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### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 8.2.2013

**A TERRIFIC START TO THE YEAR**

The grades are concentrating on organisation, routines and expectations for the first two weeks and all is going smoothly. We are highlighting “Our 7 Agreements” as part of this process and providing the children with many Tribes Learning Community activities to foster group co-operation and working together respectfully. The agreements involve basic learning tools and approaches as well as values that the school holds dear. They are:

- **Appreciation** – showing empathy and thanks to others
- **Attentive Listening** – using your mind, eyes, ears and heart
- **Integrity** – display truth, honesty, responsibility, loyalty and courage
- **Mutual Respect** – show respect, fairness, strength, consideration and sincerity
- **Right to Pass/Participate** – have time to think and become involved
- **Resilience** – develop courage, initiative, flexibility, humour and an ability to bounce back
- **Personal Best** – striving for personal excellence

You will see coloured posters on walls around the school to remind us all of what is important and valued at Upwey Primary School. Please support the school in stressing the values within these agreements.
INDUSTRIAL ACTION – AEU MEMBERS-
THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
As you are most likely aware Industrial Action is being held on Thursday 14th February by the AEU in relation to a log of claims and formulating a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for teachers.

I am informing all parents/guardians that some staff member will be taking strike action and the following grades will be affected by this action and will not be operating on Thursday 14th February.

Grade 5/6R – Mrs Rowles
Grade 3/4G – Mr Gallaher
Grade 1/2E – Mrs Eeles

The teachers have informed me that they do not take this action lightly. I regret the inconvenience to some families but understand that teachers have the right to take such action. The one grade unaffected will be Grade Prep/1C which will continue to operate as usual.

Teachers have also indicated that they will support camps booked for this year and that they will not support the ban on attending camps out of school hours.

MRS EELES ABSENCE
As you may or may not be aware, depending on your child’s grade, Mrs Eeles has been absent with a shoulder injury after an accident at the end of the holidays. Many thanks to Mrs Hickey and Mrs Slavnic who have most capably taken over the class teacher role in her absence and ensured the children in Grade 1/2E have got off to a great start. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Eeles back yesterday and hope she enjoyed her first day with the children. Mrs Eeles has attended an appointment this afternoon where she will find out the extent of her shoulder injury and let me know what is required regarding rehabilitation and any need for replacement in the future. We hope the news will be good and that she is on the path to recovery. I will keep you updated.

OUR EXCITED PREPS
Our Preps are settling in well to school in Grade Prep/1C and Miss Croft is doing a marvellous job in ensuring they are getting used to routines and adjusting to school life. They are a terrific group of children and the Year 1 children, who are much more experienced and know “the ropes”, are leading the grade very nicely. Their faces show excitement and enjoyment in activities and play times. Thanks to all the parents who are supporting the children so well with their introduction to primary school.

A reminder to Prep parents that the “Get To Know Interviews” will be continuing from 2:00 pm until the end of February. Parents please check out the timetable for your interview time.

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.

FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES EVENING-
ALL WELCOME
The Family Picnic and Games Evening to welcome the school community and herald the 2013 School Year will be held on Tuesday 12th February from 6:00 pm until about 8:00 pm. All parents, relatives and children are invited to attend.

The evening will be organised into picnic dinner at 6:00 on the school oval (bring take-away, picnic food, chairs and rugs), Tribes Games- 6:45. Races and Novelty events- from about 7:15. Everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2013
There is still one more week for nominations for parents to become involved in the 2013 School Council. Nominations will close on Friday 15th February.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN/VICE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS-
The elections have been held with children being told the results personally before a general announcement has been made. I have much pleasure in announcing that the following children have been elected to the positions of responsibility.

School Captain (boys) – JAY TAYLOR
School Vice-Captain (boys) – JOEL MOWAT
School Captain (girls) – LILY HARTLEY
School Vice-Captain (girls) – HAYLEY RUDDELL

Congratulations to the children on their election and now the hard work begins! We look forward to these children leading by example and showing their true capabilities.

