PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 21.2.2014

CARE GROUPS

We had our first Care Groups for 2014 with the children being organised into groups with another staff member other than their own teacher. The session revolved around the topic of Playgrounds and the group had to co-operate to build a model playground with their favourite equipment our of play dough. Our photo tells the story!

A big welcome to Rhianna C who began at Upwey PS this week. She is adjusting well to the school and settling into Grade 2E very well.

Also an official welcome to Annika B in Grade P/1C who started a while back and has settled in extremely well.

Please make the children and their parents welcome, in the typical Upwey PS spirit.
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<td>Lachlan</td>
<td>For supporting classmates in need and completing all activities to the best of his ability.</td>
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<td>Sandy</td>
<td>For being a terrific giant in “Giants” Treasure.</td>
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<td>Jessica</td>
<td>For making a great effort with her nightly reading. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td>Aaliyah</td>
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<td>Ella</td>
<td>For displaying high level concentration when working with (99) numbers or less and completing addition sums with 100% accuracy.</td>
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<td>Ruby</td>
<td>For excellence in following the school agreements. She demonstrated originality with her use of photos, drawings and newspaper face in the style of Richard Lester. Well done Ruby.</td>
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<td>Connor</td>
<td>For working hard doing his personal best during all class activities.</td>
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<td>Hayden</td>
<td>For showing originality in his approach to class tasks. Excellent work on labelling a volcano and participating in the science experiments.</td>
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<td>Nathan</td>
<td>For excellence in following the school agreements. He also demonstrated his understanding of collage in the style of Richard Lester with a bright background and placement of his photos.</td>
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<td>Adam</td>
<td>For displaying terrific fielding skills in the kickball game.</td>
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<td>Araya</td>
<td>For displaying terrific involvement and ability I the House Swimming Sports.</td>
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<td>Kurtis</td>
<td>For great fielding and kicking skills during the kickball game.</td>
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<td>Jai</td>
<td>For achieving the most Class Dojo points last week. Attentive listening was the standout skill.</td>
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<td>Kanye</td>
<td>For achieving the most Class Dojo points for the last week. Her best skill was attentive listening.</td>
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<td>For displaying terrific catching and fielding skills in the Kickball game.</td>
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<td>Connor</td>
<td>For being up to date with his work and putting in 100% effort.</td>
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Please remember the Family Picnic and Games evening on Tuesday 25th February from 6:00 pm. All families and their friends welcome.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
Our House Swimming Sports were held last week. The Overall House results were:

- **BOGONG** – 1st – 167 POINTS
- **LOWAN** – 2nd – 149 POINTS
- **CORELLA** – 3rd – 118 POINTS
- **MOONAH** – 4th – 86 POINTS

Congratulations to Bogong team members for their efforts in gaining the most points in the competition. They will have their name placed on the House Swimming Competition Shield.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014
Congratulations to the following who will take up their places on the School Council for 2014. We did not require an election as the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions.

The School Council will consist of the following members:

- Malcolm Aspinall (Principal – Staff)
- Elizabeth Eeles (Staff)
- Kay Goodall (Staff)
- Cindy Nyari (Staff)
- Andrew Gannon (Parent)
- Louise Hartley (Parent)
- Jenny Staff (Parent)
- Nanette Anderson (Parent)
- Steven Wickenton (Parent)
- Wendell Herbert (Parent)
- Sue Comello (PA)

The first meeting for the 2014 School Council as well as the Annual General Meeting to complete 2013 business will be held on Monday 3rd March from 7:00 pm. The School Council AGM will begin at 7:00 pm with the first meeting of the 2014 School Council Meeting anticipated to start at 7:30 pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

UNIFORM DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES INTRODUCED
As a result of refinement of Department Guidelines and our desire to maintain even greater uniformity with our Assertive Discipline procedures aligned to our Tribes Learning Community Approach the teachers will be introducing a consistent Card System into each classroom from Monday 24th February. The system will be based on more time effective management and appropriate consequences for unacceptable behaviour. The consequences hierarchy developed will include:

- **BLUE CARD** – Warning (Read classroom rules. Read Our 7 Agreements from Tribes) No further action
- **YELLOW CARD** – Classroom consequence. Withdrawal within the room to complete a designated classroom activity appropriate to the Year level. (Children will no longer be given “Yard Duties” as a consequence.)
- **ORANGE CARD** – Withdrawal from classroom. THINK TIME DETENTION Withdrawal from playground for 15 minutes at morning recess. Complete a “Think Time” Activity sheet. Recorded in the classroom.
- **RED CARD** – DETENTION. Withdrawal from the classroom to Principal’s Office. Lunchtime Detention for 25 minutes (or After School Detention for 60 minutes). Detention Sheet completed. Parents contacted.

