PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 11.10.2013

Welcome back everyone. Term 4 is a busy term with many activities planned including sport, graduation/transition involvement, testing and Report Writing later in the term. This is the final term at Primary School for our Year 6 children and they will need to make the most of it.

Thanks to all those who have welcomed Mr Gallahe and myself back to school after leave at the end of Term 3. We have both had a terrific time in the USA but did not manage to cross paths at all.

I would like to thank Mrs Rowles for so capably completing my duties during my absence and also thank the rest of the staff for coping so well and supporting each other, especially relieving staff. Special thanks to Mr Boyer, Mrs Slavnic and Miss Gallagher for their contribution to Upwey Primary School. I am sure we will see more of them in the future.

Our intrepid travellers have returned from their exciting holidays. A huge congratulations to Mr G!
THIS WEEK AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS SPORTS

Congratulations to Jasmine E (Grade 5/6R) who competed at the Divisional Athletics Championships yesterday at the Knox Athletics track. She competed in the Girls 12/13 Discus and came 3rd with a throw of 18.50 metres. This was an amazing effort and we are very proud of her achievement. After Kiana’s illness and Bryn’s injury Jasmine was our lone competitor and represented the District and school superbly. Well done Jasmine!

DISTRICT SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

This event will be held on Monday 14th October with children from 3/4G and 5/6R involved in the competition.

We still require assistance with transporting the basketball children to and from Dandenong Stadium. Please contact me or the office if you are able to assist. Also please note a change in venue for the Volleystars who will be competing at Tecoma PS and will walk to the venue so private transport is not necessary. (Other venues are Dandenong Basketball Stadium - Basketball, Belgrave South – Rounders and Upwey Ovals for cricket.)

Permission notices were distributed this week providing full details. The cost is $6. Notices are due to be returned by today. Children not involved will be place in Prep/1C for assistance work.

FAREWELL TO A VALUABLE STAFF MEMBER

It is with sadness that I announce Caroline will be leaving Upwey Primary School as a staff member. She will be taking up full time employment in administration at a retirement complex to replace her part time role she has completed here. Caroline has been with us as and Integration Aide for five years as an Integration Aide working so capably in many different classrooms. She has been an asset to the school and a well-respected staff member over a number of years. She has completed duties above and beyond her call of duty and I wish her all the best in her new job, hoping it gives her great fulfilment and satisfaction; just like the job here did. She will be facing a new job description and new challenges. We will certainly miss Caroline but she will be welcome to visit us back at Upwey Primary School any time.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2013

I am very disappointed to inform the school community that the intensive Swimming Program being offered in Term 4 has not received sufficient support to be viable and will not progress. Thanks to those who replied for involvement in the program and apologies. I will be organising a survey to ascertain the reasons for non-involvement and if you wish to respond I would be grateful. I believe from informal conversations that there are three main reasons: financial, completing swimming lessons already and outdoor pool.
ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2013
I presented the Gold Attendance Awards for children with perfect attendance records in Term 3 at Monday’s assembly. The Silver Attendance Awards were handed out in the classrooms on Tuesday this week. The awards recognise the children with extremely high attendance and minimal absences for each term of the year, and congratulate them on their record. (Please be aware: Absences, late attendance and early departures will affect attendance rates). Gold Attendance awards recognise 100% attendance and Silver Attendance awards recognise 94 – 99% attendance. Last term we had 19 Gold Awards and 37 Silver Awards which was a very good effort meaning that more than half of the children in the school received an award.

PLANNING WEEK
Teachers have been involved in planning week this week with specialist classes being cancelled so that specialist teachers could take the grades for the morning. Heaps of planning for Term 4 has eventuated with teachers working on Inquiry Units, Literacy & Numeracy plans in particular.

NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER
Due to the involvement of our Year 3 to 6 children in the Summer Round Robin Competition we will not be having a School Assembly on Monday 14th October. Awards and special announcements will be held over until Monday 21st October.

NEW PARTTIME STAFF MEMBER – COPYRIGHT AUDIT/DATA COLLECTION
Due to Mrs Eeles being involved with the Data Collection process at our school for the Copyright Audit, for which we are currently being involved, I have employed Ms Denise Tutt to take Grade 1/2E for Friday afternoons over the next 4 weeks. This process will continue for the whole term but time commitment will ease with Denise coming every fortnight for the second half of term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – CHANGE OF DATE
Please be aware that the next meeting of the School Council will be held on Monday 21st October at 7:30 pm in the staffroom. (This date has changed from Monday 14th October).

