Calendar

Monday 10th February  
School Assembly in the Hall, 3pm

Wednesday 12th February  
House Swimming Sports, Years 3 - 6

Wednesday 26th February  
MarketFresh School Program

Friday 21st February  
District Swimming Sports.

Tuesday 25th February  
Family Picnic & Games Evening

Friday 28th February  
“Taskworks” Excursion, Whole School

Friday 7th February 2014

2014 SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS.
YOUR SPEECHES WERE VERY IMPRESSIVE.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 7.2.2014

The first full week of school for 2014 has continued as smoothly as the first couple of days and the children are becoming used to the class routines very quickly.
The Year 5 & 6 children have been appointed (or continued with) buddies in Prep & Year 1 and the grades have completed familiarisation activities together. The program has begun extremely well with the older children supporting the younger children so well.
OUR ENTHUSIASTIC PREPS – ISN’T IT GROUSE, PREPS IN THE HOUSE

Our Preps are settling in well to school in Grade Prep/1C and Mrs Christofis is doing a marvellous job in ensuring they are getting used to classroom routines and adjusting to school life. They are a terrific group of children and the Year 1 children, who are much more experienced and know “the ropes”, are leading the grade very nicely. Thanks to all the parents who are supporting the children so well with their introduction to primary school.

A reminder to Prep parents that the “Get To Know” Primary School Entry Interviews will be continuing from 2:00 pm next Thursday and Friday. Parents please check the timetable for your interview time.

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. This will be held a little later than last year to allow a settling in period for all children, especially children new to the school and their families. 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 welcome!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014

There is still one more week for nominations for parents to become involved in the 2014 School Council. Nominations will close on Friday 14th February. I am still looking for a couple of parents to express an interest in being involved with the School Council. Please see me if you are considering and need further information.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN/VICE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS-

The School Captain/Vice Captain elections have been completed after some excellent presentations from the candidates on Thursday. All Year 1-6 children and staff have had the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot at the conclusion of speeches. The children who nominated and presented will be informed of the results today with the school community being informed on Monday at School Assembly. Thanks to all those who presented. There will be some happiness and some disappointment, but I want to remind all candidates that they need to support each other and the school as a result of the decisions made.

MARKETFRESH PROGRAM INCURSION – EXTRACURRICULAR EVENT

We have organised the Marketfresh Program incursion for the whole school on Wednesday 26th February from 11:30 to 12:30. The activity will highlight fresh fruit and vegetables 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

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. A Permission and information notice is being distributed with the newsletter.

HOMEWORK

This topic is always a contentious one and the School Council gave serious consideration at the end of 2014 to how we might achieve greater consensus on the application of Homework and for that reason I am surveying parents as to their preferred options. Please complete the short survey form attached to last week’s newsletter and return it to the office today. Later returns will be accepted on Monday 10th Feb. Thanks to the many parents who have already completed the survey; we have had a terrific response so far.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BOOKLIST PAYMENTS AND EMA FORMS

The Office will be available for payments of booklists and receipt of EMA forms next week for those who have not already paid school fees or not returned EMA forms. Please address this immediately if not already completed. Please ensure that forms are in and payments made in order to receive stationery Book Supplies.

Book Bags and required stationery items will only be distributed to children whose families have paid the Booklist component of the fees or have organised a payment plan with me. For those families who have not already organised payment, pick up will still be available next week.

School books will now be required for classroom work but children whose parents have not organised booklist payment will only have access to temporary supplies.

PREP HOURS

During January and February Prep children will be attending all day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this year. Prep children will not attend school on Wednesdays. Prep parents and children will also be involved in a Prep School Entry Assessment/Interview during the first weeks of Term 1. Mrs Christofis will organise the timetable for this process.

Prep children will attend school full time from Monday 3rd March.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2014

We will be including a Swimming Program during Term 4 this year at Belgrave Outdoor Pool. Children will be expected to attend this program in 2014 but parents may withdraw children for specific reasons. More information will be available soon. The 8-day program will cost approximately $110 and payments may begin under an instalment plan as early as Term 1 so that the financial commitment may be spread over the year, as requested by many.
**SOMERS CAMP**

Children in Years 5 & 6 will be offered the opportunity to attend the Somers School Camp in the middle of 2014. There is a total of 160 student places for our network. The cost of the 9 day program is $185 which is heavily subsidised. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 this year and you would like them to participate, please consider the opportunity and I can provide more information if required. Please be aware that this year the Year 5 & 6 children are booked into Beechworth Camp and it is quite expensive, in the vicinity of $450. More details are available at [www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au](http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au). The Somers camp dates are Tuesday 3rd to Wednesday 11th June.

