PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 24.5.2013

EDUCATION WEEK ROCKS!

Education Week has been a fantastic event for the children thanks to the dedication of staff and the involvement of parents, relatives and friends.

OPEN EVENING

On Tuesday evening we had our Open Evening with visitors coming to have a look at the classrooms and then participate in the “Language” activities in the Library. It was probably a first opportunity for some to have a look at “Sunshine On Line” using the Interactive Whiteboard and see what the children can do in the classroom with ICT. The Word Challenge was also an interesting activity that encouraged groups to be clever in creating words using Scrabble type tiles. Thanks to all those who came along to be involved in this event. A special thanks to Caitlin S who read “Possum Magic” to finish the evening.
SPECIAL PERSON DAY
We had the largest number of people attending for our “Special Person Day” that I have ever seen. Thanks to all the visitors who attended and worked with the children in the classroom and then watched the Class Performances at our assembly in the hall.

The Classroom Performances were excellent and so entertaining, and I am sure the audience of visitors enjoyed the whole afternoon. We were all very proud of how the children performed.

UPWEY KINDER VISIT
We welcomed the Upwey Pre School children, staff and parents to our school on Tuesday this week. Miss Croft did a marvellous job with taking the children through a series of activities. Thanks to Michelle for bringing the children to our Prep classroom to allow the Kinder children to have preparation for primary school in 2014. The children certainly enjoyed the activities and playing on the playground equipment at the end of the session.

BOOK FAIR
This arrived today and each grade will be given an opportunity to view the selection of books and related items. Parents and children are invited to come and have a look at the books and make purchases if they wish during the following times.

- Thursday 23rd May – from 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Friday 24th May – from 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Monday 27th May – from 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Tuesday 28th May – from 3:00 – 4:00 pm
- Wednesday 29th May – from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

There will be limited copies of some titles and packages so it will be sales on a first in – first served basis.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The District Cross Country Sports was held today, Friday 24th May at Crystalbrooke Park, Cardinia Reservoir. The results will be available next week as they are not available at the time of printing. Thanks to Michelle Mo for assisting with the event.

YEAR 6 CHILDREN: SECONDARY PLACEMENT FORMS FOR 2014
The 2014 Secondary Placement Forms for all Year 6 children were due last Friday. These must be completed for every Year 6 child, even if anticipating attending a private school.

Parents/children who have not returned these forms will not be given a secondary school placement for 2014 so please immediately contact me or the office if you have misplaced your original form.

SUSTAINABILITY - “CARRY IN, CARRY OUT” LUNCH/PLAYLUNCH
The staff has decided to continue with a “CARRY IN, CARRY OUT” Rubbish Free day 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 have our bins remain empty for the whole day and minimise our waste costs and environmental footprint.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP VIABILITY
A notice indicating a commitment to this year’s Year 5/6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm, Alberton West (near Yarram/Foster) booked for Monday 19th until Friday 23rd August was distributed with the newsletter last week for Year 5 & 6 children. These are due by Monday 27th May to indicate whether your child will be attending the camp or not so that we keep the booking or cancel it.

EARLY SCHOOL ARRIVALS
It has come to my attention that several children have been arriving at school before the expected 8:45 am time without parent supervision. All parents/carers need to be aware that children are not to arrive too early unless they are attending Before School Care or under the care of parents. School yard supervision begins at 8:45 am and this is the time when the school will take responsibility for children in the yard. Children who arrive early without appropriate supervision being organised by parents or the school will be placed in Before School Care and parents will be charged accordingly ($9 before CCB). Proper supervision is required to ensure student safety and if an accident was to occur before supervised hours this level of care is compromised.

(Exception: Early arrival on Fridays from 8:30 am is approved for attending the Free Feed Friday – Free Breakfast with Gavin, Chris, Linda and Sue. The hall area and yard will be supervised by staff each Friday)

“PASSIONS 2013” ASSISTANCE
Our annual, and hugely popular, extracurricular recreational activities program will be planned for Term 3 and we are seeking the assistance of parents and community members who are available to be involved in running small groups on a particular area of interest (Passion). The program will be held on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm. I am surveying everyone to determine preferred days. The dates are yet to be determined but I am anticipating the first 4 or 5 weeks of Term 3. Please contact the office or me directly if you are able to assist in any area or would like to find out more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The University of NSW Computer Skills Testing Competition was held on Tuesday 21st May for those children involved. The next UNSW Competition is the Science Competition which will be held on Wednesday 5th June.

FOCUS AREA-MUTUAL RESPECT
We will now focus on Mutual Respect. This is one of Our 7 Agreements and is such a vital area for children to be applying themselves to all aspects of respect for all – themselves, other children, staff and parents/visitors to our school. Please support the school by also highlighting this focus area after school hours.
GREAT NEWS!

