PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 16.8.2013

Passions On Display!
I would like to have a display of all work completed during Passions 2013 for all children (and parents/visitors) to view so that we can appreciate the magnificent efforts and contributions of our children. I will be having a display of work in the school hall on Monday 19th August. There will be no school assembly on Monday but I would like to invite parents/visitors to view the work set up in the hall from 3:00 until 3:45 pm.

THIS WEEK AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

“TOYS OVER TIME” – GRADE 1/2E & GRADE P/1C INCURSION
The Junior School had Supreme Incursion’s “Toys Over Time” was completed this week on Monday 12th August. Grade 1/2E and Grade Prep/1C were all involved in the incursion which displayed and involved a vast variety of toys. Children involved were very engaged in the activities. Thanks again to Miss Croft for organising the incursion and it was great that Mrs Slavnic and Mrs Eeles could both be involved in the event.
**Student Achievement Awards**

P/1C Caitlin
For creating an imaginative piece of writing based on a remote control car.

P/1C Lachlan
For persevering with his reading to reach the next level.

P1C P.E. Award Caitlin
For great effort and accuracy in skill work with discus and shot put.

1/2E P.E. Award Hayden
For great effort and accuracy during skill sessions with the discus and shot put.

1/2E P.E. Award Regan
For great effort and accuracy during skill sessions with the discus and shot put.

1/2E Lila
For working extra hard to catch up after being away. TOP JOB Lila.

1/2E Ben
For showing consideration for others and being helpful around the classroom without being asked. Great Attitude!

3/4G P.E. Award Araya
For displaying some great netball shooting skills during the cross-age teaching session with the High School students.

3/4G Tyson
For improving his focus and completing his tasks in good time. Keep it up.

3/4G Leeson
For improving his focus and completing his tasks in good time. Keep it up.

6R Jasmine
For being a wonderful scorer for the Upwey Mavericks at Hooptime.

6R Marshall (Mr Blair)
For reading a story so well to the P/1C & 5/6R for Buddies. Well done, Marshall.

"PASSIONS 2013"

As mentioned above a considerable amount of our Passions 2013 work will be on display next week in the hall. At the end of next week items made during the program will be available to take home by the owners (if they have not already done so). Some items, such as the courtyard murals, will remain at school and be permanently positioned for all to view and appreciate. **Monday 19th August from 3:00 until 3:45 pm and Tuesday 20th August from 3:00 until 3:45 pm** will be the main viewing times for any school community members wishing to have a look. Children will also view each other’s work during the week.

For display purposes I am asking that all children who have taken home work completed to please return the work, named, for the display on Monday/Tuesday.

**GRADE 3/4 G - UPWEY HIGH SCIENCE ROADSHOW**

Upwey High School Science Teacher Mr Chad Abersteiner conducted two Science lessons for Grade 3/4G this week as part of the Transition Experience programs with Upwey High School. The first session on Monday related to Physics, with some bridge and tower building. The second session held on Thursday was about Particle Circuits. The children enjoyed the activities and were very involved in construction. It was great to have Nathan D (past School Captain) return to Upwey PS to assist with the activity.

Mrs Rowles & Sue
**CROSS AGE TUTORING – UPWEY HIGH PE STUDENTS**

Upwey High School PE teacher Ms Andrea McGuinness visited with her VCE students to run skill sessions with Grade 3/4 G today. The students tutored our children in a variety of sports and activities and did another terrific job, just like last week. This was a most worthwhile activity. Thanks to Andrea and the Upwey High Year 11 VCE students for their enthusiastic involvement.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

Thanks to the many families who received and completed the annual Parent Opinion Survey due to be returned last week. We had the best response in years and hopefully the collated results available later in the year will offer some insights for the School Council and staff.

**MR GALLAHER GOING ON LEAVE**

We all wish Mr Gallaher a wonderful and safe trip to the USA for his leave over the next five weeks.

Mr Michael Boyer will be replacing Mr Gallaher from Monday 19th August until Friday 20th September. (Mr Boyer again came to school yesterday to spend the day with Grade 3/4G and see how the classroom operates and get to know the children). Please make Mr Boyer welcome.

**SECONDARY PLACEMENTS FOR 2014**

Secondary Placements are due to arrive at the school today and then next week acceptance information will be forwarded to parents.

**YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE CAMP – NEXT WEEK**

Please make sure that all payments have been made for The Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm in Gippsland (Monday 19th until Friday 23rd August). The final payment of $250. ($150 deposit already paid. Total cost of camp $400) Also please make sure permission forms are completed to ensure attendance at the camp. Children must have completed forms to be able to attend the camp. Staffing for the camp will be Mrs Rowles, Sandra Hartley & Eric Staff. Looking forward to another great camp with many new experiences for the year 5 & 6 children.

