Calendar

Friday 22nd February 2013
Opening of the 2013 School Year 2.30 – 3.30 & SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Monday 4th March
Wednesday 13th March
Thursday 14th March
Wednesday 20th March
Life Education Mobile Classroom
Life Education Mobile Classroom
“Animals on the Move”

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 22.2.2013
CEREMONY FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR
Our Annual Ceremony will be held on Monday 4th March from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in Howarth Hall
This is a very special ceremony where the School Captains/Vice Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council representatives will be invested.
Parents and relatives are invited and welcome to attend this formal occasion. Make sure you bring your camera, especially if your child is being invested in a position of responsibility. An afternoon tea for parents, relatives, guests and visitors will be held at the conclusion of presentations. We are fortunate to have Mr Tom Daly (Upwey High School Principal) attending with our 2012 School Captains, Nathan D & Marguerite T. Looking forward to the event and having as many relatives/friends attend as possible. This will actually be the first assembly for our Prep children.

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<td>Ben</td>
<td>For achieving 100% in all of the work set in the Maths Plus book this week.</td>
<td>For being a very polite, hard-working student. She has completed all of the tasks set this week to the best of her ability with excellent results.</td>
<td>For showing terrific catching skills during the “Poison Ball Against the Wall” game.</td>
<td>For her lovely presentation about her trip to England.</td>
<td>For her continued improvement with her journal writing.</td>
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**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

The SRI Program is due to begin for children who are permitted to attend lessons from **next week** starting on **Wednesday 27th February**.

Grade 5/6 R children- Wednesdays from 11:30 – 12:00.

(Chris Simpson)

Grade 1/2 E children- Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1:00.

(Janice Hickingbottom)

Although we have trained Access Ministries staff available (They provide the agreed Christian Syllabus- Religion in Life) at this stage we will be unable to provide lessons for Grade Prep/1 C and Grade 3/4 G this year due to staffing issues and provision for children not attending SRI.

This is also an opportune time to give a final reminder for any parents wishing to change their SRI preference to contact the office. We do not have staff available to offer any other Special Religious Instruction area for 2013.

**MRS EELLES INJURY**

I am informing parents that Mrs Eeles will continue to be absent from the classroom for the next couple of days whilst she awaits further medical assessment on her injuries. Ms Craig and Mrs Hickey have been completing relieving duties and Mrs Hickey will continue to be in the grade on Monday and Tuesday.

We look forward to having Mrs Eeles back full time with her recovering from those injuries.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2013**

Congratulations to the following new School Councillors who are hereby announced as being elected without a ballot being required:

- Wendell Herbert (Parent)
- Stephen Wickenton (Parent)
- Sue Comello (Parent)
- Nan Anderson (Parent)
- Kay Rowles (Staff)
- Kay Goodall (Staff)

They will join current School councillors: Andrew Gannon, Kim Gray, Jenny Staff, David Myers, Louise Hartley & Cindy Nyari.

Thank you all for nominating and we are looking forward to your involvement and contributions during 2013 as we try to make the school an even better place.
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2013
The first School Council Meeting for 2013 will be held on Monday 4th March. AGM at 7:00 pm and Ordinary School Council Meeting at 7:30 pm.
All current councillors are reminded to please attend the AGM beginning at 7:00 pm.
The parents and staff duly elected/continuing after completion of the nomination process are:
**Newly elected:** Wendell Hebert, Stephen Wickenton, Nanette Anderson & Sue Comello.
Continuing positions: Andrew Gannon, Kim Gray, Louise Hartley, David Myers, Jenny Staff.
Staff - Cindy Nyari, Kay Rowles, Kay Goodall & Malcolm Aspinall.
We will have the opportunity to co-opt other members as required.
Congratulations to all members as we look forward to another eventful and fruitful year.
A folder with School Council Matters (Agenda, Minutes, Reports etc) will be sent to each parent by email and hard copy in a folder.

