Calendar

Friday 5th December  
Whole School Disco

Saturday 6th December  
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser

Monday 8th December  
Final School Council Meeting for 2014, RSL 6.30pm

Tuesday 9th December  
Parent Helpers morning Tea

Friday 12th December  
School reports go out today

Tuesday 16th December  
Christmas in the Hills, Christmas Carols and Family Fun night

Wednesday 17th December  
Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Burrinja

Friday 19th December  
Last day for 2014, 1.30pm finish

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Principal’s Message 5.12.2014

This Week

Mrs Rowles’ Retirement Function

On Thursday evening we held the retirement function for Kay Rowles at Burrinja. We had a fantastic turn up of past staff, parents and children to celebrate the career and contribution to Upwey PS that Mrs Rowles has made. Thanks to all those who attended and made it such a special occasion to recognise just over 25 years’ service to Upwey Primary School. On behalf of the Upwey Primary School Community Mrs Rowles was presented with a gift, a superb handmade glass bowl, and she was honoured for being such a dedicated and well-respected teacher who has been with the Department of Education over a 40 year span.

Have a healthy and most enjoyable retirement Mrs Rowles.
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<td>For great results and a fantastic effort with all of our Mathematics assessments.</td>
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<td>For a consistently fabulous effort and attitude towards your learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>For a much improved effort in your homework. Keep it up!</td>
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COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

We had our final “Cool to Go to School” program today with our 11 new Preps for 2015. This was our last Prep Classroom orientation session from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Thanks to Mrs Christofis and her wonderful band of current Prep children for looking after the 2015 Preps so well. Thanks also to Michelle M for coming and assisting with the orientation. The Preps for 2015 are ready and enthusiastically looking forward to starting next year.

PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – 2015 PREPS

The Prep Information Session was held this week on Tuesday 2nd December. It was great to meet with the parents of next year’s Prep children and have the opportunity to provide plenty of information and field questions. Thanks to Mrs Christofis for her well prepared presentation.

STUDENT DISCO TONIGHT

Don’t forget that the PA/Fundraising Committee organised Student Disco is being held TONIGHT Friday 5th December from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Please note that Parents, or designated adult, must attend to pick up children from the school hall at the completion of the Disco. Children will not be permitted to leave the hall until the adult has arrived. Tickets are $5 and available at the office or available at the door this evening.

I hope the children attending get their dancing shoes on and have an enjoyable evening.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & STALL

Our Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall was a huge success on Saturday 29th November. Thanks to all the volunteers who did such a marvellous job of assisting at the stall. We raised approximately $1,000 which is an amazing effort and helps greatly with our fundraising, going towards next year’s equipment.

“SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR”

The Book Fair has now been completed. Thanks to the parents and children who supported the event and I am sure there were some great bargains found. Thanks especially to the PA/Fundraising Committee for their great work in organising and selling merchandise.

FINAL 2014 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Our Final School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th December at 6:30 pm at the Upwey/Belgrave RSL. We will be having the meeting at 6:30 pm followed by the Break Up Dinner at 7:00 pm. Final staffing and structures will be presented and end of year finances presented.

SEMESTER 2 WRITTEN REPORTS

December Written Reports (Semester 2, 2014) will be distributed next Friday, Friday 12th December. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – TOMORROW (SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER)

The PA/Fundraising Committee are holding the annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 6th December from about 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please come along and support the Sausage Sizzle if you are in the neighbourhood. Thanks to all the volunteers who will be assisting on the stall. Thanks to the PA for doing such a great job in organising the event.

ORIENTATION DAY – YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday 9th December will be the Orientation Day for all Year 6 children to attend the secondary school of their choice in 2015. This will be a whole day program and the respective secondary schools will provide information to students.

END OF YEAR EXCURSION/MOVIE

Our annual end of year excursion for a movie at the Cameo Theatre in Belgrave has been booked for Monday 15th December. The movie has not yet been confirmed and permission forms with final details will be distributed at the end of next week. The cost is anticipated to be around $10. Please put this date in your diaries.

BALLOON WORKSHOP – END OF YEAR INCURSION

Steve Wickenton will be holding his “Ultimate Balloon Workshop” on Friday 12th December for the whole school from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This is a free incursion and promises to be a most enjoyable workshop. Please make sure children return their notice for permission to be included in the photography sessions during the workshop.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS – FAMILY PICNIC & CAROLS EVENING

The annual event will be held on Tuesday 16th December from 6:00 pm on the school oval. We would expect an appearance from Santa Claus at some time. 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 put this family activity in your diaries.

PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA

Invitations have been distributed to parents and volunteers who have assisted with school activities for our Special Morning Tea for school helpers/volunteers. This event will be held on Tuesday 9th December from 11:00 am in the staff room.
YEAR 6 GRADUATION - DINNER & PRESENTATIONS

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations will be held on Wednesday 17th December at Burnina beginning at about 6:00 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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ACCOUNTS SETTLED FOR 2014

I am reminding everyone and especially all Year 6 parents to please settle any accounts owing at the moment 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 beginning of the last week of term for children to register their act. Priority will be given to single involvement for children before any multiple acts will be considered (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

Our Out of Uniform Free Dress day and Class Party day will be held yesterday 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 fund-raising for the charity decided upon by the Junior School Council. Further details on the composition of Class Parties will be provided next week from 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.