All other children in Year 6 will be required to take on a leadership role of some type during the year. House Captain/Vice Captain elections and Junior School Council elections will be held soon.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS –
FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY
Our House Swimming Sports have been confirmed for Friday 15th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool from 9:30 am until about 11:00 am. Return to school will be by 12:00 midday. Please note the early departure time for children attending the Swimming Sports. Children must arrive by 8:45 am for 8:50 am departure to catch the 9:00 am train to Belgrave. Children in Year 3 to 6 will be included. Any Grade 1/2E child who is a good swimmer may be included with parent permission. Please contact me if you are in this category.

Notices have been distributed yesterday with permission forms due back on Wednesday 13th February.

Please note that the Swimming Sports are the day after the Strike Action and children will need to remember to bring all their swimming gear, if they are involved, on Friday. Don’t forget!

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 was distributed yesterday. 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 – 9-10:30 am on Thursday 14th March
Year 5 & 6 Children – 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Thursday 14th March
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PARKING ALONG DARLING AVENUE
If you are dropping off or picking up children at school along Darling Avenue please ensure that you obey the parking restrictions as I have it from a reliable source that the Parking Officers will be on the lookout and booking drivers for illegal parking. Please take care for the children’s sake, as well as your own.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR
Just to let you know that Cheryl will be absent from our crossing and a relieving staff member will be taking over this afternoon and on Monday 11th February; both morning and afternoon.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN & PROCEDURES
Emergency Closures on DEECD Website
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) website has recently been modified so that parents and carers can more readily access information about emergency closures of schools, early childhood facilities and bus services. The website is: www.education.vic.gov.au

UNIVERSITY OF NSW-INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2013
Application forms with associated costs are now available for parents who want their child to be involved in the ICAS University of New South Wales Testing Program. The order form for these competitions will be distributed with the newsletter today. Please return with payment by Friday 22nd March if you are interested in your child participating in any of these competitions.

I am encouraging children to participate in the UNSW –ICAS Competitions for 2013. Only children in Years 3- 6 will be given the opportunity to participate.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME
Just to clarify that children are expected to arrive at school between 8:45 and 9:00 am. This is the time that teachers supervise the yard. If children arrive earlier then they will be required to have parents book them in to Before School Care. Children will be placed in Before School Care if they arrive too early and parents will be charged accordingly for the service. Children need to be supervised for safety sake. The exception to the rule will be Friday mornings when children are invited to attend from 8:30 am if they wish to participate in Free Feed Friday with a breakfast provided by our wonderful volunteers Gavin, Chris and Linda.

FREE FEED FRIDAY
Gavin Smith from Soupees fame has indicated he wishes to continue with providing a free breakfast in our school hall to all who wish to take advantage of this opportunity. I expect all children to eat in the hall or on the nearby steps to ensure spillage is kept to a confined area and plates are returned to the breakfast area. I thank Gavin and his helpers again for the great work they do and we should all appreciate their involvement in the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
I am encouraging parents to consider becoming members of the School Council and actively becoming involved in school decision making and school activities.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2013
The schedule for the 2013 School Council election process is as follows:

Friday 1st February Announce election schedule and call for nominations.
Friday 15th February Nominations close. Display list of candidates, nominators and seconders
Friday 15th February Ballot papers (if required) distributed by this date
Friday 1st March Close of ballot
Friday 1st March Count ballots and declare results
Monday 4th March School Council AGM & School Council Meeting

Current members continuing are: Jenny Staff, Cindy Nyari, Louise Hartley, Andrew Gannon, Kim Gray, David Myers & Nanette Anderson

Overall there are five positions available for any interested parents/staff.

Please note that nomination forms for parent and DEECD employee vacancies are available on request from the office.

P.A. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
I would like to invite parents to consider joining our PA Fundraising Committee. It is a great way to be an active member of our school community. I would like to thank our 2012 parents who have done a fantastic job raising much needed funds for our school. Unfortunately due to work commitments, some of our members will not have the time to be actively involved for 2013. We will advise you when the first meeting will be held. Looking forward to seeing many new faces.

REMINDERS

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE
We are proud to announce the opening of the new school website located at www.upwyps.vic.edu.au

Thanks to Mr Gallaher for co-ordinating the website and final preparation of the new format for its introduction during the holidays. There is a Blog section for comment and Newsletter section for easy access to the newsletter content Take a look and let us know what your think!

