PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 26.7.2013
We have continued with a very busy week again this week and I can’t believe that we have completed the first two weeks of Term 3 already. We are continuing to concentrate on Resilience and highlight why this is such a good thing and how we can practise Resilience.

THIS WEEK AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
WITH A PASSION! “PASSIONS 2013”
Our Passions 2013 program continued with children active, busy and producing some terrific work! All children have been provided with motivating activities thanks to our dedicated volunteers and staff.
The program continues on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm with the next session being on Thursday 1st August with the final session to be held on Thursday 8th August.
P/1C Bella
For being an enthusiastic participant during our PMP sessions.

P/1C Nathan
For learning all of his Aqua words. Well done Nathan!

1/2E Ruby
For being a kind and helpful class member.

1/2E Sage
For staying at his desk and making better choices.

1/2E Hayden
For an excellent ‘Ups & Downs’ game design.

1/2E Michael
For working well at all times, setting a great example.

1/2E P.E. Award Jai
For concentrating well, following instructions and achieving well at long jump activities.

3/4G P.E. Award Jeremy
For concentrating well, following instructions and achieving well at long jump activities.

PRINCIPAL AWARD

3/4G Callum
For being such an open and friendly person and making a great start in 3/4G.

3/4G Maths Kurtis
For improving the most in the class with his Maths Plus Diagnostic Review 2. Well done!

PRINCIPAL AWARD

5R Dee
Natural Disaster Project
For doing a fantastic effort on her Malaria booklet for her Natural Disaster project.

5R Caitlin
Natural Disaster Project
For finishing all the activities for the Natural Disaster project, and for an exemplary standard on all activities.

5R Jimmy
Natural Disaster Project
For working with good focus and completing his work to a high standard.

6R Lily
Natural Disaster Project
For working really well on her Natural Disaster project and finishing all activities. Well done

6R Daniela
Natural Disaster Project
For focused & sustained effort on all activities which were done to a high standard, & for doing extras.

6R P.E. Award Marshall
For achieving well during long jump activities and being attentive to the correct approach.

A reminder to all families to please check your children’s hair, we have reports that those nasty creatures are still lurking around!
SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council Meeting was held on Monday 22nd July this week.

The following matters were dealt with:

- Final approval given for the Year 5/6 Camp
- Approved slight increases in the Before and After School Fees (As detailed above.)
- Discussed approaches to Working Bees
- Discussed the installation of Water Tanks near the hall and in the Vegie Garden (David M to seek assistance for this work.)
- Consider funding to install reverse-cycle air conditioning in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Possibility of seeking quotes for colourbond cladding the Multi-Purpose Room (BASC, Student Kitchens, Music Room). Seek information from parents to see if anyone local does this type of work. Please let us know if anyone in the community has a contact for this type of work.

KINDER VISIT THIS WEEK

Upwey Pre School, and children booked into the Pre School Transition activity, attended the Prep/1 classroom this week on Tuesday 23rd July. Miss Croft took all the Kinder children from 9-10 am for a Classroom Lesson with the Interactive Whiteboard. (Mr Aspinall took the Grade Prep/1 for the hour.)

The final transition activity for Term 3 will be:

- Upwey PS Grade P/1C to visit Upwey Pre-school on Thursday 12th September for a “Back to Kinder” session from 11:40 until 12:20.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (BASC)

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 Thursday 1st August.

After School Care: Permanent $16 (é$1) Casual $18 (é$1)
Before School Care: Permanent $9 (é$.50) Casual $9.50 (é$.50)

BASC – SPECIAL PROGRAM

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

- Sam will run a “Fairy Theme” activity from 3:30 until 5:00 pm on Monday 29th July.
- She will also run a “Pirate Theme” activity 3:30 until 5:00 pm on Monday 12th August.

These 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.

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.

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 be expected to deal with. Items may be brought for show and tell but they should then 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 to be 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.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Many families (selected on a random computer generated list) will be receiving the annual Parent Opinion Survey on Monday 29th July. 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.

COMING EVENTS

HOOP TIME - BASKETBALL – 5/6R

The Year 5 & 6 children will now be participating in the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball Competition scheduled for Wednesday 7th August. We will be having 1 Rookie team and 1 Future Stars team. Permission notices will be distributed next week. Children will be selected for the teams after lunch time trials. Parent assistance for scoring will be needed, so please volunteer if you are able to help out.

The Year 5/6 children will be wearing our new Basketball Uniforms for the first time (I like the red & white colours!).

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES – STAFF TRAINING

Next week we will be having some staff members completing training for Restorative Practices which is one of the major approaches we use for Social Competencies when dealing with conflict or problems that occur. The activity will be held at the Sherbrooke Family and Children’s Centre on Wednesday 31st July. Thanks to the staff for volunteering and I am sure the day will be valuable.