**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

The SRI Program is due to begin for children who are permitted to attend lessons soon. Please ensure the information form regarding whether your child will access this program is completed so that we can organise the program in the classes.

We currently have access to trained Access Ministries staff (They provide the agreed Christian Syllabus- Religion in Life).

*This is an opportune time to give a final reminder for any parents wishing to change their SRI preference to contact the office. We do not have staff available to offer any other Special Religious Instruction area for 2014.*

**THANKS**

**POTOCOPYING AUDIT**

During Term 4 in 2013 we completed a copyright audit as required at some time by Department guidelines. This was a huge task and I would like to thank Mrs Eeles who completed the collating process so successfully. She really did a terrific job and the staff supported her so well in the process. I would also like to thank Mrs Tutt who completed some relieving duties in Grade 1/2E last year. She was indeed a welcome addition to the staff during that time.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**FLAG AT HALF MAST**

Today the flag was put at half-mast to remember the Black Saturday bushfires and those who lost their lives, were injured or lost property during the devastating fires in 2009.

**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 preemptively 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 preemptively close on days of Code Red fire danger.

**SPECIALIST LESSONS**

These will continue each week although Wednesday morning next week will be the House Swimming Sports. The following is the day schedule for Specialist Lessons:

**Tuesday:** Performing Arts/Music (Mrs Hickey) This will focus on working together, role play and expression (and recorder for the senior children) during Term 1.

**Wednesday:** Physical Education – PE (Mr Aspinall)

**Thursday:** Art/Craft (Mrs Kittredge)

**Thursday:** Japanese (Toshi Takahashi) Grade 5/6S only

**Tuesday & Thursday:** German LOTE for Year Prep to Year 4 children (Sharon Heffernan)

The Japanese language program has been introduced at Level 4 (Year 5 & 6) for the second year at Upwey PS and is in line with an initiative in the Upwey District cluster for provision of Japanese as an Asian language.

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT – PA & SCHOOL COUNCIL**

I am encouraging parents to consider becoming members of the Parent Auxiliary/Fundraising Committee or School Council and actively becoming involved in school decision making and school activities. We not only appreciate this involvement but need it! Please see me if you are requiring any more information on commitment which includes a meeting on an evening once a month. Please speak to me if you are interested in becoming involved and would like to find out what is involved.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014**

The schedule for the 2014 School Council election process is as follows:

- **Friday 31st January** Announce election schedule and call for nominations.
- **Friday 14th February** Nominations close. Display list of candidates, nominators and seconders
- **Friday 14th February** distributed by this date
- **Friday 31st February** Close of ballot
- **Friday 31st February** Count ballots and declare results
- **Monday 3rd March** School Council AGM & School Council Meeting

**Current members continuing for their 2nd year are:** Sue Comello, Steve Wickenton, Wendell Herbert, Kay Goodall & Nan Anderson

The parent/staff members of the School Council whose period of office has expired are: Jenny Staff, Louise Hartley, Andrew Gannon, Kim Gray & David Myers. (They are available to seek nomination for re-election.)

The DEECD employee members of the School Council whose official period of office has expired are: Cindy Nyari. (She is able to seek nomination for re-election.) Kay Rowles will relinquish her position.

This means overall there are five positions available for any interested parents/staff.

Please note that nomination forms for parent and DEECD employee vacancies will be available on request from the office today (Friday 31st January). Please contact the school if you would like a nomination form to be delivered or posted to you.

**SPORT**

**HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS**

Our House Swimming Sports have been confirmed for Wednesday 12th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool from 9:30 am until about 11:00 am. Return to school will be by 12:00 midday. Please note the early departure time for children attending the Swimming Sports. Children must arrive by 8:45 am for 8:50 am departure to catch the 9:00am train to Belgrave. Children in Year 3 to 6 will be included. Any Grade 2E child who is a good swimmer may be included with parent permission. Please contact me if you are in this category. Notices have been distributed with permission forms due back on Monday 10th February.

