**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 12.12.2014**

**THIS WEEK**

**WRITTEN REPORTS – SEMESTER 2**

*December Written Reports (Semester 2, 2014) will be distributed today. They are addressed to parents and are to be opened by parents. Enjoy reading the reports and contact the classroom teacher if you have any queries. A cover page with information about the report and a school/class list will also be included in the envelope indicating the school structure and grade teachers for 2015.*

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

The PA/Fundraising Committee held the annual **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 6th December**

We raised nearly **$2,000 on the day** which was an astounding amount and certainly a record for us. Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted on the stall as they were “flat out like a lizard drinking” nearly the whole time. Thanks to the PA for doing such a fantastic job in organising the event and making sure all went smoothly.

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P/1C Brock
For being able to write numbers correctly and in order from 1 - 89. Well done Brock.

P/1C Sam
For making great progress with his reading this term. Well done Sam.

2E Ripley
For concentrating in a focused manner during all of the Mathematics activities. She achieved 84% on the Grade 2E test.

2E Emily
For an outstanding effort this semester with reading activities and demonstrating high level comprehension skills.

3/4G Regan
For always putting in great effort and an enthusiastic attitude in the classroom.

3/4G Lydia
For always being a responsible and helpful student around the classroom.

ORIENTATION DAY- YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
Our Year 6s enjoyed their introduction to Secondary School on Tuesday this week. This was their Orientation Day to attend the secondary school of their choice in 2015.

SCHOOL DISCO
What a roaring success the School Disco was last Friday! The decorations and dance floor looked fantastic! The PA/Fundraising Group led by Kristy B and Sue C put in an extraordinary effort the benefit of the 60 children who attended. The children participated with considerable enthusiasm and danced so well, especially with the Flash Move “Rap Dance” and “Thriller”. I have never seen so many children from the school attend. Thanks to children and parents for supporting the event so wholeheartedly and helping to make it such a success. Also thanks to Mrs Christofis for attending and supporting the event. Thanks to Michelle My, Kelly W, Melissa H, Kristy B and Ann-Maree G for running the event so brilliantly.

BALLOON WORKSHOP – END OF YEAR INCURSION
Steve Wickenton held his “Ultimate Balloon Workshop” today for the whole school from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. No photos or comments on the event are available at this time but will be available next week. This is a free incursion.

PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA
Parents and volunteers who have assisted with school activities attended our Special Morning Tea on Tuesday this week. I thanked the volunteers for their invaluable assistance in so many areas during the year and recognised the wonderful efforts of all those who have contributed so well to our school community.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – FIRE DRILL
We completed a Fire Drill as part of our Emergency Management Procedures today. Class teachers reminded children what was expected. We enacted a School Safer Place drill held the Fire Drill in our School Safer Place (The Art Room).

STAFFING CHANGE FOR 2015 – WELCOME MR WEEKES
It is with great pleasure that I inform the school community that Mr Andrew Weekes will be beginning at Upwey PS next year. He has been selected to take up the Grade 3/4 classroom teaching position. We were fortunate to have Mr Weekes attend the school and work with Miss Weatherlake and 3/4G for the day yesterday as an introduction to the school and the children he will teach next year. He will also be attend the Christmas In the Hills Picnic & Carols evening as well as the Transition Experience activity on Wednesday 17th December from 11:30 to 1:00 when all grades will meet their teacher for 2015.

STAFFING CHANGE FOR 2015 – FAREWELL MISS WEATHERLAKE
It is with sadness that I inform the school community that Miss Amanda Weatherlake will be finishing at the end of this year after six months in the job. Due to travel arrangements in 2015 she was unable to commit to the classroom teacher role. I wish her all the best for her travels next year and I know that she will be around to complete relieving duties at times during 2015. I thank her for her involvement in the school and commitments to our children. I certainly appreciate all the work she has done Grade 3/4 G this year.

STAFFING CHANGE FOR 2015 – FAREWELL SANDRA & HAYLEY
It is also with sadness that I inform the school community that Sandra Hartley and Hayley Warton (Integration Aides) will be leaving Upwey PS at the end of the year due to the end of their contracts. Both have been most dedicated and supportive of the children in their charge and contributed greatly to the school community and we will certainly miss their involvement in 2015. Good luck and best wishes for your future ventures.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MRS KITTREDGE’S NEW ROLE
I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Kittredge will continue for two days a week in 2015 and will teach Art again but this time will add Environmental Studies as the second component of her specialist lessons. The Music/Performing Arts role will be taken by classroom teachers in 2015 under the co-ordination of Ms Wood.

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

END OF YEAR EXCURSION/MOVIE
Our annual end of year excursion for a movie at the Cam- eo Theatre in Belgrave has been booked for Monday 15th December. The movie will be “Penguins of Madagascar” (G) and permission forms with final details have been distributed and are required to be handed in today. Children without permission forms completed and handed to the office will be not permitted to attend the excursion. The cost is $8.

