NEWSLETTER

Calendar
Tuesday 12th March
Wednesday 13th March
Thursday 14th March
Tuesday 19th March
Wednesday 20th March

Friday 8th March 2013
P.A. Meeting, 2pm in the Staffroom
Life Education Mobile Classroom
“What’s Happening Hour” Free Sausage sizzle at 6.30, classroom time 7-8pm
“Animals on the Move” P1C & 1/2E, Tennis Clinic 3/4G & 5/6R

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 8.3.2013
CEREMONY FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Annual Ceremony was held on Monday 4th March from 2:30 to 3:30 pm and although it was quite warm and we started a little late after a timing mix up with Upwey High. We were fortunate to have Mr Chad Abersteiner (Year 7 Co-ordinator) attend in place of Mr Tom Daly. He attended with our 2012 School Captains, Nathan D & Marguerite T and it was great to welcome them back to be part of the ceremony. The school staff for the year were also recognised and introduced or announced. The ceremony was a great success as the School Captains/Vice Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council representatives were invested. They are now wearing their badges quite proudly. We look forward to them completing their responsibilities with accuracy, enthusiasm and displaying their capabilities in leading the school. Thanks to parents and relatives who attended the ceremony.

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<td>For being helpful to others in the class and making sure they were involved.</td>
<td>For putting I a great effort during the district swimming sports!</td>
<td>For focusing attentively on all of his school work, and for his positive attitude.</td>
<td>For some great catching during the P.E. game of “End Ball”.</td>
<td>Fir a creative and descriptive writing piece about sliding down a rainbow. Wonderful images.</td>
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**Principals Award**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING HOUR & SAUSAGE SIZZLE - DON'T MISS IT!**

All children and parents are invited to attend our Classroom Information Sessions for the beginning of the year. The event will be held on Tuesday 19th March from 7:00 - 8 pm. We will be starting the evening with a Free Sausage Sizzle for children and parents from 6:30-7 pm and then everyone (children and parents) will move into the classrooms to be provided with the “What’s Happening Hour” grade information/activities for grade routines.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2013**

The first School Council Meeting for 2013 was held on Monday 4th March. Some of the items discussed were:

- New Office Bearers for the year were elected. Congratulations to: Jenny Staff (President), David Myers (Vice President), Cindy Nyari (Secretary) and Sue Comello (Treasurer). Other members of the 2013 Upwey Primary School Council nominated committees to attend or convene.
- Fitting water tanks we purchased from Upwey Pre School. Consider tanks for toilet flushing water, vegie garden water (increase our current capacity). Fit drinking water tank. Refer to B & G Committee
- Scouts did a terrific job at cleaning up the Sanctuary as part of Clean Up Australia Day.
- Approved the request for the Breastfeeding Association to hire and attend meetings in the Multi Purpose Room regularly on Mondays from 10am to 12 pm.
- Nominated ex-councillor Annette Dare for service award for 7 years’ service on School Council
- 2013 Budget approved

PA/Fundraising requested a Wish List from staff for expenditure on items outside the school budget

**PREP EARLY FINISH**

All the Prep children are now coping with full days at school this week. I am sure they will enjoy the long weekend this weekend to help them recover! Thanks to parents for co-operation over the last few weeks in picking up children early and attending information interviews with Miss Croft. This has all ensured a smooth start to school life for the Prep children.

**MRS EELLES RETURN**

Great to see Mrs Eeles back this week after a time away with her fractured elbow. With the help of Mrs Hickey and Sue she is managing duties back in the classroom very well. She will need to keep her arm in a sling for a while yet so I hope the children are assisting in the classroom as much as possible.
PLAYGROUP – STARTING AGAIN FOR 2013
The Playgroup started up again for 2013 today, Friday 8th March, and this will continue each Friday from 9 – 11 am in the Multi Purpose Room. Emma G and helpers will be launching the DVD filmed at Upwey Primary School in 2011 with Mr Gallaher’s Year 3 & 4 children (now Year 5 & 6 children) regarding teaching and learning for the hearing impaired at school. The DVD launch will occur in the Upwey PS Library at 3:00 pm on Tuesday 19th March. Mr G, Grade 5/6R children involved and parents are invited to attend the launch. The event will recognise the support that Upwey PS, and particularly Mr G’s grade, gave for the production of this DVD.

COMING EVENTS
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX
This annual event is coming soon at the end of March. Get those billy carts ready and in tip top working order. We do have a couple of “basic billy carts” that may be borrowed for the event. Entry will be available for all year levels. Final date, entry forms and more details coming very soon.

LIFE EDUCATION 2013 – Next Week
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 and is a vital part of the state’s approach to Health Education. 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 and are due back by Tuesday. 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

ANIMALS ON THE MOVE INCURSION – Grade Prep/1 C & Grade 1/2 E
Grade Prep/1 C & Grade 1/2 E will be involved with the Animals On the Move Incursion on Wednesday 20th March. Permission notices have been distributed early due to the cost of having a selection of live animals involved in activity. The incursion is related to the topic of Systems - Animals (Growth & Change) that the Year Preps, 1s and 2s are completing during Term 1 and costs $11.50. Permission notices have already been distributed (Due on 15th March).
We have also invited Upwey Pre School to attend on the incursion day so that the Kinder children can take advantage of this special opportunity to have a variety of animals, particularly farm animals, coming to our school. The timetable is:
- 9:00 Upwey Kinder
- 10:00 Grade Prep/1 C
- 11:30 Grade 1/2E

TENNIS CLINIC FOR 3/4G & 5/6R
I have organised a Tennis Clinic with Kylie who is the coach from the Upwey Tennis Club. The clinic will be for Grade 3/4G from 9:00 – 10:00 am and Grade 5/6R from 10:15 to 11:00 am on Wednesday 20th March. This is a local walk that requires notification but will not require permission forms to be completed. Thanks to Kylie for organising this Free Tennis Clinic and I am sure she will complete an interesting and active clinic for all the Year 3 to 6 children. I will be supervising the children to the tennis courts and back and this will become their PE lesson for the day.

PLENETARIUM & SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION – Grade 5/6R
Grade 5/6R will be involved with Scienceworks & Planetary Excursion on Friday 22nd March. Permission notices have been distributed yesterday and a response is due shortly. The children will be travelling by train and the cost is $12. The excursion is related to the topic of Systems – Our Solar System – Our Place In Space being complete as the Humanities theme this term. Parent helpers are being requested.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.
Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

5/6R are experimenting with portrait this term with Mrs Mitchell
MONDAY MADNESS AT BELGRAVE LIBRARY

WHEN: Mondays 3.30 - 5pm
Fun games are provided for all the family to share! Includes Wii, Cluedo, Connect Four, Monopoly and many more..... It's a great chance for the family to play together!
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## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

**Hi All**

**What's on next week:**

- **Monday**— Labour Day Holiday
- **Tuesday** - Games in the Hall
- **Wednesday** - Cooking
- **Thursday** - Plaster Moulds
- **Friday** - Continuing with Plaster moulds

Have a great long weekend and see you next week, :) Sam

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## Notices Sent Home

- Life Education (years P-6) (ASAP)
- Book Club issue 2 for 2013 due back Friday 15th March
- Student details (for updating): ASAP
- “Animals on the Move” (years P, 1 & 2)
- Planetarium Excursion (56R)

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## Upwey Primary

### 2013 Easter Raffle

**Donations Still Needed**

**Tickets 50c ea**

*Drawn: Thursday 28th March*

Tickets due to office by Tuesday 26th March

Please include name & phone no. on tickets

More tickets are available at the office

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