**HEADLICE CHECK**

Several children have been identified as having head lice this week. Please check your child or respond correctly to notifications received and ensure that your child is not excluded from school (or camp) or sent home for treatment.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

The School Council Meeting was held on Monday 12th August this week. Matters dealt with included:

- Approved the use of Howarth Hall (our school hall) for election day on Saturday 7th September
- Approved the Election Day Stall for PA/Fundraising on Saturday 7th September
- Investigation of a possible change of colour on our polo tee shirts to achieve greater identity
- Dandenong Ranges Network School Council President’s Dinner being held on Wednesday the 6th November. Recommendation we send participants to represent Upwey PS
- Parent Opinion Survey – 27 family surveys returned
- Bendigo Bank Enterprise Foundation Grant – seek a grant for equipment or for a program in 2014 with a specific approved partner
- Permission, in principle, for The Upwey Community Baptist Church to hold a fundraising event, using our school grounds on Election Day

Thanks to the Upwey Anglican Church Youth group, led by Eric S, who mowed and completed brush cutting of our slope area during the last holidays

**BASC – SPECIAL PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL**

Sam offered the Special “Pirate Theme” Program on Monday for ASC and it proved to be a most successful event indeed. Later in the term Sam will offer another Theme activity on a Monday afternoon. Watch for further details.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM 2013 – TERM 4. PLEASE RETURN NOTICES**

I realise it is difficult to consider whilst Winter weather is upon us but a notice providing details of the Swimming Program in Term 4 for 2013 has been distributed recently. This notice requests parents to indicate their Expression of Interest in the program which usually costs just under $100 for 8 lessons held at the Belgrave Heated Outdoor Pool.

Please consider this program closely. If the notice has been misplaced please ask at the office for a new copy.

Please return the Expression of Interest form to school by next week.

**NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 19TH AUGUST**

I will be attending a Principal’s briefing on the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement on Monday afternoon to be informed on how it will impact on schools and the processes by which principals are operating. Combined with the fact that the Year 5/6 children will be on their way to camp I am cancelling the School assembly on Monday next week. I will most likely call a School Meeting during the week to present any Achievement Certificates. Any children with special achievements worthy of recognition from the weekend are encouraged to bring medals/ribbons/trophies/certificates etc to the next assembly on Monday 26th August.

**COMING EVENTS**

**JAPANESE DELEGATION VISIT**

Upwey Primary School will be pleased to host three visiting Japanese students who will be part of the delegation attending Upwey High School next week, Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August. I am still to receive final information but the primary age children will be involved in our classrooms to see what primary school life is like in Victoria. They will spend most of their time in the Prep/1 classroom. Unfortunately the Year 5/6 children on camp will not have the opportunity to be involved as they will be too busy with their own exciting activities.

**REMINDERS**

**MR ASPINALL ON LEAVE**

At the end of next week I will be taking 4 weeks Long Service Leave and enjoying the delights of USA (including a short 8 day cruise to New England from New York) from Monday 26th August until Friday 20th September.

Mrs Rowles will be deputising for me during my absence, giving Mrs Rowles a chance to catch up with her grade.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

Now is the time to be organising enrolments for Prep in 2014. Enrolment forms are now available from the office. If you know of any friends or relatives who are planning to attend Upwey Primary School next year then please let them know that all enrolments are expected by Friday 30th August.

Enrolments will be taken now for all year levels. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the office now.
HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS – TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER
Upwey Primary School will hold the annual House Athletics Sports on Tuesday 3rd September between 9:30am and 3:00 pm.
As I will be absent I am recruiting any parents who may be able to assist with measuring and timing on the day. Please contact me in advance so that I can make a list and be well prepared.
As a result of the performances in the House Sports the School Team for the District Athletics Sports will be selected. We will encourage all children to come appropriately dressed for competition on that day and wear house colours if possible.
An information notice will be sent to families soon regarding this whole school event.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS SPORTS – TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER
The Sherbrooke District Athletics Sports will be held on Tuesday 10th September between 9:00am and 2:00 pm.
The sports will be held at the Knox Athletics track. The selected team will travel by bus and will mainly consist of Year 3 to 6 children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Lost property is becoming more evident at the moment. Children have been coming to school in incorrect uniform without a parent notification. Also many unnamed clothing items have been found and have been stored in the Sick Bay. Please check for any missing uniforms and name property so that it is easy for us to return.
Also a reminder to parents and children that School Uniform is required at school unless a note is given by parents/carers indicating a reason. Please make sure that children come in clean uniforms and are dressed according to school policy.