Please note that if a Total Fire Ban day is called then the sports will be postponed.
REMINDERS
PARKING ALONG DARLING AVENUE
If you are dropping off or picking up children at school along Darling Avenue please ensure that you obey the parking restrictions as I have it from a reliable source that the Parking Officers will be on the lookout and booking drivers for illegal parking. Please take care for the children's sake, as well as your own. Some parents have been fortunate so far to be given a warning about the restrictions. Do not park over the yellow lines during crossing times!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN & PROCEDURES
Emergency Closures on DEECD Website
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) website is available so that parents and carers can more readily access information about emergency closures of schools, early childhood facilities and bus services. The website is: www.education.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK
A reminder to parents that children arriving or departing in cars must be dropped off, and picked up, from Darling Avenue and not from the staff car park (except where some incapacity occurs). The safety of all children is a prime concern and Cheryl, our Crossing Supervisor, will continue to assist the children so that they cross the road safely.

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS
HEADLICE
Now that the school year has begun and children are in contact with a greater number of other children please continue to check your child's hair in our continued effort to eradicate infestations.

HEAT HEALTH ALERT
The Education Department has distributed reminders associated with the current hot conditions. The focus in particular is on the need to hydrate well. The other focus was on ensuring that children are never left unattended in a car and are protected from the sun.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

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

Congratulations to Jenny for her 70th Birthday, we celebrated in style with a lovely morning tea on Tuesday. We were showing appreciation for Jenny who has been a volunteer staff member in the library for umpteen years and we value her support so much.

Happy Birthday Jenny!
From all at Upwey Primary School
RICE BUBBLE SLICE

Grade 2E enjoyed making this yummy slice

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups of Rice Bubbles
- ½ a cup of coconut
- 125 grams of butter
- 3 tablespoons of honey
- ½ cup of brown sugar

**Procedure:**

Step 1.
Measure the Rice Bubbles and put into a mixing bowl.

Step 2.
Measure and add the coconut to the Rice Bubbles and mix with a spoon.

Step 3.
Measure the sugar, honey and butter and put into a saucepan.

Step 4.
Slowly melt the ingredients on low heat. Then boil for exactly 3 minutes.

Step 5.
Press into a slice container.

Step 6.
Cut the slice into pieces in the container while it is still warm. Enjoy!

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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

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

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Boronia: Lyn: 9754 6413

www.calisthenics.asn.au
# Before & After School Care

What’s on at BASC next week.
- **MONDAY**– Cubbies and dress ups.
- **TUESDAY**– Paper machè masks
- **WEDNESDAY**– cooking
- **THURSDAY**– sand pictures
- **FRIDAY**– Painting

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Sam.

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# P.A. News

We hope you enjoyed your Icy Poles today,

Stay cool over the weekend.

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# Happy Birthday

7th Feb - 14th Feb

Caitlin J

Britney & Kylie

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Yarra Ranges Council is Recruiting Family Day Care Educators

Are you passionate about early childhood, child care and education, and enjoy working with families and connecting with your Community? The Yarra Ranges Council Family Day Care Coordination Unit is recruiting Family Day Care Educators to join their team of dedicated early childhood professionals to work in partnership with trained council staff who support and monitor Family Day Care placements throughout the Shire.

Family Day Care Educators operate a quality home-based childcare and education service for a small group of children aged birth to 12 years. Children are nurtured in a small group setting that focuses on everyday life experiences and provides individualised care in a cozy home environment. Educators offer a safe, secure and stimulating home environment and create individualised programming to encourage children to further develop their skills and knowledge.

A career in Family Day Care provides a great opportunity to:
- choose your own days and hours of work
- work from home
- create a successful business
- earn an income
- spend time with your own children
- extend your networks

Interested persons must
- be 18 years of age or over
- have a minimum qualification of Certificate III in Children’s Services
- be prepared to work a minimum of 3 days per week
- ensure their house meets safety requirements
- be prepared to undergo training in First Aid, asthma & anaphylaxis

If you would like further information in relation to becoming a Family Day Care Educator for the Yarra Ranges Council please contact the Coordination Unit on: 9754 4432

Yarra Ranges Council

Joshua’s Journey Fund Raiser

Sunday 16th Feb –
11.00am until 5.00pm at
Upwey C.C
Chosen Ave Upwey

Live Music
Sausage Sizzle
Barley Bikes
Car Wash
Raffles
Jumping Castles
Face Painting
Auctions

Call Chelsea on
0400 250 606
if you would like to offer your support

Bar & canteen open
with all money
raised going to Josh.

