.

PASSIONS 2010 STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST

Passions 2010 is in the final development stage. Staff have selected their topic and I am just awaiting any LAST MINUTE parent volunteers to let me know about availability and interest area. Staff and parents have selected:

Mrs Rowles & Bailey- Origami
Miss Drew (& Kay G)- Vegie Garden Mosaic Pavers
Miss Nicola- Dynamic Dancing
Mr Gallagher- Model Building/Electrical Applications
Sue L- Super Science Experiments
Mr Aspinall- Fishing
Debbie R- Clay Modelling
Annette, Nanette & Sue C- Cooking
Danielle Q- Digital photography
Jenny M & Alison C- Bushwalking
David J- Computers & Computing

Some of the other areas selected by children have been:

Acting- Dress Ups, Movie Making- Animation or Clay-mation, Animal Care, Fishing, Lego, Jewellery Making, History of War, Science Experiments, Remote Control Cars, Woodwork, Sewing etc.

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

Any final activities run by parent volunteers will need to be finalised by the end of today. Please contact me today if you are able to be involved, otherwise the above activities will form the complete list.

PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Prep/1D visited the Upwey Pre School on Wednesday this week for a “Back To Kinder Day”. The children were reminded of what it used to be like in the ‘old days’ and we appreciate Margaret and the Kinder hosting our children for the morning.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TERM 3 PROGRAMS

The Thinking Outside The Box gifted and talented program for local primary schools will continue at Upwey Primary School during this term with 5 programs offered to all year levels from Year 1 to Year 6. The Technology Room will be used for these programs. There are Mathematics programs offered to particular students- Year 1/2 programs, Year 3/4 programs and a Year 5/6 program. Offers have been distributed already and participation confirmed. The first two programs continued this week.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING

The English Competition will be held on Tuesday 3rd August. Results from the Computer Skills Competition were:

Sienna N- Participation Award
Amelia A- Participation Award
Mia H- Participation Award
Kyle S- Participation Award
Josh A- Credit
Jackson H- Distinction

Well done to all participants who were involved in the Computer Skills Competition.

A MEDICAL PROBLEM

A dog gave Birth to puppies near the side of the road and was charged with littering.

NOTICES TO BE RETURNED

Beechworth Camp, Years 5 & 6 Permission Forms due now

Final payment due Friday 16th August

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!
Prep 1/D
On Thursday we went to the Museum. We travelled on a train, a tram and we walked. The adult who came were my dad, Miss Drew, Caroline, Sue, Miss Nicola, Jenny, Sandra, Hayley and Louise. I saw a lot of bones and a dead squid. My favourite part was learning about fossils. I learnt that dinosaur bones are found in rocks.
By Leeson

My favourite was I went to the Imax and wore 3D glasses. I learnt that some dinosaurs look like dinosaurs but they were not dinosaurs.
By Sam

My favourite part was when we looked at the pretend dinosaurs. I learnt some dinosaurs eat meat and some ate plants.
By Imogen

My favourite part was the Imax movie, it was the best. I learnt everything about the T-Rex.
By Gage

2/3N
Train & Tram
On Thursday the 22nd of July, P/1D and 2/3N went to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX Theatre. We caught a train and a tram it took a while but we got there in time on the tram. It was lots of fun, especially when we caught the tram and there were no seats, we had to stand up and hold on to the rails, we were falling all over the place. My favourite part of the day was the public transport trip on the train home because we were loud and Tiger and Kiana fell asleep. Miss Nicola kept telling us that there were other people on the train, but she still laughed at our jokes!
By Lily

IMAX Theatre-Dinosaurs Alive 3D
On Thursday the 22 of July 2/3N and P/1D went to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX theatre. We went to a movie called Dinosaurs Alive in 3D some thought it was scary, some thought it was interesting. At the start of the movie we learned about the two deserts in the world where a lot of skeletons were found, the Gobi desert in Mongolia and The Burning Cliffs in New Mexico. It also told us about the three dinosaurs' names Tarbosaurus, Protoceratops and the Pterandhdon. At the end of the movie there was a giant claw which scratched the screen and everyone jumped, Miss Nicola scared Jay. It was a fun day!
By Marshall