PAYMENTS AND EMA FORMS
The Office will be available for payments and receipt of EMA forms for those who have not already paid school fees and not returned EMA forms. Please ensure that forms are in and scheduled payments made.

SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK
A reminder to parents that children arriving or departing in cars must be dropped off, and picked up, from Darling Avenue and not from the staff car park (except where some incapacity occurs). The safety of all children is a prime concern and Cheryl, our Crossing Supervisor, will continue to assist the children so that they cross the road safely.

CHILDREN’S LUNCH & PLAY LUNCH
I am seeking parent support in ensuring that children do not swap food items with other children and any food items not eaten at school will be taken home. We are also working at creating minimum rubbish at school and I ask that re-usable containers be used as much as possible. Particular emphasis is placed on Wednesdays for rubbish free lunches.

LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders will be available through the school and Burrinja Café on Tuesdays to Fridays (not Mondays). This service began on Tuesday 5th February. Please check the price list for items and correct prices. Children will need to remember to drop any lunch orders in the Lunch Order Box located in the Office Foyer by 9:00am.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
Rules & Consequences

What are ‘positive’ rules? How do you make them work?
Using rules and consequences together instead of punishment
Come share your ideas, skills, solutions at this workshop

Who: Dads, mums & carers of children under 12 years
Where: Monday 18th March 1.00 – 3.00pm
Upper Fernilee Gully Primary, Talaskia Road,
Upper Fernilee Gully
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

Discipline vs. Punishment

Do you wonder how to get your kids to listen?
Why doesn’t punishment work?
Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and ideas at this workshop

Who: Dads, mums & carers of children under 12 years
When: Monday 25th February 1.00 – 3.00pm
Upper Fernilee Gully Primary School, Talaskia Road,
Upper Fernilee Gully
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

Feel Great!
1 Hour Weekly Circuit Classes
Classes beginning Tues. Feb 5th 9.30 am
Also, Thursday evenings at 5.30 pm
Upper Baptist Community Church Hall
Carlton St., South Yarra - To register $65 per session or $220 for a 4 weeks circuit park
Call 9813 6725 for more info.
Email: njrobbins@blueys.net.au
All ages and fitness levels catered for

DANDENONG RANGES
Physio

- Back/neck pain
- Sports injuries
- Headaches
- Overuse injuries
- Sprains/strains
- Falls & balance
- Post-surgical rehab
- Women's health

OLINDA - 9781 0400 - Opposite Mt. Dandenong Hotel www.drphysio.com.au

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- House swimming sports (years 2-6)
- Life Education (years P-6)
- Book Club issue 1 for 2013
- UNSW Testing (years 3—4)
Sunday 24th February
Entry forms available at school office

BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB

needs players aged 8 and up
for the season starting March 2013
Playing Saturday mornings at Knox Netball Centre

Enquiries: Jenny 0408 933 956/
belcomasec@gmail.com
**Term 1, 2013 - Upwey Primary School**

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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.
Here's what's on at BASC next week.

**MONDAY** - Sand pictures
**TUESDAY** - Games in the hall
**WEDNESDAY** - String painting
**THURSDAY** - Cooking
**FRIDAY** - Box Construction

Have a great weekend & see you Monday.
Sam :)

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**UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL’S NEW WEBSITE**

www.upweyps.vic.edu.au

Check it out!
We would love your feedback.

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**Happy Birthday**

To our Staff & students
8th Feb - 15th Feb
Kurtis (oops) 4th
Caitlin
Kylie & Britney
Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year I will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

It is easy to order. This Issue’s flyers are attached. Just look over the flyers with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and return the order form and payment to the office by the due date. The books will arrive around two weeks after I send the order to Scholastic.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order.

Last year we earned $787 of free books for our library!

I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,
Kristy Bush
On behalf of PA

PS: For more information about the books in this offer, you can visit the Scholastic Book Clubs Web site at www.scholastic.com.au. You will also find great activities and resources for you and your child.
Can you colour me in and name these native animals?