COMING EVENTS
TWILIGHT WORKING BEE – FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER
We will be having a Twilight Working Bee on Friday 25th October from 4:00 pm until about 7:00 pm with a Free Sausage Sizzle provided for any parents, children and staff who may be available. There is a considerable amount of tidying, mowing, weeding and pruning to be completed. We also have new palings to attach to the Multi Purpose Room decking area if anyone has the expertise.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Prep children enrolled for 2014 will soon be involved in the “Cool To Go to School” program with Pre School children attending the first Prep Classroom orientation session next Friday 18th October from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Miss Croft will take the children for the program with our current Preps to assist.

CONGRATULATIONS ENGAGEMENT
Congratulations are in order for Mr Gallaher on his recent engagement to Rachel. A well-orchestrated proposal in the USA was successful and no doubt pleased family whom they were visiting in Florida at the time. Those in 3/4G who followed Mr G’s blog from his trip would already be well aware of the good news. What a stunning engagement ring! (Mrs A is jealous!)

REMINDERS

NO PROPERTY SWAPPING
I wish to remind all parents and children that there is to be no swapping of any items at school. This includes food, property (such as toys, cards, stationery etc) and clothing. Children and parents may wish to organise such swaps outside school hours but this is not during school time for several reasons, including issues of dietary concerns, missing/lost property, distraction from work commitments, and parents being unaware of proceedings. Handling property disputes for example is certainly not a staff requirement. Please remind children of this requirement and also avoid bringing valuable items to school.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2014
Final enrolments for Prep in 2014 or other year levels are still being accepted. If you know of any friends or relatives who are planning to attend Upwey Primary. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the office now. Also please inform me if there are any departures anticipated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – SUNSMART FOR TERM 4
A reminder that school hats must be worn during outdoor activities in Term 4. If you have not already organise a hat or replacement for a lost hat then please do so as quickly as possible. At recess times children without hats will be required to play in the courtyard. Hats can be purchased at Beleza in Mountain Gate Shopping centre. Please note that we cannot let students borrow hats due to our Head Lice policy.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The result certificates for the English and Mathematics Competition were presented at Monday Assembly. The award recipients were:

- **English**
  - Caitlin S (Year 5) received a Distinction. A wonderful effort indeed; results in the 91st Percentile.

- **Mathematics**
  - Marshall B (Year 6) received a Credit Award. A terrific effort
  - Caitlin S (Year 5) received a Participation Award
  - Jimmy H (Year 5) received a Credit Award
  - Ryan A (Year 3) received a Participation Award

These were excellent achievements for our children.

THANKS
HOLIDAY GROUNDS HELP
Thanks to David M for his great assistance in tidying up several areas of the school grounds during the holidays so that the school grounds looked neat for the beginning of term (and to his family for keeping him company!). Also thanks to another, yet unidentified, helper who completed tidying and bagged up a considerable amount of grass/cuttings to assist also in preparing the grounds for the beginning of Term 4.
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PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP TO BEAUTIFY OUR SCHOOL.
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE LOTS OF FAMILIES
WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIDYING UP AND WEEDING, MOWING ETC.
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

REGULAR FEATURES
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
Another big turnout today! 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, and labour, for free!

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PLAYGROUP IS BACK
EVERY FRIDAY
9.15 - 10.45

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**Before & After School Care**

Welcome Back, here’s what’s on next week!

**Monday**—Cooking
**Tuesday**—Box Construction
**Wednesday**—Pencil Holders
**Thursday**—Water painting
**Friday**—Picnic and games on the oval (weather permitting)

Have a great Weekend :)

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO**

- **FEEL MORE RELAXED?**
- **REDUCE YOUR STRESS?**
- **IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH AND WELL BEING?**
- **TAKE SOME TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF?**

**CALM: a six week introduction to mindfulness living for parents**

Monday 21.10, 1.30 - 3.00 OR Wednesday 23.10, 9.30 - 11.00

Location: Upwey Cost $120

Trainers Michelle Johnson and Lori Chaproniere

Contact Michelle m:0467508496 or e:melts2009@hotmail.com

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**Auditory Processing and Learning**

What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

*Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon*

**INFORMATION SESSION**

**Understanding Auditory Processing**

Cost $20

Tuesday 19th November 2013

7.00pm — 8.30pm

At: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Dr Chirnside Park

We help children with:

- Concentration and short attention span
- Development and language delay
- Learning and reading difficulties
- ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Sensory Integration, Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Using art, movement and music, we can help transform headaches that will enable your child to discover their true potential.