The Dinosaur Skeleton Lesson
When got to the museum and went to a dinosaur skeleton lesson held by a staff member at the museum. We started to learn about dinosaurs. We had magnifying glasses to look at fossils and they were so cool. We learned some dinosaurs names and. We learned what the fossils they were; one of the fossils was a squid. I had a really good the on the excursion, it was lots of fun.
By Tiger

THE DINOSAUR WALK
On Thursday p/1/D and 2/3/N went on a Dinosaur walk. It was really interesting and Fun. The bones were awesome and the Dinosaur skeletons are huge. There were teeth from dinosaurs and they were cool and super sharp! There were programmed robotic dinosaurs and they made scary dinosaur sounds. We also got to touch interactive display boards, which had different facts dinosaurs and prehistoric animals on them. My favourite part was jumping on the animals made out of lights.
By Caitlin
Mc Donalds HoopTime

Seniors

Future Stars #1 Wizards won all 4 games
Future Stars #2 Warriors won 3 lost 1 game

Semi Final Wizards V’s Warriors
Warriors won by ..........
Grand Final Warriers lost by 5 to Mountain Gate Magic.

Thanks to Tim, Michelle B and Adele for helping with scoring and transport.
Mrs Rowles & Sue

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EMA 2nd Semester

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:
- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension

To be eligible for 2nd Semester payments your Health Care Card must be Valid and dated from the 12th July
The EMA allowance is paid in two instalments and to be eligible you must be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit, Veteran Affairs Pension or a foster parent. Pick up an application and submit to school by 6th August

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known as Child Disability Allowance), Mobility Allowance, Remote area Allowance or any other benefit not income tested by Centrelink are not eligible for the EMA unless they comply with one of the above Pensions.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February 2010 and prior to or on 6 August 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Hi,
We have heaps on in BASC next week, should be great fun and hope to see you there!

MONDAY- ORAGAMI! COME INTO BASC ON MONDAY AND LEARN THIS FANTASTIC ART!
TUESDAY- GOOP!
WEDNESDAY- BOMBARDMENT, CAPTURE THE FLAG, POISON BALL
THURSDAY- TEA AND COFFEE PAINTING
FRIDAY- COOKING CUP CAKES

I hope that you all enjoy your weekend and see you on Monday.
Sam :)

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KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB

On Monday we will be making and tasting some herbal teas. I have bought some more Broad Bean Seedlings to plant as well as some purple cabbage and onions.
Sue
CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!

On the weekend of Fri. 28th January - Sun. 30th January 2011 $60 Full Fee*

This January 2011 camp is a camp for kids who’ve never been to a Kids of Gold camp before (Level One). Ring for a prebooking, which will give you 21 days to formally register. See www.kidsofgold.co.cc for info and pictures from Jan 2010 Camp.

WHAT IS IT? A camp designed especially to build confidence and self-esteem for Primary Kids in Grades 4-6. Students going into Year 7 in 2010 are still eligible.

There are 3 Levels that kids can ultimately do if they continue to come! Overcoming issues like shyness, bullying and inability to make friends are some of the areas that parents have seen their kids ‘winning through’ on through this camp. Fun games, low ropes and initiative activities, wall climbing, dramas etc are all in the program.

WHERE IS IT? In the Yarra Valley at the safe and attractive setting of the Lyrebird Park Camp, 510 Beenak Rd Yellingbo. It is found in Melways Map 308 K10, and is marked as 1km further along Beenak Road.

FEEDBACK COMMENTS:

“I couldn’t believe how much of a change I saw in her in just the weekend!”

“Both my daughters have been to KOG, one has been there twice, and they love it!”

“Had a ball! ‘Come and meet my new friend, his name is Kendrick!’ was the first thing he said when we saw him at the end of camp. He has always been a bit shy to start with, but after having some initial hesitation on the first night, he wants to go back again! His highlight was meeting a new friend!”

COST? $60 per child (*$50 for Health Card Holders). There are full sponsorships available to some on application ( $60 is only 40% of the full price), and will be met through subsidies received through fundraising efforts and Kids of Gold sponsors. Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and the Shire of Yarra Ranges support our cause as much as they are able.

CONTACT - Enquiries/prebooking to ‘Kids of Gold’ on 0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 or 0415 427 396 (Gary).

KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN VIC 3795
ABN 57 327 231 83

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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

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29th July: Orchestral Music Workshop for Years 4,5 & 6 😊
What types of dinosaurs are these?

Which dinosaur does this footprint belong to?