BABY BOY
Congratulations to Jagoda on the birth of her 4th child, a boy called Tommy, who was born on Friday 17th May and weighing in at 3.650 kg. Now there is a gorgeous baby brother for Ripley K (1/2E), Kylie and Britney K (Prep/1C). Congratulations to the whole family. We are lucky to have already seen Tommy as he is being wheeled to school in his pram already.

ANOTHER BABY BOY – THIS TIME TO MRS HICKEY
It is with great pleasure that I also announce the arrival of Mrs Hickey’s baby boy who weighed in at just under 3 kg (6.5 lb). Jackson Sean Alan Hickey arrived on Wednesday 22nd May, about a week early. Congratulations to Mrs Hickey and hubby Damien on the birth and we look forward to a visit in the near future. Both parents over the moon! Sorry the baby competition has closed! Nobody was correct with name, date or size but Hayley W was the closest with Tuesday 28th May and 6.5 lb.

COMING EVENTS

SCHOOL PHOTOS- TUESDAY 28th MAY – NEXT WEEK
All children, parents and staff are reminded that the school photos will be taken by SchoolPix NEXT WEEK on Tuesday 28th May. Order Forms have been distributed so please make sure you complete them and hand the photo form back as late fees are likely to be charged for late orders.

UPWEY HIGH TRANSITION EXPERIENCE
All Year 5 children from 5/6R will be attending a Transition Experience session at Upwey High on Friday 31st May from 9:30 am until about 2:30 pm with the children completing lessons in the secondary classrooms. They will be supervised by Upwey High staff with assistance from Caroline and will be permitted to use the canteen facilities if parents give permission (and money!). They will be completing the activity with other primary schools and it will be a great experience for the children as a preview of what secondary school is like. Please Note: The Year 6 children will remain at Upwey PS with a normal program occurring.

LOCAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
The Upwey District Education Community will hold the 2nd Student Leadership Workshop on Monday 3rd June. The workshop will involve our selected Year 6 children. Kate The children will meet again with children from other local schools (60 in all) and complete activities requiring use of leadership capabilities. The children will continue developing their own action plan for our school and particularly concentrate on one project which is Transformation of the Courtyard area into a more attractive and passive play area. The children who will participate are Daniela G, Lily H, Hayley R, Jasmine E, Stella S, Jack H, Jay T & Joel M

REMINDERS

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 14th JUNE
Our Term 2 Curriculum Day for Written Report Writing will be held on Friday 14th June. There will be no classes for children on this day. Teachers will be busy writing up Semester 1 written reports.

BASC – CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM
As a result of considerable support the BASC Curriculum Day program will go ahead. Sam Carey will be running the BASC Curriculum Day program on Friday 14th June and the program is now full. Thanks to those who responded with an interest in having their children attend and committed to a booking.

WINTER CHILLS ARE SETTING IN
As the weather is really cooling down we are finding a lot of little faces at the office window asking to borrow jumpers and jackets. We have nearly exhausted our supplies and ask all parents to ensure that their children are dressed appropriately for the cooler weather. We also have a number of students who are missing their school jackets. Could everybody please check that they have their own jackets and have not picked up somebody else’s by mistake. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

Thank you to all families who have already dropped in stickers and cards for the Woollies Earn & Learn. Our collection box is located in the school office. We also have a collection box which is located at Woolworths in Belgrave. Keep them rolling in!

SUSHI EXPRESS LUNCH ORDERS

Hand Rolls $2.50 each
• Californian Roll
• Tuna & Avocado Roll
• Salmon & Avocado Roll
• Vegetarian Roll
• Teriyaki Chicken Roll
• Crispy Chicken Roll
• Avocado Roll
• Crispy Chicken Roll
• Teriyaki Chicken Roll
• Californian Roll
• Tuna & Avocado Roll

Drinks $1.50
• Apple & Apple & Blackcurrant

Please write your order on an envelope and leave it at the office

JETINE JEWELLRY
Made by one of our clever mums
For sale at the school office
School Holiday Fun at the RSPCA!

Calling all animal lovers!
If you go crazy for cats, dote on dogs or want to have some fun with farm animals, then the RSPCA Junior Holiday Program is the place for you!

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YOU MIGHT NOT SEE ME, BUT I LIKE TO HIDE.
SHINEY, SHORT, LONG, BLONDE, RED OR BROWN HAIR
I DON’T CARE, I JUST LIKE TO LURK AROUND!
What am I ??????

IF YOUR CHILD HAS RECENTLY
HAD HEAD LICE. PLEASE KEEP
CHECKING EVERY COUPLE OF DAYS
BECUSE THEY ARE EXTREMELY
PERSISTENT AND ARE
AMAZINGLY HARD TO ERADICATE.

