What an incredibly busy week this has been! I am so pleased to see so much happening to engage children in the school curriculum.

“ANIMALS ON THE MOVE” INCURSION

Grade Prep/1 C & Grade 1/2 E, as well as the kinder children, were involved with the Animals On the Move Incursion on Wednesday this week. The children had a great time and it was a great experience for our younger children. (With plenty of interest being shown by other children and adults, including Upwey High students!) The move from the oval to the top of the car park was very practical and allowed very effective use of time. Thanks to Mrs Hickey for organising the event. I can’t wait to see some of the written work and drawings about the experience.
P/1C Felicity
For being a kind and caring friend and helping others to settle into the grade.

P/1C Art Award Ben
For doing your Personal Best in all Art classes. You listen attentively and set a great example to your classmates.

1/2E P.E. Award Ripley
For great concentration and consistent effort in basketball skills work. Principals Award

1/2E Ruby
For following instructions and completing her work with an excellent level of accuracy particularly her spelling work.

1/2E Ash
For working on his Mathematics tasks without additional assistance. He has stayed on task and worked quietly.

1/2E Laura
For being amazing making Salt Dough in After school Care.

1/2E Jai
For consistently remaining on task for all class activities. He has also achieved 100% accuracy for dictation. Keep up the good work.

3/4G Lydia
For correctly guessing all of her classmates in our Guess Who project.

3/4G Molly
For tricking the most amount of people and writing the hardest clues in our Guess Who project.

3/4G Art Award Tyson
For consistently doing your personal best in Art. You set a great example to your classmates.

5R Connor
For working really well in class, and for taking disappointment very well.

5R P.E. Award Caleb
For consistent effort in basketball skills work. Principals Award

6R Daniela
For her enthusiasm, and helpfulness in all areas, for great fielding and for a wonderful display page for space.

6R Karma
For a moving and beautifully written ‘snapshot’ of her Nan’s funeral.

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Congratulations you have been nominated by a school community member for being considerate towards your classmates by assisting them.

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TENNIS CLINIC FOR 3/4G & 5/6R
The Tennis Clinics were completed on Wednesday this week with great coaching given by Kylie and Shaun from the Upwey Tennis Club. Their enthusiasm and coaching ability was much appreciated. All the practical activities were held at the Upwey tennis courts. I must also thank Kylie and Shaun for donating a huge box of tennis balls to the school.
‘WHAT’S HAPPENING HOUR’ & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
We had another very successful evening thanks to a large number of parents and children attending and finding out what is happening in each classroom this year. The Free Sausage Sizzle was quite popular and the activities and information provided by teachers was excellent, engaging all who attended. I thank the teachers for their commitment to the evening especially in the current climate of industrial action.

DVD LAUNCH: SPECIAL EVENT – 5/6R PARENTS & CHILDREN
Karen Hulls, teacher for the Hearing Impaired, launched the DVD filmed at Upwey Primary School in 2011 with Mr Gallaher’s Year 3 & 4 children (now Year 5 & 6 children). The DVD about teaching strategies for the hearing impaired was launched in the Upwey PS Library on Tuesday this week. Mr G, and children involved, came along to watch parts of the DVD. The event recognised the support that Upwey PS, and particularly Mr G’s grade, gave for the production of this DVD.

PLANETARIUM & SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION – Grade 5/6R
Grade 5/6R attended the Scienceworks & Planetarium Excursion today and the group is not expected back until about 4:00 pm. The excursion supports the topic of Systems – Our Solar System – Our Place In Space being completed as the Humanities theme this term. Thanks to Mrs Rowles for organising the excursion and thanks to our helpers for the day Sandra H, Liz M, Michelle Mo & Birgit G for supporting the children and the activity. I am hoping they have a great day and that the trains run on schedule!

YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER
Year 6 children are now able to order their hooded windcheater and polo t-shirt as part of the School Uniform.

Printing and purchase has been organised with Year 6 children receiving the order form last week. We anticipate we will have them printed and available for the beginning of Term 2. Orders need to be completed by next week.

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8:30 - 9:15 am. Setting up!
9:15 - 9:45 am Prep/1C
9:45 - 10:15 am 1/2E
10:15 - 10:45 pm 3/4G
11:30 - 12:00 pm 5/6 R
12:45 - 1 pm Presentation Ceremony for all grades
Our Junior School Council will hold an Out of Uniform day on Thursday 28th March which is the last day of Term 1. A Gold Coin Donation will be required for any children who wish to have free dress. The fundraising will be for the Leukaemia Foundation with particular support for Daniela G who had her hair shaved last weekend to raise funds for the foundation.