Today our Swimming Team has been competing at the District Sports. I am sure they accounted for themselves extremely well. Congratulations to the team members on their selection. We have another small but enthusiastic team attending the sports at Belgrave Pool. Thanks to our support staff Mr Gallaher, Sue M, Michelle M, Kelly W & Nolene D for assistance. Results will be available in next week’s newsletter.

On a sad note we will be farewelling Mary P from Year 6 as her family will be moving to Rosebud. Mary has been at Upwey PS since Prep and been a great contributor to the school. I wish Mary and her family all the best in the move. We must remember to invite Mary to our Graduation at the end of the year to catch up!
To round out the whole school approach to Student Engagement & Discipline we will continue with classroom rewards for positive behaviours which will far outweigh the consequences. These will include Golden Time, House Points, Tribes Awards, Achievement Awards, Classroom Awards etc.

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

We are planning to hold our Clean Up Australia Day school grounds tidying on Monday 24th February at approximately 2:00 pm depending on weather conditions.

**CURRICULUM**

**HOMEWORK SURVEY SUMMARY**

Thanks again to all those families who returned the Homework Survey distributed recently. The results will help guide the teachers and policy making in regard to homework commitments for 2014.

I support Homework as being compulsory at Upwey Primary School

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Homework should include.

- Reading, Spelling, Maths, Tables, Targeted Projects, Class Topics, Research, Story Writing/Class Scarf Story, Puzzles, Games, Board Games, Problem Solving, Revision Work, Unfinished Work.

**Further comment**

Greater need from Year 3 onwards. Children need leisure time. Homework that is engaging is more easily completed. Homework supervision difficult for working parents. If not completed a consequence could be to complete work at school at lunchtime. Make homework fun. We do homework in the mornings – 30 mins maximum. Later years to be ready for secondary school. Not to include work not done in class. Children need to develop habits early. Lessen towards the end of term. No work requiring internet or printing. Any homework should be child centred and open-ended. Increases anxiety and negative view of learning.

**DEECD – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATED POLICIES & GUIDELINES**

As you may be aware there has been quite a bit of information in the media recently regarding the updated Department of Education guidelines that have been provided to Principals and Schools. The guidelines include:

- **Attendance & Enrolment** – Including new documentation re attendances and actions for unexplained absences, particularly regarding unexplained absences from parents.

- **Engagement & Inclusion** – New documentation regarding suspensions and expulsions. Principals to take greater responsibility in the process and a slight change in categories for which Principals may give suspensions.

- **Respectful & Safe Communities** – New documentation regarding expected behaviours from parents, students and staff members.

Information on these will be provided to the School Council this term but if any parents wish to know more, then I can direct you to the appropriate documentation.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES EVENING- ALL WELCOME**

The Family Picnic and Games Evening to welcome the school community and herald the 2014 School Year will be held on Tuesday 25th February from 6:00 pm until about 8:00 pm. All parents, relatives and children are invited to attend. The evening will include picnic dinner at 6:00 on the school oval (bring take-away, drinks, picnic food, chairs and rugs). Tribes Games- 6:45. Races and Novelty events- from about 7:15. Everyone is invited!

**MARKETFRESH PROGRAM INCURSION – EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY**

We have organised the Marketfresh Program excursion for the whole school on Wednesday 26th February from 11:30 to 12:30. The activity will highlight fresh fruit and vegetable and encourage healthy attitudes to fresh produce. All children will be presented with a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables to try as part of the education program. There will be no cost for this incursion. We will need several parent helpers before 11:30 on the day to assist with cutting up the fruit and vegetables.

**TASKWORKS EXCURSION – EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY**

The staff have organised a Whole School Excursion to Taskworks in Mulgrave to start the school year. We will be travelling by buses to the venue and it is an activity based excursion with a great deal of co-operative activities attempted. The activities will support our Tribes Learning Community approach and engage the children in a variety of fun and challenging activities. The excursion will be held on Friday 28th February. The cost will be $20. Permission forms have already been distributed and are due to be returned today.

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2014**

The Official Opening of the School Year will be held on Monday 3rd March from 2:30 to 3:30. This is a very special ceremony where the School Captains/Vice Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council representatives will be invested. Tom Daly, Principal of Upwey High School will be attending with last year’s school captains Lily H & Jay T.