CHRISTMAS CARD GIVING

I am sure that many children will want to organise Christmas Cards for friends/staff at school. I am requesting that this is only done during the last week of school from Monday 15th to Friday 19th December and NOT any earlier.

Please ensure that any Christmas Cards given show respect for recipients and are distributed quietly and personally without any indications 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.

FINAL SPECIALIST LESSONS FOR 2014 NEXT WEEK

Specialist staff will complete lessons with children next week so that they may organise equipment and ensure that everything is in readiness for the beginning of the 2015 school year during the last week of Term 4. This includes LOTE (German & Japanese), Performing Arts/Music, Art & Physical Education.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – FIRE DRILL

We will be completing a Fire Drill as part of our Emergency Management Procedures sometime in the next couple of weeks. Class teachers will remind children what is expected. We will be enacting a School Safer Place drill or an Off Campus Drill. I would appreciate if parents could support the children with an understanding of Fire Plans which are essential at this time of year.

This is a timely opportunity to remind parents that in a real emergency where the Emergency Management Plan is put into action the following are requirements of the plan for children being picked up from school:

- No child may be picked up by a sibling under the age of 18. Siblings attending would be invited to stay in our School Safer Place (The Art Room)
- No child may be picked up by a parent/guardian of another child unless express notification is signed indicating this arrangement (Emergency Contact People are not given automatic permission)

We would stay in the Shelter in Place until Emergency Services (Police) provide further direction.

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.

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 over the coming weeks 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 on time.
**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:

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Please support the school in stressing these values whenever possible.

**REGULAR REMINDERS**

**FREE FEED FRIDAY - BREAKFAST**

The Soupees Breakfast continues each Friday morning. Don’t forget that all children are invited to come and have breakfast in the hall from 8:30am on Fridays with Gavin, Linda & Sue (& Andrew) providing all the necessary ingredients, and labour, for free! Not many to go now for 2014.

**PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup will be available until next Friday from 9:30 until 11:00 am. **Friday 12th December will be the final session for the year.** This is an opportune time to thank to Emma & Cheryl for their magnificent contribution over the last few years. Emma will not be continuing next year due to other commitments and I would like to thank her for her most dedicated involvement in the program.

If you know of someone who might be interested in taking over the co-ordinator role for 2015 then please contact me.

**THANKS**

**BRUSHCUTTING AND MOWING**

Thanks go to the Staff Family for organising the Anglican Church Youth Group for mowing and bushcutting our slope area in readiness for our end of year activities. They did a great job!

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

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**Family Name: .................................................................**

**Name of eldest child: ............................................................**

**Grade:**.................................

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**“KIDS AT SEA” DVD & PHOTOGRAPHS**

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**TOTAL COST & PAYMENT**

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Hi all.
Only 2 weeks to go! Lots of Christmas activities at afters and plenty of games.

Remember school finishes at 1:30 on Friday 19th December so if afters is needed please book ASAP as this day fills fast.

What's on next week.
MONDAY- Christmas bell tree decorations
TUESDAY- Making shortbread
WEDNESDAY- Games outside
THURSDAY- Santa fridge magnets
FRIDAY- Reindeer antlers

BASC has a sun smart policy & hats MUST be worn when outside. Remember to bring school hats with you to afters. No hat = No outside play.

Have a great weekend & see you all Monday.
Sam.
Bulk billing available for children under 16, Pensioners & Healthcare card Holders
Child Psychologist now available!
www.mountmedical.com.au
Call (03) 8288 1350 for an appointment
Providing Assessments & Counselling
Service For Children between 4-14 years
Mount Medical Clinic-BELGRAVE 82881350, www.mountmedical.com.au

Enrolments are now open for Reach Gymnastics. Based at Emerald Secondary College, classes will run from the beginning of Term 1, 2015 on Friday evenings. Our classes are based on the 4 F’s, fun, fitness, fundamentals and friends. Classes will be run by qualified and registered coaches and incorporate gymnastics for boys and girls. Enquire with Rebecca Tilley on 0402 723 320 or reachgymnastics@gmail.com for enrolment information. Limited places available so enquire quickly!
Old School Aussies

Dioramas

3/4G did dioramas on old school days before European settlement. We spent a long time making dioramas. We had to collect our own materials to make them. To get some good ideas we watched some Dreamtime stories. But most importantly we had fun.

By Laura G and Caitlin J.

3/4G’s Aboriginal Dioramas

Class 3/4G made posters, PowerPoints and dioramas to do with what it was like before European settlement. We used the internet and Dreamtime story videos to get information and inspiration for our posters and PowerPoints used to describe the dioramas. We had a matter of four weeks to complete our dioramas and posters or PowerPoints. We each had turns presenting our information and dioramas to the rest of the class to show them about Aboriginal food, hunting, living and etc. So overall I think we all had a great time.

By Sam M.