PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 2.8.2013
Passions has been progressing extremely well. Thanks again to all the volunteers who are enthusiastically completing their involvement with such a variety of activities. Next week will be the final session for Passions 2013 and I am sure it will finish with children still wanting more! Enjoy!

THIS WEEK AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT AT UPWEY PS
It is with pleasure that I welcome (a little belatedly) Callum O to the school. He began at the start of term and is in Year 3 with Grade 3/4G. Callum has settled in very well already with thanks to the children in 3/4G, Mr Gallaher and his parents Anne & Paul making the transition an easy one. Please make Callum and his parents (& big brother Liam from Upwey High) feel welcome if you happen to be introduced to them.

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STAFFING CHANGES FOR TERM 3

Final preparations have been made for replacing staff on leave for the second half of term.

We will welcome Mr Michael Boyer who will be replacing Mr Gallaher from Monday 19th August until Friday 20th September. (We were fortunate to have Mr Boyer come to school yesterday and spend the day with Grade 3/4G and see how the classroom, and Passions, operates.) We will also welcome Mrs Slavnic back to take Grade 5/6R when I am on leave and Mrs Rowles will be deputising for me. Mrs Slavnic will take Grade 5/6R from Monday 26th August until Thursday 12th September. Then we will welcome Mrs Sarah Gallagher to take Grade 5/6R from Thursday 12th September until Friday 20th September. All these teachers are enthusiastic and come with fine reputations so I am looking forward to their involvement. Mrs Eeles will return from her Long Service Leave on Monday 12th August.
PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Many families (selected on a random computer generated list) will have received the annual Parent Opinion Survey on Tuesday this week. If you are the lucky ones selected I ask you to please complete the survey and return it to school by Friday 9th August. Children bringing in the survey to the office will receive a Freddo Frog (for the parents of course) as recognition of the survey return to school. We had 4 surveys returned in the first day! Thanks to those who returned the survey so quickly. This was a record effort.

BASC – SPECIAL PROGRAM

Sam will be offering a Special Program on some Mondays for ASC in the coming weeks.

She will run a “Pirate Theme” activity 3:30 until 5:00 pm on Monday 12th August.

The Fairy Theme evening went extremely well with a bevy of fairies (and elves) participating. These special events will be “one-off” events. Bookings are available, even for those who do not normally use the service. Phone the school or Sam on 9752 6798.

WATER TANK INSTALLATION

Thanks to David M and Justin B for doing such a great job of placing the new water tank in the Vegie garden. Final installation will occur in the near future. We will also be installing another filtered drinking water tank next to the drink taps near the hall.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES – STAFF TRAINING

Miss Croft and Cindy completed training for Restorative Practices this week with Marg Armstrong who is an expert in this field. Restorative Practices is one of the major approaches we use for Social Competencies when dealing with conflict or problems that occur. They will both come back with greater knowledge and be ready to provide new ideas for the staff.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – STAFF TRAINING

Hayley Warton, who works in Prep/1C, attended a professional learning session this week related to her Integration Aide role. This session was also very useful and will provide some fresh approaches and ideas for the staff and the Prep/1C classroom.

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. Enrolments for other year levels are also available during this term.

SECONDARY PLACEMENTS FOR 2014

Secondary Placements are due to arrive at the school on Friday 16th August and then the following week information will be forwarded on to parents.

COMING EVENTS

HOOP TIME – BASKETBALL – GRADE 5/6R

The Year 5 & Year 6 children will be participating in the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball Competition next week on Wednesday 7th August. We will be having 1 Rookie team and 1 Future Stars team. Permission notices have been distributed and are due back on Monday 5th August. Children have been selected for the teams according to interest and as a result of trials.

CROSS AGE TUTORING – UPWEY HIGH PE STUDENTS

With Mr Peter Castillo I have organised for his VCE students to run skill sessions with Grade 3/4 G next week. The students will be completing the first session on Wednesday 7th August from 9-10 am and the second session on Friday 9th August from 9-10 am. I look forward to their involvement.

GRADE 1/2E & GRADE P/1C/INCURSION - TOYS

The Junior School have book an incursion about Toys which will be held on Monday 12th August from 9:15 until 10:45 am. Grade 1/2E and Grade Prep/1C will both be involved in the incursion which should prove to be most fascinating as the children learn about Toys and Games past and present. The Incursion will cost $9 and be held at school in the library or hall. Permission notices have been distributed and are due back on Friday 9th August. Mrs Eeles will return to school on this date but Mrs Slavnic will still be in the classroom also to ensure a smooth transition and involvement with the incursion.

Miss Croft has organised the excursion and is really looking forward to the experience.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th August at 7:30 pm in the staffroom.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OUR 7 AGREEMENTS – “RESILIENCE”

As part of our Tribes Learning Community approach we encourage the following of Our 7 Agreements and from these we will be concentrating on RESILIENCE over the next couple of weeks.

Resilience is always a hard value to describe but the grades will continue interpreting Resilience in child language/terms and making greater sense of how to show resilience. Please be aware of our focus and continue support where possible. Grade 3/4G might be presenting us with a short skit or a play soon about the topic to help the children with their understanding of what Resilience is about, and entertain at the same time.

WITH A PASSION! “PASSIONS 2013”

Our Passions 2013 program continued for the 3rd week with some great examples of work (including cupcakes being baked, murals being painted, etc) The program continues on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm with the final session being on Thursday 8th August.