Booking essential

Please contact Blue Horizon on: 5967 2335
Welcome back to Term 4!
I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday. Thanks to all parents and students for all their support in Term 3.

Chocolates: Thanks to all those who have returned chocolates. There are still a few outstanding, please return them now or contact the office if you need another week. We have 6 boxes left if anyone would like another box to take into work to sell. Please come to the office if you're interested.

This term we have a few things on the calendar that PA is looking after.

Book club Issue 7: Distributed today, due back 25th October. Please mark if they are for presents and I will keep them at the office for collection.

Craft afternoon: Next Friday 1:30pm - 3:30pm in the library. Bring your current project, come along have a cuppa and some afternoon tea

School Disco: Date pending

Shopping Tour: Sat 9th Nov, places still available for this fun day!

Bunnings BBQ: Sat 7th Dec, Roster will be in next week's newsletter

End of term lunch: Date pending

Christmas Raffle: Last 2 weeks of term

Our next meeting is 12th November at 2pm and everyone is always welcome :)
Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

**Outdoors** — smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

**Indoors** — formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma is to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors.
- Make sure you have a bushfire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area.
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse.
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances.
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).

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**Mount Medical Clinic**

1592 Burwood Highway, Ringwood East 3135
Ph: 03 8328 1250 Fax 9754 6017

**EXTENDED OPENING HOURS**

8.30am until 9.00pm Weekdays
9.00am until 5.00pm Saturdays

Childhood Immunisations & Health Checks available
Children under 16 Bulk Billed
Call 8328 1350 for an appointment

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**Winter Specials 2013**

It all starts with a smile

- **$20** Check-up for kids under 14
- **$160** Check-up, clean, x-ray & treatment plan
- **$1,000** Porcelain veneer, crown (per tooth)
- **$450** In chair Teeth Whitening
- **$130** Personalised sports mouthguards

Checks ups and other services could be free based on your health insurance cover

**Call us**
03 9754 2148

**Book online**
tecomadental.com.au

**Visit us**
1586 Burwood Hwy Tecoma

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**Burrinja Open Day**

**Sunday 20 October**

Free activities and events for the whole family!

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Rhee Taekwondo is a traditional, non-competitive style of Korean martial art form, Taekwondo. The art promotes self-defence, discipline, fitness and strength, and is suitable for everyone, regardless of age, gender or size. You can develop flexibility, agility, stamina and self-confidence along with a new peace of mind.

HOWATH HALL
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6-8pm
Enquiries please phone 9754 2252
Or email: upweytkd@aanet.com.au

Youth Music Awards 2014
Adjudication ~ 10 November, 2013
Bill Borthwick Young Musicians Encouragement Prize $400

This prize is for a musician Grade 6 Primary School level and under, who is committed, enthusiastic and loves to play or sing for the pure joy of music.

A minimum requirement of 18 months learning or AMEB Grade 2 or equivalent is necessary.

1st prize will be music supplies or goods to the value of $300 and 2nd prize to the value of $200

Ann & Chris Krans Music Award (under 18) $500

The Ann & Chris Krans Music Award will be presented to young musicians with serious aspirations of making music their career. The award will be cash to the value of at least $500 but may be divided among two winners at the discretion of the judges.

Please note: Previous winners are ineligible to reapply.

APPLICATION FORMS available online: www.drmc.org.au

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 4TH NOVEMBER 2013

CPR & LEVEL 2 FIRST AID COURSE
This course covers all Level 2 practical competencies. All theory and assessment to be completed at home. Participants will not be deemed competent until they have passed the assessment for the theory component.

First two hours—CPR component
Last Hour—Practical component—bandages/ splints

Thursday 31st October
6.30-10.00pm
$55 CPR only or $115 CPR & Level 2 Bookings essential
Ph: 9754-2039 or selby@selbyhouse.com.au

Mums & Bubs Paediatric First Aid
With Revive 2 Survive
For new parents or those wanting to be updated on the basic first aid techniques.

This information session will cover baby & child CPR, asthmas, epilepsy, choking, dressing jabs & stings. Children over $5 per hour (Wed) Wednesday 30th October 10.00am-12.00pm or Tuesday 12th November 7.30-9.00pm
Cost $35
To enrol please contact: 0448 2825 or E: selby@selbyhouse.com.au

Mums & Bubs, via Charles St Selly, Mel 75 K82

Belgrave Kindergarten's Spring Festival
Sun 27 Oct
11-2pm
Belgrave Infant School
Enjoy food music story telling craft fresh juices home crafted goods for sale seed saving fun activities for kids!