SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS
VICTORIAN OPERA & ANAM MUSIC WORKSHOP

We had a wonderful incursion yesterday from Richard Gill (Musical Director) and Melissa Harris and their opera students. This was a result of the Dandenong Ranges Music Council project involving Vic Opera & the Australian National Academy of Music (Thanks Bev McAlister) and six primary school. **4/5G, 6R and also 2/3N were invited to be involved in a workshop** run by Richard and Melissa in the school hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the singing and music and participating when requested. (Bailey was one of the brave contributors!) Photo permission has been requested for purposes of promotion and publication of the event for children in the above mentioned grades. If you do not wish your child to be included in photographs, mostly group shots, then please let me know.
### Student Achievement Awards

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#### 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.

#### Passions 2010 - Starts on Wednesday 11th August

Passions 2010 plans have been completed. Staff members and volunteers have selected their topics, and most children have completed their priority selections which are being currently tabulated to form our final groups. Year 6 children will be given priority for selections and guarantee their 1st selection. We will aim to give all other children one of their first three preferences. This is the final list of selections:

- Mrs Rowles & Bailey- Origami
- Miss Drew & Kay G- Vegie Garden Mosaic Pavers
- Miss Nicola- Dynamic Dancing
- Mr Gallaher- Model Building/Electrical Applications
- Sue L- Super Science Experiments
- Mr Aspinall- Fishing
- Sandra H- Auslan Signing
- Debi R-E- Clay Modelling
- Annette, Nanette & Sue C- Cooking
- Danielle Q- Fun Photo Shoots
- Jenny M & Alison C- Bushwalking
- David J- Computers & Computing

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.

Congratulations to Sara & Tyler, Kylie & Hayden for the safe arrival of baby Marli.

Also Hayley W, a beautiful Granddaughter, Arianna.
CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS- P/1D
It is with pleasure that I inform the school community that we have been able to secure the services of two young classroom assistants- Amy E (completed past teaching rounds with us) and Amber S (gaining experience in preparation for primary course applications) for support in Prep/1D. This allows us to provide extra assistance for students- particularly in the literacy area. Amy will assist on Thursdays and Amber on Tuesdays. Your help is very much appreciated.

UPWEY HIGH TRANSITION VISIT
We were pleased to welcome the Year 7 co-ordinator Anne-Marie Southern and three ex-students to the Year 6 classroom today as an information session about life at Upwey High. Year 7 students- Callum D, Keelan O and Maddy G provided a student insight into what it was like starting at the school this year and what to prepare for next year.

EX-STUDENTS- GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS
I have just been informed about the Upwey High School awards presented this week for academic excellence. We recognise with pride that 9 of the recipients for Year 8 students were ex-Upwey Primary School students. What a fantastic result! Congratulations to Bethany A, Emma C, Maya E, Olivia E, Shannon H, Liam S, Liam T, Danielle W and Ashleigh T. Also congratulations to Tennyson O for her Year 7 achievement award- a great start to secondary school.

REMINER
SCHOOLS ULTRANET
Preparations are well underway for the staff to be introduced to possibilities of the Ultranet, particularly on the Curriculum Day on Monday 9th August. The web address for parent information on the Ultranet is www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet
I am sure we will need an Information Evening after the official introduction of the Ultranet to show parents what is involved.

STATE WIDE CURRICULUM DAY- STUDENT FREE DAY- MONDAY 9TH AUGUST
This is not far away now. 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”- where the Ultranet will be officially launched by the Education Department (DEECD) and the State Government.

EARLY SCHOOL ARRIVAL
A courtesy reminder that children are to arrive from 8:45 am to 9:00 am and if arriving earlier are required to book in to BASC or have their parent present for supervision. School supervision in the school grounds will be provided from 8:45 am and not before. Please follow the school policy in the interests of student safety. There appears to be a spate of early arrivals at the moment. Students arriving too early (before 8:45 am) at school without their own parents supervising will be placed in Before School Care and charged at the appropriate rate to ensure they are supervised properly. Before 8:45 am is teacher preparation time and they are not required to supervise children during that time.