2013 PRIMARY SCHOOLS POSTER COMPETITION
LILYDALE SHOW 16th & 17th November 2013

Fairfax Community Newspapers, publishers of ‘Mornington and Yarra Ranges Weekly’, in conjunction with the Lilydale Show Society would like to invite your students to participate in the 2013 Lilydale Show Poster Competition.

Prize Structure:
$100 prize money
Entry Sheet returned by 30th September 2013
Entry Sheet returned at School Assembly
Perpetual Plaque to a poster selected by the judges.

Entry is open to Primary School students only within the Surrey of Yarra Ranges. The purpose of the competition is to give the opportunity to students to be involved in the Show by way of promoting an advertising poster for the Lilydale Show. The winning poster and student will become a feature in the Mornington and Yarra Ranges Weekly.

Full details of the competition are attached, including a copy of our “Guidelines” and “Rules & Regulations”. The closing date is the 30th September 2013.

We wish you and your student’s good luck for the competition and look forward to receiving lots of bright entries from your school. If you have any queries, please contact me at the Show Office Wednesday’s between 9.30am to 2.30pm on 9733 1520 or mobile 0421 949229, alternatively via email mail@lilydaleshow.org.au.

Yours sincerely,
Inda Angel

Calendar photo competition

Enter for your chance to win a share of $1,850

Drop into one of our branches at Upwey, Belgrave, Chtoats or Olinda to pick up an entry form.

Entries close 5pm Wednesday 31 July, 2013.

For full terms and conditions visit Upwey, Belgrave or Olinda Community Bank or online at www.communitybank.com.au.

NOTICES SENT HOME

• Student details (for updating)
• Years 5 & 6 Camp notice,
Expression of Interest due back Monday 27th May.
• School Pix order forms DUE TUESDAY.
## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**What's on for next week.**

**MONDAY** - Helicopters  
**TUESDAY** - Puzzles  
**WEDNESDAY** - Cooking  
**THURSDAY** - Leadlight pictures  
**FRIDAY** - Popcorn & movie afternoon.

Have a great weekend.  
Sam :)

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**P.A. FUNDRAISING NEWS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Saturday 15th June  
At Upwey P.S.  
Please pop this date in your diary.  
It will be a fabulous night!

P.A. Questionnaire was sent home on Thursday,  
Could everyone please return them ASAP, Thanks
Where: Howarth Hall  
Cost: $15 per person  
Time: 7.30pm  
Drinks: BYO  
Prizes: Needed

IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

Mark the date in your calendar! Invite family, friends and neighbours. Table bookings can be made or individual tickets can be bought.

The donations are coming in, but of course we still want more! Now is the time to ask those contacts you may have… Letter requests for companies are available at the office.

ALSO we are requesting small gifts and other items to be donated from families. These will be used to make up prize packs and also as individual prizes on the night. Anything that you have at home that can be “RE-GIFTED” is what we are after.

Some ideas of items that you may like to donate are: ladies/mens creams, body wash etc… children’s colour-in books, textas, games etc… books, biscuits, chocolates, etc. If you would like to donate any wine or other alcohol could an adult please bring it in to the office.

For hygiene and safety reasons we can only accept brand new items. We ask that you please check the use by dates on all items.

TRIVIA NIGHT SPONSORS

Adventure Park Geelong – 2 tickets  
BIG 4 Holiday Park – 2 yr membership  
Bayswater Hotel – 2 x $25 vouchers  
Beaver Swim School – 4 free lessons  
Bendigo Bank – 2 x $50 bank account vouchers  
Bunnings – Goods  
Caribbean Rollerama – Vouchers  
Chesterfield Farm – 2 x Family Passes  
Cuckoo Restaurant – voucher for 2  
Dionne Tout – Le Reve perfume & body lotion  
Domain Chandon – 2 sparkling wine at tasting  
Hogs Breath Café – 2 x $25 voucher  
Hoyts Forest Hill – 4 tickets  
Laura Smythe – $50 donation  
McDonalds – Vouchers  
Derek from Lifetime Distributors, Childrens books  
MSAC – 2 Family Swim passes  
McDonalds – vouchers  
Melbourne Museum – 2 free adults  
Metro Cinemas Boronia – 2 tickets  
Montania Café – $20 voucher  
Noel Cliff – $200 donation  
Nikos Dinner – $50 voucher  
Officeworks – travel mugs and other goods  
Puffing Billy – Family Pass  
Random House – various books  
Roller City Bayswater – 2 Family Passes  
School Pix – $49 voucher  
Scienceworks – 2 free adults  
Sexyland – $200 pack  
Spotlight – $20 voucher  
Tesselaar – $30 voucher  
The Club Hotel FTG – $30 voucher  
The Comedy Club – 2 x $2 vouchers  
Time Zone – 5 free 60 min pass  
Wrigley – 24 packs starburst lollies  
York on Lilydale – 2 x $30 vouchers
Thank you to all of the "Very special people" who came on Monday.