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 support where possible. Thanks to Grade 5/6R for completing a terrific Acrostic Poem Poster that was displayed for the school at School Assembly on Monday this week.
PLAYGROUP
Our Playgroup is organised by Emma G on Fridays from 9:30 until 11:00 am. We have vacancies due to a parent returning to work commitments so please tell your friends or contact the office if you are interested in joining the group.

REMINDEERS
YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE CAMP PAYMENTS
The deposit of $150 to confirm a place in the Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm in Gippsland (Monday 19th until Friday 23rd August) should have been paid by now. The final payment date is drawing closer.

Parent Instalment Payments may be made.
The remainder payment of $250 is required by Friday 9th August. (Total cost of $400)
Final permission forms and clothing lists have been distributed this week so please return the permission form as soon as possible.

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!

HEADLICE
Still a few cases of head lice have been identified this week. Please check your child/children and treat as required. Tying back long hair is the best strategy to adopt to minimise risk of being affected.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The result certificates for the Computer Skills Competition were presented at Monday Assembly. The award recipients were:
Marshall B (Year 6) received a Participation Award
Amy Nicoll (Year 5) received a Participation Award
Caitlin S (Year 5) received a Credit
Lydia A (Year 3) received a Distinction
These were outstanding achievements, particularly for Lydia who achieved in the 89th percentile
The next competition will be English on Wednesday 31st July; next week.

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS
For your information it was great to see that several past students achieved awards at the recent Academic Awards presentation at Upwey High School. Bethany Alchin, Holly Nyari, Josephine Brown and Ryley Nyari all received awards. I am sure we have some very proud parents, and we are certainly proud of their achievements also.

PA/FUNDRAISING NEWS
PURCHASES MADE RECENTLY:
FUNDRAISING MONEY AT WORK!
We have purchased the following items recently with PA/Fundraising Committee money:
- Library Books ($500)
- Room Lunchtime Sports Equipment – 1st Half Year ($200)
- Paint etc for the Courtyard Transformation Project ($500)
- Basketball Backboards & Rings ($400)
- CD Player/Ipod & IPad Player/Digital Radio for the Music Room ($200)
Basketball Uniforms – Two Teams ($500) To be used for the first time at HoopTime

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

Congratulations Hayley
For competing in the
THE AGE
MELBOURNE RUN
On Sunday 21st July.
What a fantastic achievement!

P.A. FUNDRAISING NEWS
UPCOMING EVENTS
BOOK CLUB - ORDERS DUE BACK NEXT FRIDAY 2nd AUGUST
Chocolate Drive – Please let us know through the Office if you do not wish to take any chocolates – 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!

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

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2PM
**Before & After School Care**

Hi all

Not long to go now until the Fabulous Fairy Party on Monday. Plans are underway for an afternoon filled with magic, glitter, fairy food & fun. There are still places available and I'd love as many children as possible to come along. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to come along to after school care for the first time and have a fantastic afternoon of fun.

**Monday** - Fabulous Fairy Party
**Tuesday** - Construction
**Wednesday** - Painting
**Thursday** - Games outside or in the hall, depending on the weather.
**Friday** - Making Sherbet

Have a great weekend :)

Sam

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**Semester 2 EMA**

Semester 2 EMA is now due. If you have a current Health Care Card valid for the 15th July and have already applied at the beginning of this year, you need not do anything. If your Health Care card has expired please contact Centrelink to renew your Card to be valid on the 15th July. Applications close 2nd August. If you did not apply for EMA period 1 and you now wish to apply for EMA period 2 please collect a form from the office.

If you qualify for EMA Period 2 please reduce your account by $60 for preps and/or $45 for years 1-6.

We would like to make you aware that under government changes to the EMA allocation and school component guidelines we are finding it more difficult to receive funds for school purposes, to fund our school budget items.
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

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NOTICES SENT HOME

- Student details, Emergency contact and work contact update
- Years 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge, deposit & consent form

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Invitation

We invite all brass, woodwind and percussion players to play with us in:

- **An Open Rehearsal of**
  - The John Mallinson Youth Band (~ AMEB 4-6)

**Time:** Saturday 3rd and 31st of August 2:00pm - 5:00pm

**Venue:** VERMONT SECONDARY COLLEGE, Music School

**Contact:** info@music_teacher.com.au

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Fun and Rewarding Instructional Drawing Sessions Using Oil Pastels

All of the materials are included in the price!
All classes are run by a qualified Primary Teacher

**When:** Classes begin on Friday, 3rd of August and will run for 5 consecutive weeks

**Where:** Burrinja Cultural Centre
15 Walter Street, Upwey

**Cost:** $50 for 5 sessions (parents are welcome)

Bookings: To confirm enrolment please call Pereena on 0405 235 406