Parents and relatives are invited and welcome to attend this formal occasion. Make sure you bring your camera, especially if your child is being invested in a position of responsibility. An afternoon tea for parents, relatives, guests and visitors will be held at the conclusion of presentations.
We will be starting the evening with a still to be organised with Year 6 children receiving the order as be worn only by Year 6 children. Printing and purchase are windcheater and polo t the children. The design will then be placed on a hooded ing the design to include such interesting combinations from included on the “mock up”. I thank Cindy on her work for draft- including Caitlin S, Mary P, Kiana G and Rhiannon M to be in- designs for the back of the Year 6 windcheater for 2014. The Thanks to the Year 6 children for coming up with some great YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER DESIGN emptively close on days of Code Red fire danger. After an extensive process of consultation and review, the De- BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER In 2009 DEECD produced a Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) which listed schools and children’s service facilities identified as being at higher risk of bushfire which would pre-emptively close on days declared Code Red by the CFA in their Bureau of Meteorology region. After an extensive process of consultation and review, the Department has updated this year’s Bushfire At Risk Register. Upwey Primary School has been identified as being at higher risk and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red fire danger. YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER DESIGN Thanks to the Year 6 children for coming up with some great designs for the back of the Year 6 windcheater for 2014. The staff has selected design elements from several children including Caitlin S, Mary P, Kiana G and Rhiannon M to be included on the “mock up”. I thank Cindy on her work for draft- ing the design to include such interesting combinations from the children. The design will then be placed on a hooded windcheater and polo t-shirt as part of the School Uniform, to be worn only by Year 6 children. Printing and purchase are still to be organised with Year 6 children receiving the order as soon as final details are organised. REMINDERS IMPORTANT INFORMATION TOTB (Thinking Outside The Box)- Extracurricular Program The TOTB program offered to gifted and talented children in local schools is being held at Upwey PS in the Technology Room (next to the P/1 Classroom) during Term 1. We will host the program and be welcoming Rhonda Ooi (teacher) to the 7-week program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.. If you see children from other local primary schools in our classroom or school grounds you will know the reason. Please make them feel welcome if you get the chance. The programs are: Year 1/2 – Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:30 pm (Adam W, Hayden W & Nathan D from 2E will be participating) Year 3/4 – Tuesdays from 9 to 12:30 (Sam M, Caitlin J & Laura G from 3/4G will be participating) Year 5/6 – Wednesdays from 9 to 12:30. UNIVERSITY OF NSW-INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2014 Application forms with associated costs will soon be available for parents who want their child to be involved in the ICAS University of New South Wales Testing Program. I am once again encouraging children to participate in the UNSW –ICAS Competitions for 2014. Only children in Years 3- 6 will be given the opportunity to participate. The notification and order form for these competitions is attached to this week’s newsletter. BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER In 2009 DEECD produced a Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) which listed schools and children’s service facilities identified as being at higher risk of bushfire which would pre-emptively close on days declared Code Red by the CFA in their Bureau of Meteorology region. After an extensive process of consultation and review, the Department has updated this year’s Bushfire At Risk Register. Upwey Primary School has been identified as being at higher risk and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red fire danger. YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER DESIGN Thanks to the Year 6 children for coming up with some great designs for the back of the Year 6 windcheater for 2014. The staff has selected design elements from several children including Caitlin S, Mary P, Kiana G and Rhiannon M to be included on the “mock up”. I thank Cindy on her work for drafting the design to include such interesting combinations from the children. The design will then be placed on a hooded windcheater and polo t-shirt as part of the School Uniform, to be worn only by Year 6 children. Printing and purchase are still to be organised with Year 6 children receiving the order as soon as final details are organised.

Malcolm Aspinall
Fantastic Playgrounds

Yesterday our school had the first Care Group session for the year. Everybody sat in a circle and greeted each other. We started by sharing our favourite playgrounds and the equipment that we loved to play on.

Some children were asked to draw a plan of what their favourite playground equipment was before they started to use the playdough.

All of the groups worked in pairs to make a piece of equipment. It was a really happy experience meeting our new group members for this year and working together.

Photos were taken with the group around the playdough scene. They all looked fantastic. Each group had a different coloured lump of playdough to begin the project. It will be great when we go again in a fortnight to spend time with our Care Group friends.