Please note that all children are required to be in school uniform and have a school hat for the excursion. They will also need to take lunch, snack and drink.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS - FAMILY PICNIC & CAROLS EVENING
Our annual Christmas In The Hills Picnic & Carols Evening will be held on Tuesday 16th December from 6:00 pm on the school oval/amphitheatre. We are anticipating an appearance from Santa Claus at some time during the evening. We are also anticipating some organised singing from our grades to look forward to. All families are welcome to attend and have a relaxing time with some games and exercise for the children. Carol singing will be the closing feature of the evening at about 7:30 pm. Please BYO dinner, rug or chairs etc.

Please put this family activity in your diaries.

TRANSITION EXPERIENCE
Next week on Wednesday 17th December the whole school will go into Transition Experience mode in preparation for 2015. All children will move to their new grade for 2014 and get a quick taste for what will be expected with their new teacher. The Transition Experience will occur from 11:30 to 1:00 pm on Wednesday 17th December. Year 6 children will be with Mr Aspinall for that time since they have already had their transition activity this week.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION- DINNER & PRESENTATIONS
The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations will be held on Wednesday 17th December at Burrinja beginning at about 6:00 pm with dinner at around 6:30 pm. The formal part of the evening involving parents and family members will be held from about 8:00 pm.

ACCOUNTS SETTLED FOR 2014
I am reminding everyone and especially all Year 6 parents to please settle any accounts owing before the end of the year. It is essential for accounts to be paid to ensure involvement in all Graduation events.

Please contact the office and Kay & Cindy will be only too pleased to assist you.

RED FACES 2014
Practice sessions will be the order of the day! The annual, and highly anticipated, Red Faces event will be held on the last day of school, **Friday 19th December**. Children will need to be prepared and rehearse in readiness for their performances. A list will circulate the grades at the begin- ning of next week for children to register their act. Priority will be given to single involvement for children before any multiple acts will be considered if time permits (Children encouraged to perform only once-individually or with a group). Parents and friends will be welcome to attend the event. Start time is anticipated to be 9:30 am and acts will continue until about 11.00 am.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY AND CLASS PARTIES – THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER
Our Out of Uniform Free Dress day and Class Party day will be held next week on **Thursday 18th December**. On the Class Party day children will be invited to attend in Out of Uniform and provide a gold coin donation as fundrais-ing for the charity decided upon by the Junior School Council which is the Dandenong Relief Committee. The Theme for Free Dress is a choice between “Colours” or “Christmas Spirit”. Further details on the composition of Class Parties will be provided by individual classroom teachers.

CLASSROOM KRIS KRINGLE
The staff has again decided to support a Kris Kringle activity for the last day of school this year (Friday 19th December). All children will be invited to participate within each grade and bring a small gift for another child in the grade (no food items thanks). A separate notice will be distributed in regard to this matter. It is a choice activity - not compulsory for children to participate. The value of the gift is requested to be between $5 to $8 dollars.

UNIFORM & GRADUATION BEAR SIGNING FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN-
**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER**
Our Year 6 children will be permitted to have other children/staff sign their School Uniform items if they wish on Friday 19th December.

Please note that no children in other grades are permitted to have their clothing signed.

CHRISTMAS CARD GIVING
I am sure that many children will want to organise Christmas Cards for friends/staff at school. This may be done next week from **Monday 15th to Friday 19th December**. Please ensure that any Christmas Cards given show respect for recipients and are distributed quietly and personally without any indications or intentions of excluding another child.

I would also recommend the following tips:
- cards are not handed out as a “popularity contest”
- a “to...” and “from ...” without a personal message is not really a heartfelt message

envelopes are put into the recycling bin rather than the rubbish bin.
EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 4

On Friday 19th December dismissal will occur at 1:30 pm with a lunch hour being eliminated. The final assembly for the year will be held at 1:10 pm and all parents are welcome to attend. The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at this assembly as will the Working Bee draw for all those who have attended working bees this year. The Bendigo Bank Scholarship award for a Year 6 recipient will also be completed at this assembly by Luan Hanlen the bank Manager at Upwey Bendigo Bank.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW

Booklets of tickets have been distributed to families last week. If you have not received a booklet and wish to purchase some tickets for the draw please contact the office where we have plenty of spares.

REMINDERS

BOOKLIST & VOLUNTARY LEVIES FOR 2015

School Fees for 2015 will be $290 for the first child and $240 for the second child (This includes a $50 B & G levy-refundable on attending a working bee.) The Booklist component of the school fees will be $160. Information sheets, with a detailed cost breakdown, have been distributed to all families. The minimum payment anticipated will be $160 (booklist section) and will be due during the hours indicated on the booklist information. Payments may alternatively be made before the end of the year or at the beginning of 2015. Direct Deposit will available. Please contact Kay or Cindy in regards to payments.