Check out www.upweyc.com.au for more details

Joshua isle Bix, he has a blood cancer called acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy. His next chemotherapy is due on Sunday 16th Feb at 1pm. The family would need their support and love. Please come along and have a great day.

Family Open Day

Sunday 16th February 1-4pm

- Lots of activities run by club coaches
- Speed Radar, Hot Shots, Cardio Tennis
- Demo Racquets
- Prizes and give aways from Tennis Victoria
- Free sausage sizzle

50% OFF ALL MEMBERSHIPS

Contact Marty on 0430 550 305 for more details

Upwey South Tennis Club

Upwey South Recreation Reserve, Elphinstone Street Upwey

Boronia Junior Soccer Club

Seeking new players for season 2014.

Come along and have a kick!

Girls and Boys, Under 5 to Under 12 (born 2002-2006).

We play in TVP home & away leagues from Under 6 up.

Look out for our registration day coming up.

Watch the website or register your interest now.

Pre-season training now on - U11-U12 newcomers welcome for a kick around.

Our free cover membership for the playing year.

Home ground is HVCC reserve on Alberton Road, tardee gully.

Enquiries: Richmond 0422 779 737 or boronia.jsc@gmail.com.

Age Group | Year | Format | Matches | Details
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U5-7      | 2007-2000 | 4-a-side | Inter club finals | Starts in April
U6-8      | 2005-2006 | 4-a-side | PV home & away
U10-11    | 2003-2004 | 3-a-side | PV home & away | Like pre-season training now on, 6pm
U12       | 2002     | 1-a-side | PV home & away | Wednesday evenings.

www.boroniasjc.com.au

"The Sherbrooke Junior Domestic Summer Competition resumes this Saturday. We are drawing to the end of the season but are always looking to welcome new teams and players. Registration forms for the Autumn/Winter season will be distributed soon. All inquiries to James Farish Carradice on 0427 430 185."
Homework is common part of school life but often is a contentious issue. We are seeking your views on aspects of Homework and ask that you complete this survey and return it to school by Friday 7th February.

It is generally accepted that for any homework children would ultimately be expected to take responsibility but parents would need to support the approach and could assist/check as required.

**Homework Policy**

**PURPOSE**
The provision of homework within the Upwey Primary School’s program should provide a positive reinforcement for work and work attitudes established in the classroom. It should be seen as a means of enriching the school program, developing study habits for the students and providing an avenue of communication between the school and the home.

**GUIDELINES**
1. To communicate to parents the type of work being carried out at the school.
2. To lay the foundations for home study habits necessary for higher education.

**To give the students further opportunities to reinforce and practise school work in the home.**

**IMPLEMENTATION**
1. Homework may be issued at the discretion of the students’ teachers. Consultation between classroom teachers and specialist staff should occur to monitor workloads.

Homework may be provided for a whole class, for groups of students or for individual students with the purpose of:

- providing reinforcement by practising examples of known work skills
- developing desirable study habits
- encouraging the organisation of leisure time
- developing research skills
- fostering independent work skills
- finishing tasks not completed at school

1. Your name: ................................. Child’s Grade: ............

2. I support Homework as being compulsory at Upwey Primary School    YES                    NO

3. If YES to HOMEWORK please indicate which of the following ways you would like to receive the homework

   Hard copy   By Email   Hard Copy & Email

4. If YES to HOMEWORK please indicate your preference. (More than one may be selected.)

   a) Homework distributed on Monday and returned on Friday
      YES   NO

   b) Homework distributed on Monday and returned the following Monday
      YES   NO

   c) Homework distributed on Friday and returned the following Thursday/Friday
      YES   NO

5. If YES to HOMEWORK, Homework should include. (Ex. – Reading, Spelling, Maths Tables etc)

6. Further Comment