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. The District Athletics Sports will be held at Knox Athletics Track on Tuesday 10th September.
SWIMMING PROGRAM 2013 – TERM 4
A notice providing details of the Swimming Program for 2013 is being distributed with the newsletter. This notice will be asking for parents to indicate their Expression of Interest in the program which usually costs just under $100 for 8 lessons held at the Belgrave Outdoor Pool. I am very keen for this program to be well supported as we did not have sufficient interest in 2012 to go ahead with the program. Please consider this program closely as it is in the time leading up to the Summer Holidays and is very worthwhile in assisting children to be able to swim.
If we have sufficient strong swimmers we will investigate completing an “extension class” also.

REMINDERS
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (BASC)
PRICE RISES
As a result of the School Council passing fee increases for the rest of the year, please note that the following fee structure will apply from yesterday, Thursday 1st August.
After School Care: Permanent $16 (é$1) Casual $18 (é$1)
Before School Care: Permanent $9 (é$0.50) Casual $9.50 (é$0.50)
A reminder to parents that accounts should be settled as quickly as possible.

TOYS AT SCHOOL
It is an opportune time to mention the policy on having toys or expensive items at school. The decisions were mostly reached as a result of the risk of damage or loss of property outside what the school would be normally expected to deal with. Items may be brought for show and tell but they should remain in a safe place in the classroom and should not be used at morning or lunch play times. I would also like to mention that there is no swapping, giving away or selling any items at school. These may be carried out in the comfort of home if desired.
All personal items brought to school are done so at the risk of the person bringing the item. Please support this school approach.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE CAMP PAYMENTS
The Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm in Gippsland (Monday 19th until Friday 23rd August) is coming very close. The final payment of $250 is required by Friday 9th August, that is next Friday. ($150 deposit already paid. Total cost of camp $400)
Final permission forms and clothing lists have been distributed this week so please return the permission form if this has not already done been done. Staffing for the camp will be Mrs Rowles, Sandra Hartley & Eric Staff.

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
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 for free!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS
I reported some past students or brother/sisters who have received Academic Excellence Awards recently at Upwey High School.
I have now received more information and there are several others who have received awards. They are: Kyle Staff, Reilly Tadd, Jayden Comello, Jake Drougos, Josh Allchin, Liam Tom, Liam O’Keeffe (brother of Callum in Grade 3/4G), Elizabeth Mowat (sister of Joel, Deborah & Nathan) & Kelly Lean a past student.
Callum Dare also was recognised with a Maths Award. Great to hear this news and see that so many of our past students are performing so well!
I am sure we have more proud parents, and we are certainly pleased to hear of these achievements.

HILLS BAND PERFORMANCE
The Hills Band will be performing in the City at Deakin Edge Federation Square at 7.30 pm today Friday 2nd August with Andrew McAlister at the helm as part of the Victorian School Bands Festival. Congratulations to Caitlin S as well as Luke Morton, Kyle Staff (past students). I hope they have a wonderful evening.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

SUSHI EXPRESS LUNCH ORDERS
NOW ONLY ON FRIDAYS
(DUE TO LACK OF ORDERS ON MONDAYS)
HAND ROLLS $2.50 EACH

- CALIFORNIA ROLL
- TERIYAKI CHICKEN ROLL
- CRISPY CHICKEN ROLL
- AVOCADO ROLL

- VEGETARIAN ROLL
- SALMON & AVOCADO ROLL
- TUNA & AVOCADO ROLL
- DRINKS $1.50
- APPLE & APPLE & BLACK-Currant

PLEASE WRITE YOUR ORDER ON AN ENVELOPE AND LEAVE IT AT THE OFFICE.
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### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Hi all.

On Monday the 12th August BASC will be having a pirate party. Bring your best pirate costume for an afternoon of pirate games & activities. Bookings can be made through the office.

**MONDAY- Sculptures**  
**TUESDAY- Leadlight art**  
**WEDNESDAY- Cooking**  
**THURSDAY- games outside or in the Hall**  
**FRIDAY- Movie & games afternoon.**

See you all on Monday.  
Sam.

### P.A. FUNDRAISING NEWS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**BOOK CLUB - ORDERS DUE BACK TODAY**
Chocolate Drive - if you would rather not sell chocolates, please notify the office by **MONDAY 5TH AUG** - by email, phone, note or in person please. Otherwise, the chocolates will sell for $1 each.

**Father’s Day Stall** - our annual event is in the planning again for **Friday 30th August**. Items for those men in our lives will be priced from 50c to around $5 so start saving!

**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!! We need 30 people, so far we have 4 bookings.

**Bunnings BBQ** - put **Saturday 9th December** in your diary to come and help sell sausages for us!

**NEXT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2PM**

### NOTICES SENT HOME

- Years 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge, consent form & final payment
- Senior Hootime Permission Form
- Toys over Time Permission Form
- Parent Opinion survey
- Swimming Program Participation intention
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

Sherbrooke Basketball

The Tuesday and Wednesday evening open training sessions at Cockatoo have started up again under the tutelage of Championship Men’s player Laurence Donelson. Tuesday runs 5pm to 6pm and Wednesday between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Cost is $4 per child with parents and coaches encouraged to join in for free. PH: 0427 430 185
PLAYGROUP FUN, EVERY FRIDAY

This is how you make playdough

This is what you do with the playdough!