FOOTWEAR
Another area of concern, for which I will be paying special attention next week, is appropriate footwear. Some children, especially noted on Wednesday during the Physical Education lesson, are not wearing track shoes or school shoes and some are wearing unsafe or badly damaged shoes.
Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear as outlined in our school uniform policy. This is for reasons of safety and foot care. Your support in this matter will be much appreciated.
Thanks to those parents who are ensuring children are in correct uniform.

DARLING AVENUE PARKING ISSUES
A reminder that occasionally some parents are ignoring the correct parking laws in Darling Avenue.
Please be aware that the safety of children around the school and in local streets is the concern of all and that any actions that risk injury to any child or community member need to be avoided. Ensure parking is completed safely without blocking access along the roadway. Please take care with parking and driving in the local streets and keep our children safe, particularly in Darling Avenue where it can be quite congested before and after school.

SUSTAINABILITY
“CARRY IN, CARRY OUT” Rubbish Free day will continue every Wednesday to support and emphasise our drive to maintain a more sustainable school environment.
This will require that everyone (staff and children) in the school will either use only Rubbish Free Play Lunch & Lunch or take home any rubbish on every Wednesday.
The aim is to minimise our waste.
The response continues to be extremely good.

FREE FEED FRIDAY - BREAKFAST
Another big turnout today! The Soupees Breakfast continues each Friday morning. Don’t forget that all children are invited to come and have breakfast in the hall from 8:30 am on Fridays with Gavin, Linda, Chris & Sue providing all the necessary ingredients, and labour, for free!

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

P.A. FUNDRAISING NEWS
After our meeting on Tuesday 13th August, we have some things to share...
Thanks to those families who helped with our Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker collection - we have sent them off and hope to receive some goodies soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS
• Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall & Family Trash and Treasure - we are a polling booth for SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER - we will need helpers to run our BBQ between 9am and 3pm, so please complete the roster in the newsletter and return to the office ASAP. A plate and label will be sent home close to the day for parents to donate offerings for the cake stall - we will need help there too! And we are investigating having a family trash and treasure on the day too...watch out for more information to come.
• Chocolate Drive - will be handed to families on THURSDAY 22nd AUGUST to be sold for $1 each. Thanks for your support - but let us know at the office if you don’t want to take any to sell.
• Father’s Day Stall - FRIDAY 30th AUGUST - we have some great gifts for the men in our lives as usual, ranging from 50 cents to around $5.
• Footy Day - TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER - footy lunch will be available to order on the day. Information and orders closer to the event.
• Shopping Tour - SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER - we are taking bookings now at $60, which includes a 2 course lunch and a great fun day out! It is not necessarily about the shopping, but a great fun social day out without the children!!
• Bunnings BBQ - put SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER in your diary to come and help sell sausages for us!

Next Meeting: TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2PM in the staffroom.

We have plans for a family movie night in early term 4, as well as our annual school disco, so please put all these dates in your diary and we appreciate your help and support where you can.
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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**MONDAY** - Salt Dough  
**TUESDAY** - Cubbies & Construction  
**WEDNESDAY** - Cooking  
**THURSDAY** - Making soap  
**FRIDAY** - Games in the hall

Have a great weekend and see you Monday :) Sam

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**Upwey Tecoma Cricket Club**

The Upwey Tecoma Cricket Club invites everyone to enjoy a game of cricket this coming season. Boys and Girls welcome

- **MILO In2 Cricket** - 5 to 7 year olds
- **MILO T20 Blast** - 7 to 10 year olds

Under 12's and Under 13's played on Friday Nights  
Under 15's played on Saturday mornings

**Website** - www.upweycc.com.au  
Call Colin on 0407 870 077  
Rego Day 31st Aug

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**Happy Birthday**

16th Aug - 23rd Aug  
Isabella
Furs n’ Feathers Pet Feeding Service

Have your pets cared for and fed in your own home while you’re on holiday, minimising your pet’s stress. Professional, reliable trustworthy care for your pets by a local husband and wife team with years of experience caring for pets. All pets catered for and full service provided, inc:

- Feeding pets
- Dog walking
- Collecting mail
- Wheelie bins in/out
- Plants watered
- Pets cuddled and played with

Call Lola or Maurice for information or queries on mob: 0437 940745

Police Checks and References available

| Yarra Ranges Athletics season 2013/2014 is ready to start on Saturday the 5th October 2013 at the new Regional Athletics Facility in Mount Evelyn-Morrison Reserve (off Hereford Road) Registration Day Saturday 14th September 2013. See www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au for more information |

Act now! Time is running out fast!