PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 25.6.2010

SCHOOL EVENTS & NEWS
WRITTEN REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thanks to the teachers for all their effort and time put in to completing Student Written Reports for the First Semester. Thanks also to teachers and parents for involvement in Parent/Teacher Interviews. This is such a great opportunity to address strengths and weaknesses, as well as plan for improvement areas in the second half of the year. I strongly urge any parents who have been unable to attend interviews this week to organise a time at the beginning of next term.

Friday 25th June 2010

Calendar
Friday 25th June
Monday 12th July
Tuesday 13th July
Friday 16th July
Monday 19th July
Wednesday 21st July

Last Day for Term 2, Early dismissal 2.30pm
Term 3 begins
P.A. Meeting 9am in Staffroom,
Whole School French Presentation
Years 5 & 6 Future Stars Hoop Time
“Back to Kinder” Preps & Miss Drew

The idea for the Oxfam Walk was to let the students understand the difficulties faced by disadvantaged children in the Third World Countries. Children have to walk a long way to get fresh water, our buckets with mulch took the place of the water carriers.

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# Student Achievement Awards

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<td>For confidently following instructions during our flower experiment! Super Work!</td>
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<td>For concentrating intently when completing Smart Words activities. Well done!</td>
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<td>Marshall</td>
<td>For trying his best to follow the TRIBES agreements and for his fabulous choreography during Golden Time to Single ladies!</td>
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<td>4/5G</td>
<td>Cal</td>
<td>For his honesty and super sportsmanship. Thank you for the extra effort you have put into concentrating in class.</td>
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<td>For a detailed and informative slide show on Ernie Dingo.</td>
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<td>Jackson</td>
<td>For excellence in all subject areas, and for his cheerful enthusiasm.</td>
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**HALF YEAR WRITTEN REPORTS- PARENT COMMENT**

Please note that parents are requested to write a comment on the Parent Comment page and return this to the school for copying and subsequent returning to complete the Written Report. This shows a serious commitment to the reporting process and we appreciate parent feedback about the report. Thanks to those parents who have already sent us the comment page. The original will be returned to you.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The meeting of the School Council was held on **Monday 21st June** at 7:30 pm.

Major issues discussed were:
- BASC Family Survey to be distributed to attending families
- Like other schools Upwey PS will not meet the criteria for the buildings to be Neighbourhood Safer Places for community use in a wildfire situation.
- Possibility of Cyber Safety Information Evening being held later in the year
- Unsuccessful Grant for shutters to Art Building- Successful Bendigo Bank Grant to purchase Kitchen Garden equipment for the school kitchens when they are completed (Malcolm to attend presentation ceremony on Tuesday 22nd June at the Upwey Fire Brigade Hall)
**NEW ENROLMENT**
Next term we will welcome Hailey M to the school. She is in Year 5 and will be placed in 4/5G. The family have just recently moved into the area and Mum, Rebecca, and sister, Emma (Upwey High – Year 9 student) & little brother Benjamin have visited the school to familiarise. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around the school.

**YEAR 7 END OF SEMESTER CELEBRATION DAY- MONBULK COLLEGE**
I was indeed fortunate to be invited to Monbulk College yesterday to participate in their Year 7 students End of Semester 1 Celebration Day to see work completed by ex-student Jordy R. He also provided me with a guided tour of the school, a sausage sizzle lunch and presentation by other Year 7 students for their first semester’s activities at secondary school. A very enjoyable experience... thanks Jordy! I especially liked the work on the River Nile and Egypt. I think I will have to go there!

**HOLIDAYS**
I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday period. Keep warm during the Winter break and whatever you do, have a great time and relax where you can! It has been a long term (11 weeks) but seems to have passed so quickly. The children and staff have worked extremely hard this term and I thank them very much. We can look forward to more hard work, Production auditions/rehearsals, Passions, Camp, Athletic Sports etc during next term. Term 3 will begin on Monday 12th July.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**OUT OF UNIFORM – “FREE” DRESS DAY**
Today’s Out Uniform day with a gold coin donation in support of Oxfam was a great success. Thanks for supporting the Junior School Council’s fundraising venture. The weather was not as kind to us as we would have hoped. The “Whole School Walk” was a very interesting spectacle! We raised a total of $114.