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. Due to the recent acquisition of Adele W (Integration Aide in 6R) for camp staff we will not be requiring parent assistance on this occasion. Thanks again Adam and Tracey who had volunteered to participate as parent support.

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 next week. The Technology Room will be used for all of these programs.

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, with a couple of different activities organised- including an excursion. 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 have been offered involvement in a free excursion to view a rehearsal in the city. The event will be held on Monday 16th August, when the Year 5 & 6 children are heading to Beechworth. We propose to take the Year 4 children and children not attending camp as well as 2/3N. More information and permission notices will be distributed when final details have been organised. I am looking forward to this follow up to yesterday’s visit by Richard Gill and his entourage.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS- Change of Date
For your information the date of the District Athletics Sports has been changed. It was to be Monday 13th September but has now been confirmed as 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.

PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Upwey Pre School will be visiting the school on Wednesday 4th August next week for a “Classroom Activity Hour” including using the Interactive Whiteboard and computers. They will be assisted by Mrs Rowles and the children in 6R. They will also have some play on the Adventure Playground equipment.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING
The English Competition will be held on Tuesday 3rd August. This will most likely be held after lunch as I have a Principals’ Meeting in the morning. We are still awaiting results from the Science, Spelling and Writing Competitions.

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 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.

SCHOOL BENEFITS PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PLAN
We have received information regarding the CSP software purchase program indicating this 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 Brainstastic- Word Skills, Maths and Reading Success.

REBEL SPORTS
A reminder that all families will receive a 5 % discount at Knox Rebel Sports Store if purchasing any item. 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.

AWARDS
POSITIVE PLAY
The two winners of this week’s draw were Tyler C (2/3N) & Mia H (6R). Congratulations!

HOUSE COMPETITION
The winner of the House Competition for the last week was: LOWAN (Now 2 in a row!) Congratulations to all members of Lowan for their contribution.

A MEDICAL PROBLEM
Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.
Hi everyone,
Another busy week at BASC, next week will be full of fun too.

Monday: Dress Ups
Tuesday: Cooking Lemon Slice
Wednesday: Tea & Coffee Painting
Thursday: Outdoor Games
Friday: Movie night & pop corn!
Have a great weekend and see you next week :)
Sam

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD OR PENSION CARD?

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR EMA THIS YEAR??

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 installment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second installment.

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 installment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

KITCHEN GARDEN CLUB
Beetroot & Onion Planting And Broccoli Harvesting. See you on Monday.
**Auditory Processing and Learning**
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

**Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon**

**INFORMATION SESSION**
Understanding Auditory Processing
Cost $20
Thursday 12th August 2010
7:00pm – 8:30pm
At: The Remedy Group
1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale

We help children with:
- Concentration and short attention span
- Development and language delay
- Learning and reading difficulties
- ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia,
- Sensory Integration,
- Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Using art, movement and music, we can help transform hindrances that will enable your child to discover their true potential.

Bookings essential
Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335

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**PRIVATE READING TUITION**
I can take you from ANY point, to becoming a fluent reader. Reading can be fun if you know how to make it an enjoyable experience!
Reading lessons are open to ALL AGES who are willing to learn.
All lessons are on a one-to-one basis in quiet and comfortable surroundings.

**Working with Children check** Approved.
Phone Kim on 0409 557 677 (Bayswater area).

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**SchoolPix**
Our School Group Photos are on display
In the entrance to the office.
These include School Captains, House captains and Junior School representatives.
Please feel free to pop in and have a look.

Individual envelopes have been distributed, if you did not receive one please call the office.

Orders are due in ASAP
Thanks.

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**UPWEY PRE SCHOOL PRESENTS**

*BUBID BOO*
CLOTHING
Tuesday 3rd August
6.30 to 8.30pm
At Upwey Pre School

Clothing from $3.00
Accessories from $1.00

This is a fundraiser for the Kinder. Hope to see you there!!!!

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Sound and Movement Therapy
Integrated Listening Systems and Extra Lesson

Beneficial for children and adults with:
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behavioural/social problems
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