LAST CHANCE: KIDS AT SEA –DVD SET AVAILABLE

The “Kids At Sea” DVD set of the performance has now arrive and available for pick up and sale until the end of the year. It could make a wonderful Christmas gift for a grandparent or as a family memento! The cost of the double DVD set is $20.

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED

As Jenny in the library will be completing stocktake next week I am requesting that all children and families return any library books they may have at home. A smooth transition into 2015 for our library books will be guaranteed if all books are returned by Tuesday 16th December.

TRIBES LEARNING COMMUNITY FOCUS

APPRECIATION – ONE OF OUR TRIBES AGREEMENTS

We will be focusing on APPRECIATION for next week. This is a value from Our 7 Agreements as part of the Tribes Learning Community approach and is extremely important at this time of year in particular.

APPRECIATION involves such things as:

- Recognising the efforts of others
- Recognising your own effort
- Recognising skills and talents of others
- Giving thanks for the contributions of others
- Accepting differences in others
- Showing a grateful attitude

Please support the school in stressing these values whenever possible.

REGULAR REMINDERS

FREE FEED FRIDAY - BREAKFAST

The Soupees Final Breakfast for the year was held today Friday 12th December. Many thanks to Gavin, Linda, Chris, Andrew & Sue for providing such wonderful service to us all. Their involvement and commitment is much appreciated and I look forward to the continuation into 2015.

PLAYGROUP – BREAK UP PARTY

The final Playgroup session for 2014 was held today with a Christmas Party. Thanks again to Emma, with continued assistance from our fantastic Crossing Supervisor, Cheryl. Your work again this year in running the playgroup has been fantastic and we appreciate your time and effort. Hope the party went well and that maybe Santa made an appearance. We will say farewell to both Emma and Cheryl in this role in 2015 and hope they enjoy their “retirement”!

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO THULANI FOR WINNING THE CFA DESIGN A POSTER COMPETITION. YOUR DESIGN WAS OUTSTANDING

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSH M FOR WINNING THE CFA COLOURING IN COMPETITION. BOTH STUDENTSWERE PRESENTED WITH A PRIZE, AN OUTSTANDING EFFORT
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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Hi all.

Last week of term is upon us. During the week we will be doing Christmas decorations & cooking for our end of year party.

Remember, school finishes at 1:30 next Friday so if BASC is needed book ASAP.

Have a great weekend,

Sam

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**Term 4, 2014 & Term 1 2015 - Upwey Primary School**

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**Happy Birthday**

12th Dec - 19th Dec

MR ASPINALL & ELLA C

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**PLEASE NOTE**

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER
1592 Burwood Hwy,
Belgrave, Vic 3160

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 9.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

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82881350, www.mountmedical.com.au

**SELBY NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY**

Selby netball club are having their 2015 Winter registrations on Sunday 14th February. Come along and join in a short training session and see how fun netball is. Bring a drink bottle and wear comfy clothing.

9.00 – 10.30am for all U11’s & U13’s players
10.30 – 12.00pm for U15’s, U17’s, U23’s & Open players.

Registrations to be held at our clubrooms: Belgrave South Reserve - Mount Morton Road – Belgrave South (behind the football oval)
Any queries or if interested but cannot make it to registration day please call Lisa Grigoriadis on 0424 00 88 28.

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**St. John’s Netball Club**

Netball is the largest female participation sport in Australia and is a great way to keep fit and healthy, gain confidence and meet new friends!

Most importantly, PLAYING NETBALL IS FUN!

Established in 1971, the St. John’s Netball Club is a family friendly, community-based club that enjoys a fantastic culture and is known for its excellent conduct and good sportsmanship.

We have teams for all age groups, from U/11 Modified to Open and compete each Saturday at the Mountain District Netball Association (MDNA) in Ferntree Gully.

To register, visit our website: stjohnsnetballclub.wordpress.com
or contact our Registration Secretary, Maryanne Archer regsecretary.stjohnsnetball@gmail.com

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**LunaDrive In**

**Anne**

**The Pajama Game**

**Bottle Tree**

**Drive In Sessions**

**DUKE JUMPER**

Sessions at www.lunadrivein.com.au

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**Curioso Photography**

A note from Danielle: “As a photographer I specialise in creating portraits of families and children connecting with each other in a fun, genuine way!”

Mention this ad to receive a $50 session (usually $150)
Gift certificates available now
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**Upwey Community Hall**

Cnr Burwood Hwy, Mast Gully Rd
10am - 3pm
SAT/SUN
in December

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**Xmas Trees**

$50

Support your local scout group
2014 School Disco