**PLANNING WEEK FOR TEACHERS**
The teachers have completed their planning together for developing Term 3 thematic units of work. Thanks to Mrs Pergl, Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Slavnic for taking grades whilst the planning process was occurring. I also enjoyed taking 2/3N on Wednesday- an opportunity to get back to basics!

**SOUP & BREAD ROLL LUNCH- PA/FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY**
Thanks to the PA/Fundraising for such an enjoyable soup lunch on Wednesday this week. Special thanks to Nanette, Annette, Sue and Michelle for assisting with organising the event. We were able to raise $180 in soup sales.

**UPWEY SOUTH- SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAM**
Due to building works the Upwey South Vacation Care Program will not be operating during the school holiday period. Any parents who usually access this program will need to make other arrangements.

**BELGRAVE LANTERN FESTIVAL**
A very successful event. Great to see Upwey PS children and parents participating in the annual event which was highlighted in the local media.

**SCHOOLS ULTRANET**
In preparation for the introduction of the Ultranet for schools Mr Gallaher and I will be participating in Lead Users Information Sessions on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th July- the first two days of Term 3- not the ideal time for the sessions but some very important information will be provided to ensure we are prepared for the introduction of the Ultranet- the super highway on the net for school communities. More information soon.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MUSEUM AND IMAX- DINOSAURS EXCURSION**
A notice providing details of the Term 3 excursion for P/1D and 2/3N to the museum Dinosaur exhibition and Imax show was distributed yesterday. The excursion will be held on Thursday 22nd July- the second week of Term 3. Please put this one in your diary.

**PASSIONS 2010**
Passions 2010 is in the early planning stages. The program will run on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons (depending on parent availability) from 2:00 – 3:30 (or 1:30 – 3:30 for some groups).

I am seeking assistance in running groups for the Term 3 program. Please contact me if you are able to take a group for your own “passion”.

The likely dates will be the first, second and third weeks in August.

We have gained many ideas from the children during Tribes- Community Circle time this week. Check the list out if you wish!

**PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM**
Prep/1D will be visiting the Upwey Pre School on Wednesday 21st July from 9:30- 10:30 am for a “Back To Kinder Day” so that the children can be reminded what it used to be like in the ‘old days’. We will look forward to the hospitality of Margaret, Heather and Glenn, and the pre school children.

**FRENCH PRESENTATION**
Upwey High School French students will be putting on a show for all our students next term on Friday 16th July from 9:15 to about 10:15 am in the Presentation Space. Thanks to Mrs Mill (French teacher and Jarrod’s mum) for organising the event.

**THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX- TERM 3 PROGRAMS**
The Thinking Outside The Box gifted and talented program for local primary schools will again be held at Upwey Primary School during Term 3. The Technology Room will be used for this program. We have Mathematics programs offered to particular students- a year 1/2 program, a Year 3/4 program and a Year 5/6 program. Offers have been distributed already and participation confirmed during the last week of Term 2. The first two programs will begin on Wednesday 14th July and Thursday 15th July respectively.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**NETBALL CHAMPS**
Well done to our mums who won the recent Netball Grand Final. Annette D and Nanette A are members of the successful South Upwey (Old girls!) team.

**A THOUGHT**
Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
To our students & Staff
18th June to July 16th
Tristan & Dylan
Jackson & Mia
Chadai
Julian
Jack H

before & after
school care

wishing you
all a safe and
relaxing holiday.
we will see you
back in term 3
for another term
of fun, games, cooking &
play
:)
SAM

A huge sorry for missing last weeks birthdays.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Zumba
Is Coming To The Hills!

