PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 5.3.2010

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The Official Opening of the School Year was held on Monday 1st March from 2:30 to 3:30. Thanks to parents and relatives who attended to see the School Captains/Vice Captains, House Captains/Vice Captains and Junior School Council representatives being invested during this ceremony. Special thanks to Upwey High School Principal Mr Tom Daly for assisting at the ceremony and Jacob S & Amarah R (School Captains of 2009) for reading the pledges and assisting with badges/presentations. Final thanks to the PA/Fundraising who supplied the afternoon tea and organised decorations. The ceremony was a great success and ran smoothly.
Congratulations to the following who have been voted on to the Junior School Council. They were presented with their badges at the ceremony.
Year 6 - Amelia A & Jackson H
Year 5 - Jayde T
Year 4 - Marguerite T
Year 3 - Marshall B
Year 2 - Mary P
Year 1 - Hannah B
Prep - Sam M

WHAT'S HAPPENING HOUR & SAUSAGE SIZZLE - DON'T MISS IT!
All children and parents are invited to attend our Information Sessions for the beginning of the year. The event will be held on Tuesday 16th March from 6-8 pm. We will be starting the evening with a Free Sausage Sizzle for children and parents from 6-7 pm and then everyone (children and parents) will move into the grades to be provided with the “What’s Happening Hour” grade information and open classroom, and an introduction to our new Interactive Whiteboards which are due to be installed on Friday 12th and Monday 15th March.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - FIRST FOR 2010
The AGM and Normal School Council Meetings were held on Monday 1st March
Decisions made included:
Office Bearers for 2010 were elected - Jenny Staff (President), James Murray (Vice President), Cindy Nyari (Secretary) - congratulations to all.
Necessity to raise BASC fees from the beginning of Term 2. (Permanent bookings- Evening $15, Morning $8.50. Casual Bookings- Evening $17, Morning $9.50- These costs are reduced depending on level of rebate.)
The Annual School Report for 2009 was presented.
The Program Budgets for 2010 were presented.
Camps for 2010 were approved - Year 5/6 Beechworth- 5 days. Year 2/3/4- Log Cabin Ranch-Silvan- 3 days.
Student Free-Curriculum Days remaining (Statewide) - Report Writing- Friday 11th June. Ultra Net- Monday 9th August.
eLearning Plan- to be presented to the Education Committee
A BASC Family Survey will be distributed soon to gain parent feedback on the program and future directions.

NEW FAMILY AT UPWEY PS
We welcome the Comello family to our school community. Jayden is in 4/5 G (Year 5) and Dylan & Regan are in P/1D (Preps). Mum and dad (Sue & Travis) are looking forward to their involvement. Please make them feel welcome.

EARLY ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL NOT PERMITTED
We have noted several children arriving at school early in the morning. Children arriving before 8:45 am are to be accompanied by a parent or attend Before School Care which is provided for this very purpose. Please abide by this rule as it is in the interests of safety (no teachers are on official duty before 8:45 am).
A number of alleged incidents involving unknown persons approaching students on the way to and from school have been reported during this term across Eastern Metropolitan Region. Parents please remind your children about their personal safety, particularly while walking to or from school.

NEW SCHOOL SIGN
The new school sign has arrived and we will need many helpers to install the sign in position. (It was too expensive to have the suppliers install the sign!) Contact the office or me if you are able to offer assistance one weekend. Please indicate your date and time availability in the coming weeks so that we can organise a post hole digger and a cement mixer. If you have any of this equipment available please let us know. I am proposing Saturday 13th or Sunday 14th March (though another date may be preferred by the majority).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
PREP HOURS
Since Monday 1st March the Prep children have been staying at school full time instead of finishing at 2:00 pm. They will also be attending assemblies on Mondays from 3-3:30 pm.

Remember the Leader Newspaper showing our two sets of twins- Lydia & Ryan, Tristan & Dylan playing on the playground equipment? Well now we have another set of twins in P/1 D- Dylan & Regan.

UPWEY FAMILY HUB (Replacing the Sherbrooke Child Care/Car Park/Upwey Pre School)
Final plans are near completion. The first stage of the building will occur in the old car park adjoining Burwood Highway. The building will commence on Monday 4th October. Details are available at the Upwey Community Link.

SOMERS CAMP
We are being offered the opportunity to send interested students from Year 5 & 6 to attend the Somers School Camp this year from 13th to 21st July. The cost is $150 and this is over and above our own camp to Beechworth. Year 5 or 6 parents please see me if you are interested.