SPORT

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS – RESULTS
Our House Swimming Sports were held last Friday 15th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool.
The results are now available. Congratulations to all those children who participated and put in a terrific effort and enjoyed the warm conditions.
**Overall Results are:**
1st BOGONG (Blue) 126 points
2nd Lowan (Yellow) 116 points
3rd Corella (Red) 96 points
4th Moonah (Green) 73 points
Congratulations to Bogong (2nd last year) on winning the sports after Corella had won the last 3 years and Lowan had won the previous 3 years to that. Maybe domination has been broken!
Congratulations to the individual champions for each age group. They were:
12 + Boys – Jay T – 18 points
12+ Girls – Amy N – 19 points
11 Girls – Caitlin S – 24 points (Maximum points!)
10 Boys – Sam M & Hayden W – 17 points
10 Girls – Micaela D – 22 points
Please Note: Individual placegetters will receive their ribbons as soon as they arrive. I will let the children know their results before then so they are aware of the ribbons they will receive.
Apologies for not having them ordered for the start of the year.

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS
The District Swimming Sports were held today Friday 22nd February at Belgrave Pool from 10:00 am. Results are not available at the time of printing but will be available next week.
We took a small but keen contingent and are confident they will do their personal best.

REMEMBERS

PREP EARLY FINISH
Early finish time of 2:00 pm for Preps will be continuing until Friday 1st March. The Prep children will be having their first full day of school on Monday 4th March and full school days will apply from that time onwards.

UPWEY BILLY CART RACES
Remember to visit the Upwey Billy Cart Race on Sunday 24th February in Main St Upwey. The races are always entertaining and there are activities, food stalls and promotions going on during the day. Good luck to our children who have entered events and we hope you perform well, without too many accidents!

LIFE EDUCATION 2013
We will be having a visit from the Life Education Van on Wednesday 13th March and Thursday 14th March. This is an Incursion with all grades completing an interactive lesson in the van as a part of our School Curriculum. This visit occurs only once every two years. Life Education Staff will also provide a parent education session in the van on Wednesday 13th March from 9:00 – 9:30 am for parents to gain an insight into the program offered. The lessons relate to Drug and Health & Wellbeing Education as part of the Harm Minimisation approach to drug education consistent with the National Drug Strategy. The cost of the incursion will be $9 per child. A separate notice has been distributed. The proposed timetable will be:
Prep Children – 10:00 to 11:00 am on Wednesday 13th March
Year 1 & Year 2 Children – 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on Wednesday 13th March
Year 3 & 4 Children – 9:30 to 10:30 am on Thursday 14th March
Year 5 & 6 Children – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday 14th March

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA
Family Law have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend our school.
We would be most obliged if you could advise the parents and carers about our free service in your school newsletter and include a link to our website on the links page of your website. We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au to assess the suitability of including our website on your links page. If you are happy to include a link to our website we would be most grateful if you do so by arranging for your webmaster to post the following code:
We thank you in anticipation of your assistance and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries I can be contacted on 044 814 8145.
Best regards
Julie Dye
FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2012 PROGRAM

Upwey Primary School has celebrated the arrival of new educational equipment as a result of the Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012 program.
As students and teachers settle back for the 2013 school year, we have been pleased to receive our order of an array of new mathematics learning supplies thanks to the support of the local and school community using the Woolworths Earn & Learn 2012 program.
We have received: Connect A Straws Kits, Money Kits, MAB Counting & Place Value equipment, Folding Geometric Shapes, Solid Geometric Shapes, Books on maths topics, metric calliper gauges & Geometric Models. All will be valuable aids to classroom work during the year in various grades.

I thank all school families who collected Earn and Learn Stickers last year which enabled us to gain these resources.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

We have successfully completed our first meeting and welcome a couple of new faces to the team! We have some interesting ideas to add to our children’s school experiences and look forward to the school community’s support over the year.