WHERE?: Belgrave Heights Progress Hall -
127 Colby Dve, Belgrave Heights

CLASSES
Tues evenings 6:30-7:15pm ZUMBA EXPRESS
Wed mornings 9:15-10:15am
Wed afternoons 4:00-4:45pm ZUMBATOMIC
Zumba for the little ones aged 7-12
Wed evenings 5:00-6:00pm

COST $  
$10 for Zumba express or Zumbatomic
$12 for 1 hr classes
*10 class cards available at discounted price
*2 for 1 for first 2 weeks - That's right!!! Bring a
friend along and you both pay half price
*Term prices also available
For more information contact Liarna on
0421 200 064 (fully qualified Zumba instructor,
fitness instructor and dance teacher)

EMA 2nd Semester
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 Centre-
link pension, allowance or benefit; Veteran Affairs Pen-
sion or a foster parent. Pick up an application and sub-
mit to school by 16th July 2010
Parents who receive a Carer Allowance (formerly known
as Child Disability Allowance), Mobility Allowance, Re-
move 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.
LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED
**Children’s Holiday Art Classes**

**At – Ferntree Gully Community Centre**

**& Selby Community House**

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**COST - $15.00 per session 1 ½ Hours**

**Maximum 10 students per group –**

**Enquiries: Bev - 0449 654 343**

All classes run by a VIT qualified and experienced art teacher and practising artist

**ATTN: Return to Sender**

We miss you ...These hot offers are just for you!

Return me to Rebel Sport Knox ONLY

Before the 4th of July 2010

**FREE**

**BSC SHAKER WITH ANY FOOTWEAR PURCHASE**

**HOLD THE PICKLE**

JUNE 30, 7:00PM

Best known as a comedian, in Hold the Pickle, Rachael Berger leaves the microphone behind to present an intimate portrait of her parents’ journey from war-torn Europe to blissful Middle America. From the intricate details of heartbreak, loss and longing, fear and belonging, Oh, and schizophrenia, experience the shocking, the hilarious, the heartrending and overflowing anxiety as Berger plays out the angel and emote of her immigrant childhood in a world populated by acerbic, heartbroken, adorable and sometimes embattled characters.

Share a great cultural experience with good friends! Gather a group together, arrive at 7pm for pre show drinks, stay after the show for coffee, cake and a chat about the show. Tickets $32 or only $25 if purchased as part of the Wednesday Mecca Subscription Package.

WHERE: Upper Yarra Arts Centre, 3409 Warburton Hwy, Warburton

BOOKINGS: 03 5966 4500

**Guinea pigs 4 Sale**

$10 each, please call 0752 5337

**Shaping the Future – Competition**

Here is a possible competition that might be of interest to some children over the holiday period. Our Christian Religious Education teachers are organised through ACESS Ministries so a link with the school already operates.

**Shaping the Future – Competition**

Why not spend your holiday writing or creating something that expresses your views about Shaping the Future? ACCESS ministries has launched a competition, with cash prizes, open to all students in Victoria. There are 5 categories to enter and all entrants have the opportunity for inclusion in a book to be published later this year. Go to www.accessministries.org.au for more details and good luck.

**Your opinion counts - make it heard**

Tell us what you would like your future to be! It could be who you think has the most influence on the future of young Victorians or the future of a particular group of people. Perhaps you want to share your views about why Shaping the Future has to become more of a priority. Other interesting entries may explore when futures are shaped. Almost any form of art or writing (up to 500 words) can be used to communicate this to our judging panel. Competition details can be requested at the email below.

Prizes will be presented at the ACCESS Chaplaincy Dinner 2010, 9 August. Selected entries will be on display during pre-dinner drinks. All entries will be eligible for inclusion in a book to be published by ACCESS ministries.

**CATEGORY**

* Primary School, 1st prize $100, Highly Commended $25
* Up to 3 Highly Commended per section will be awarded. Entries close 30 July 2010.
### 2010 - Upwey Primary School Family Calendar

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| Student Free Day |
| Week 4 | 16-Aug | 17-Aug | 18-Aug | 19-Aug | 20-Aug |

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Have a wonderfully relaxing holiday and stay safe: 😊