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION
Year 5 & 6 parents are invited to a Transition Information Session/School tour on the following dates:
Tuesday 9th March- 11 am, Thursday 11th March- 11 am, Tuesday 16th March 9 am, Thursday 18th March 9am, Tuesday 23rd March 11 am, Thursday 25th March 11 am.
Tuesday 13th April 11 am, Thursday 15th April 11 am, Tuesday 20th April 9 am, Thursday 22nd April 9, 10 & 11 am, Tuesday 27th April 11 am, Thursday 29th April 11 am.
To book a tour please contact the school on 9754 2838 or upwey.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

SHERBROOKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL TRANSITION INFORMATION
Sherbrooke has a trial process for those wishing to come for their secondary schooling and who have submitted expressions of interest after a visit to the school. This process allows us them to see students operating in our year 6-8 middle years program and to ascertain who would benefit from coming to Sherbrooke and would fit in with the existing cohort. At this stage it is unlikely that they will be able to offer places to any students outside those who have already put in their expressions of interest.

SWINE FLU VACCINATION
The Department of Health has sent us reminders regarding the Swine Flu Vaccination. Those who have not had a vaccination are being informed that Swine flu H1N1 still continues to pose a threat to the population but you can protect yourself and the community and help stop the spread of Swine flu to others by being vaccinated now. The vaccine is available free and available at your doctor or local health service.

RESEARCH PROJECT - MRS EELES
Any parents who completed the survey concerning Parent Communication and Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of 2009 may have access to the results of the survey. You will need to contact the school to indicate your interest and I will pass on your phone number to Mrs Eeles who will then contact you with the password to access the results.

COMPETITION OFFER
UNIVERSITY OF NSW - COMPETITIONS 2010
One more week to go! The order form for these competitions is still available at the office. Please return with payment by Friday 12th March if you are interested in your child participating in any of these competitions.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
GARDEN CLUB
Thanks to Sue and Sandra the Garden Club is continuing on Mondays at 1:15 pm. A bit dry at the moment but children and parents are welcome to request to be involved. Children to have access to the Vegie Garden.

UPWEY BILLY CART RACES
The Upwey Billy Cart Race was held on Sunday 28th February in Main St Upwey. We had many children and parents involved. These included- Sam N, Holly N, Caitlin S, Kyle S, Luke M, Josh A, Kurtis H and Leeson T and any others who attended (did our school racing team proud by racing in the school billy cart donated by the O'Brien family). Congratulations to you all for such a wonderful effort.

COMING EVENTS
VALUES FOR LIFE SCHOOL SEMINARS PROGRAM
On Wednesday 17th March we will be having the Values for Life Program for Year 4/5/6 children. All Year 4/5/6 children will be involved in the first session between 9:30 – 11 regarding resilience, challenges and independence. The Year 6 children will be dealing with the topic of “Leadership and Transition” from 11:30 until 1:00. There will be no cost involved as we have received funding by the Shire of Yarra Ranges for the program.

KNOX RAIDERS BASKETBALL CLINICS
On Thursday 18th March we will be completing basketball clinics at school during Physical Education lesson times. Coaches from Knox Raiders will be running the clinics.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX
This annual event is planned for Tuesday 23rd March from 9-1. The PA will be holding a Healthy Lunch on the same day as part of the celebration. Get those billy carts ready. More details later.

A THOUGHT
Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
Paintings by Bev Pergl
At Lady Hawke Café
Paintings explore life journeys, relationships, change and images from the subconscious
On Saturday 6th March—Wednesday 31st March
1365 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mt Dandenong
Melways Ref: 66G1
Open Thursdays to Mondays 9am-5pm
Ph: 03 9751 1104

KUMBADA STUDIO
Yoga & Creative dance
Creative Dance is a fun, easy and inspiring way for children to stretch their legs and their imagina-
tion. Our unique blend of dance, yoga, theatre and music creates an experience that encourages chil-
dren of all shapes & sizes to express themselves.
Phone: 9761 9363 for more info.

BOLLYWOOD
Dance Classes With
Miss Nicola
Where: In the Hall
Time: 1.30 (during Lunch)
If you would like to learn some Bollywood please speak to Miss Nicola
On Tuesday
Years 2-6 only

AVOCARE
Learning Solutions
You may be eligible for $1000 grant towards the costs associated with training or re-training. Eligible individuals are able to use this money towards any qualifications we offer at Avocare. To find out more information and for eligibility please contact Gill on 9793 9766

Hope in the Hills
Christian Community
Wet Festival
Friday March 12
From 5.30pm
Rides, Food, Games, Entertainment and much more
3 Clifford Gve Tecoma
9754 6809
Upwey Tecoma
AUSKICK
REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday 13th March
9am-10.30
At the Upwey Seniors Oval
Chosen Ave, Upwey
Auskick starts on Sat, 17th April
From 9am-10am
Centre Coordinator:
Simon Maloney
Phone: 97545829

Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

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

INFORMATION SESSION
Understanding Auditory Processing
Cost $20
Wednesday 17th March 7:00pm – 8:30pm at The Remedy Group
1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale
A Workshop will be scheduled in Term 2 – contact 5967 2335 for details.

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

Upwey High School
Tours and Open Day
(Thursday 22 April)
To book a tour please call the Upwey High School General Office on 9754 2838, or email upwey.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au
Tours generally take from 1 - 1 ½ hours and have been arranged for the following dates and times:

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Our Kitchen Club
## Term 1 2010 - Upwey Primary School
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