Look out for **EASTER RAFFLE** information to come home soon...we will accept any donations at the office from now so please look out for something to contribute! Tickets will be $5 a book and it will be drawn on the last day of school, 28/3 at final assembly.

We are also planning the **GARDEN EXPRESS BULB DRIVE** so think about what spring colour your garden might need! Catalogues will come home in a few weeks to be returned by Tuesday 16th April. Remember to tell your friends to buy from you and support our school!

We also look forward to the annual **HOT DOG DAY** for Billy Cart Grandprix...watch out for this date to come!

Remember that the PA committee is not just a fundraising arm...we have the opportunity to discuss our children’s educational experience at Upwey Primary and with our representation on the School Council we can make sure the voices of our parent community are heard. We would love more people to join us...come and have a cuppa and a chat...our next meeting will be **TUESDAY 12th MARCH** at 2pm in the staff room. Hope to see you there!
Youth Services at Yarra Ranges Council currently coordinates a youth mentoring program targeting young people aged 15-25 who are in need of additional support, friendship and positive role modelling. The Jindi Woraback youth mentoring program is based on a young person being matched with a suitable mentor. Common interests, hobbies and personalities are taken into account during the matching process.

We are in need of Learner Driver mentors (L2P) to work one on one with learner drivers aged 16-21 years who face significant barriers with obtaining their probationary drivers licence. The primary function of the role is to supervise learner driving practise sessions to assist the young person to become a safe and lawful driver. The L2P program includes training, a safe vehicle and ongoing support for the mentor. All volunteers must satisfactorily complete a screening, induction and training process. Mentors are required to commit to a minimum of 1 hour a week, for a 12 month period.

Please find attached a flyer advertising our upcoming Mentor Information Night to be held at Montrose Town Centre (Hall) on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm.
Hi all.

Here's what's on in BASC this week.

**MONDAY** - Plasticine sculptures
**TUESDAY** - Cooking
**WEDNESDAY** - Wall mural
**THURSDAY** - Games in the hall.
**FRIDAY** - Popcorn & movie afternoon

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.
Sam :)

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**Our students will be taking part in “Clean up Australia Day”**

**Thursday 28th February**
We would like to invite parents and relatives to join us at 2pm
“Let’s do our bit for Australia”

**Happy Birthday**
To our
Staff & students
22nd Feb - 1st Mar

**LILA**
Mammals & Marsupials

- Mammals are animals that have warm blood.
- People, dogs, whales and elephants are mammals.
- Baby mammals drink milk from their mother's body.
- Some mammals like kangaroos keep their babies in a pouch.
- Two mammals lay eggs and feed their babies milk.

Mammals are vertebrates, which means they have backbones. All mammals have hair at some time of their life. In whales, the hair is present before birth only.

Mammals are warm-blooded, which means that their body temperature stays about the same, no matter how hot or cold their surroundings are.

Mammals' hearts have four sections, called chambers, for the blood to move through. They have larger brains than other animals.

Mammals give birth to live young. They are the only animals that feed their young with milk from the mother's body.

In most mammals, the females have a placenta which feeds the young as they develop inside the mother's uterus, or womb before they are born. Some examples of this kind of mammal are dogs, whales and dolphins, giraffes and... humans!

One group of mammals is called marsupial

Like other mammals, marsupials give birth to live young, but they give birth to young that are still very tiny and unformed. After the young are born, they climb up their mother's belly and into a pouch, which is like a pocket in the female's body. Inside the pouch, the young attaches itself to a teat and remains there for some time, depending on which kind of animal it is. Milk is fed to the baby through the teat. Any marsupial baby is called a joey.

A koala joey peeping out of its mother's pouch

Probably the best known marsupials are the koala, kangaroo and possum.

A very small number of marsupials, such as the numbat and the red-tailed phascogale, do not have a pouch.

Most of the world's marsupials are native to Australia, and many of them are endangered.