Written by Grade 2E Wednesday 19th Feb. 2014
**Summer Crush Ice Blocks**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 punnet of strawberries sliced
- 2 kiwi fruit
- 1 cup of watermelon in large pieces
- 1 cup of orange juice

Plastic cups to place individual portions in ready for freezing
- 6 paddle popsticks

**Procedure:**

**Step 1.**
Peel and dice kiwi fruit and wash strawberries

**Step 2.**
In a blender blend watermelon and orange juice until there are no lumps remaining.

**Step 3.**
Pour orange juice and the watermelon over the fruit

**Step 4.**
Insert paddle pop stick into the middle.

**Step 5.**
Freeze until set.

Enjoy!

Recipe: from Aldi Catalogue
**P.A. NEWS**

**NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 4th March

Helpers needed for Market Fresh program on Wednesday 26th February from 11am to cut up fruit & Vegies.

Book Club: Issue 1
Issue 1 booklets was distributed last week and are due back on Monday 24th February.

We earned $1,100 worth of books for our library and classrooms last year!

2nd Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from the school office. Prices are $2-$5

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**LEGO CONSTRUCTION**

**EVERY TUESDAY AT THE 2ND LUNCH BELL**

**IN THE LIBRARY WITH HAYLEY**

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**Before & after School Care**

Hi all.

Here's what's on at BASC next week.

**MONDAY**- Paper mâché masks

**TUESDAY**- Super science - Making crystals

**WEDNESDAY**- Cooking

**THURSDAY**- Games outside or in the hall

**FRIDAY**- Chatterboxes

Hope you all have a great weekend & see you on Monday.

Sam.
HEADLICE
A reminder to all families to please check your children's hair for Headlice. Let's try and keep them away from our school. Please report any cases to school so we can stay on top of this problem.

2nd Hand Uniforms
For sale from the Office
All items priced $2 to $5
We have school:
Pants & shorts
Windcheaters
Bomber jackets
Polo shirts

KARATE FOR KIDS
In Our School Hall
( Established since 1981)
FIRST LESSON IS FREE
( No Obligation )
Friday: 7.00 pm
at UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*** Improve your FITNESS; SELF ESTEEM; CONFIDENCE & AWARENESS; CO-ORDINATION; LEARN SELF DEFENCE
*** Open to all ages from 5 years old ( Male / Female ).
*** Friendly atmosphere GUARANTEED.
*** LOW AFFORDABLE FEES. Easy Payment Options.
We also offer classes in other suburbs for all ages.
For Details & Enrolment, please phone TERRY 0418.809808 OR 9759.7187

MARKETFRESH
Schools Program
The MARKETFRESH Schools Program is coming to our school!!!
WHEN: Wednesday 26th February
WHERE: Multipurpose Room

We will be needing 4 parent helpers

The program covers:
• seasonality of produce
• How fruit and vegetable are grown
• The uses of fruit and vegetables
• The importance and benefits of eating fruit and vegetables daily
• Tasting of fresh seasonal produce

SUSHI EXPRESS Lunch orders

Friday’s only
Hand Rolls $2.50 each
• Californian roll
• Teriyaki Chicken roll
• Crispy Chicken roll
• Avocado roll
• Vegetarian roll
• Salmon & Avocado roll
• Tuna & Avocado roll

DRINKS $1.50
Apple & Blackcurrant or Apple

Please write your order on an envelope and leave it at the office
Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.
Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.
Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.
Closes Friday 2nd May 2014

1592 Burwood Hwy,
Belgrave, Vic 3160
Mount Medical Clinic
Monday – Friday 8.30am – 9.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm
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

Setting Boundaries
A mental health carer workshop

Date: Saturday 15th March 2014
Time: 10.00AM – 1.00PM
Venue: 9 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood
(Located upstairs, building 2)
RSVP: Monday 10th March.
Lunch supplied. No cost to attend
Bookings: 03 8870 5300
Or email: dwoof@each.com.au

Belgrave Buskers Festival
Entry Forms are available online, or collect from Belgrave Library, Kew Tenants, or request one to be mailed.
★ Music of the Hills
★ All ages and abilities
★ 3MDR live broadcast
★ Winners announced at 3:30pm
takin’ it to the street
Saturday Feb 22nd from 11am
Belgrave’s nightlife continues till late.
http://buskersfestival.belgrave.vic.au
Email: buskersfestival@belgrave.vic.au
Tel: 9754 1027 Mobile: 0425 563 470 P.O Box 644 Belgrave 3160

Local Artist Shel Kerin would like to welcome you to her first viewing
“Intuitive Soul Art”
Sunday 9th March, 2pm to 6pm
Come & meet Shel she will be here to talk you about her art work
At Abitza Healing Centre, Cafe & Gifts
56 - 58 Main Street Upwey, Ph: 9754 6550, email: goabitza@gmail.com