It is recommended for children participating in the Upwey Primary School Billy Cart Grand Prix to have a change of clothes and not wear their out of uniform outfit during the billy cart driving or pushing.

Please remember that Billy Cart Drivers and pushers need to have protective clothing. (Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, long pants for drivers. Long sleeves, gloves and long pants for pushers.)

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

With the advent of some cooler weather it is an opportune time to remind everyone about School Uniform. Please be aware that only school windcheaters and bomber jackets are permitted. The only exception is when some clothing is unavailable for a reason presented in a parent note to the class teacher or myself. Please ensure your child/ren is/are keeping to this requirement. I have also noted some inappropriate footwear recently. Please be aware that school shoes or track shoes should be worn by children at school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY - SUNSMART POLICY

School hats are still required next week under our policy. School hats are not required during Term 2 and Term 3 after the school holidays.

ANTI BULLYING: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Bullying is the process of repeatedly intimidating or mistreating another person who is weaker or in a more vulnerable position. This same definition can be similarly expressed in Cyber Bullying terms with digital technologies as the pathway.

The State Government has recently released a program to address bullying. The program is called “Bully Stoppers: Make a stand, Lend a hand”.

Bullying is a serious issue for everyone. We know that it can happen anywhere, anytime, and can have devastating consequences. We know that when the whole school community commits to addressing bullying, less bullying occurs. Research, however, tells us that only 10 per cent of children involved in bullying actually report incidents. We also know that while there is broad awareness of the seriousness of bullying, most people have little knowledge of what to do to prevent it.

The Bully Stoppers online toolkit has been designed to address this and to provide advice to teachers, parents and students on what to do if they see, or are targets of, bullying. Developed with the support of leading experts, including Professor Ken Rigby, Professor Sheryl Hemphill, Robyn Trevvaud, Susan McLean and Andrew Fuller, and tested with students and teachers, it offers practical advice, fact sheets, learning modules and opportunities for parents, teachers and students to make a stand and lend a hand and become Bully Stoppers. The name of the campaign, Bully Stoppers: Make a stand, Lend a hand, was developed by Victorian school students. The online toolkit is also supported by a community information campaign that commenced recently with radio and print advertising. The message is that bullying can happen to any child but by actively standing up for, and supporting, victims we can help stop it. While the Victorian Government will continue to support school communities to be safe places, this is a signal to all Victorians that bullying is everyone’s concern and responsibility. The toolkit is available at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers

Bully Stoppers: Make a stand. Lend a hand bullying prevention initiative.

We at Upwey Primary School know that bullying, in all its forms, must be stopped because schools should be safe places for everyone.

We’re making our school safe by:

- Speaking up when others need help
- Appreciating others and being a good friend
- Feeling empowered to do what’s right
- Encouraging people around us to Make a Stand, Lend a Hand against bullying.

As I am sure you will be aware this approach fits neatly with our school’s Tribes Learning Community practice and supports Our 7 Agreements.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
You are invited to both our Good Friday and Easter Sunday Celebrations. The Good Friday Celebration will be held at Menzies Creek in St Cuthbert’s Chapel, starting at 9.30, and finishes with morning tea, while the Annual Easter Sunday Sunrise Celebration will be held at Birds Land Reserve, Belgrave Heights and begins at 7.45am and includes an Easter egg hunt and concludes with a lovely BBQ breakfast. Music items will be a feature of both events. For further information contact Mark the minister of the Belgrave Heights Presbyterian Church on 97542278.
Last week of Term 1 already. Here's what's in store for BASC in the last 4 days of term.

**Monday** - Easter baskets
**Tuesday** - Games in the Hall
**Wednesday** - Cooking
**Thursday** - Last day of Term/BASC Easter Party. The program will be running from end of school at 2.30. We will be having an Easter egg hunt & lots of games to celebrate.

Have a great weekend & see you Monday :)

Sam
HOT DOG DAY

To help celebrate our Upwey Grand Prix, PA is organizing a special Hot Dog lunch on Thursday 28th March 2013, (last day for Term 1)
Please fill out the order form and return it to the office

NO LATER THAN Monday 25th MARCH.

NAME ................................................................................. GRADE........................................

HOT DOG PACK $4.00
1 Hot dog
1 prima
1 cinnamon donut