PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 27.6.2014

TERM 2 DRAWS TO A CLOSE

Another term comes to a close and we will be preparing for the changes put in place for the second half of the year. It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Ben Gallaher who has been such a vital part of the school community over the last 5 years. On behalf of the Upwey Primary School Community I wish him ever success in the future as he approaches new ventures and challenges outside the teaching arena. We appreciate the amazing level of enthusiasm, energy and involvement he has provided to the children’s and school’s benefit. Good luck and keep in touch Mr G! We all hope Ben and Rachel have a wonderful time in the US.

It is also with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Sarah Gallagher at the end of term. She has been here for a short amount of time but provided considerable enthusiasm and contributions to the Grade 5/6 classroom as well as the school. On behalf of the Upwey Primary School Community I thank her for her involvement and wish her every success and as she spends more time with her family.

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P/1C  P.E Award
Hermione
For being such a capable player of “Air, Sea, Land”.

P/1C  P.E. Award
Violet
For being a terrific contribution during game time.

3/4G  P.E. Award
Jacob
For being an enthusiastic and valuable contribution in the game of “Run The Gauntlet”.

3/4G  Kurt
For demonstrating wonderful improvements through his testing results.

5/6S  Imogen
For being resilient and fixing up her errors when measuring angles in maths.

5/6S  P.E. Award
Jimmy
For being very ‘secretive’ during the game of Secret Number Ball, and being the “last person standing”.

FAREWELL TO MR G and to SARAH G………..

5/6S  Caleb
For his good research skills and excellent project on China.
LOOKING FORWARD TO TERM 3
Term 3 already looks like an exciting time. We will be welcoming our two new teachers. We will also be beginning work on our School Production for 2014 (Date for final performance is Thursday 16th October at Burrinja Theatre). Familiarity with music, examining script and auditions for lead roles will be a feature.

Then of course there is the Passions Program, Camps for Year 3 to 6 children and Athletics Sports coming up during the term.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS
Thanks to all parents and children who attended the interviews this week. The involvement shows a real concern for the learning of your children and what actions can be taken during the second half of the year to address the needs of each child as part of their future learning plan. Thanks to the teachers for the considerable commitment to the children and parents in providing this time and ensuring a smooth process. Mrs Eeles will organise interviews during Term 3 when she is expected to return to duties after sustaining a foot fracture.

POLLY WOODSIDE: WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION
Our Whole School Excursion to the city and Polly Woodside last Friday went extremely well, although we had a few tired children by the end of the day as it was really a solid 9:00 am to 3:30 pm excursion. The excursion was a great success with some very entertaining elements included in the Polly Woodside tour…especially below deck! Our children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who assisted so well on the day.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF
As announced in letters distributed to all families this week we will have two new teachers beginning next term. Miss Amanda Weatherlake has been appointed to the Grade 3/4G class and Ms Nadja Wood has been appointed to the Grade 5/6S class. We wish them all the best for their involvement at Upwey PS and I am sure everyone will be extremely welcoming and make them feel like part of the school community in short time.

We were fortunate to be able to have them both teachers attend the Planning work with Mr G and Miss G on Tuesday this week, and they also took the opportunity to meet the children in the grades.

WORKING BEE
Our Working Bee held on Sunday 22nd June completed quite a few tasks. We spread mulch under the playground area, pruned plants, cleaned the gutters on buildings and repaired sections of the Old Adventure Playground & MPR fence pickets. Thanks to the Wendell H, Tyler H, Connor H, Andrew G, Charlotte G, Laura G, Lisa O, Imogen M and Mr G for such a great job. A small turn up which was a pity for “Mr G’s last B” but plenty of work completed.

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS
The PA’s Movie Night was a great success with 25 families attending to see the amazing Magic Show and the movie “How To Train Your Dragon”. Thanks to all those who attended and enjoyed a relaxing evening after being on the Polly Woodside excursion during the day! Special thanks to the PA/Fundraising and Kelly & Steve W for their organisation and preparation. Thanks also to Miss Gallagher for being the staff member on duty for the evening. I hope she did not fall asleep!

TWO-SQUARE TOURNAMENT
The JSC supported Two-Square Tournament occurred during lunchtimes this week. Thanks to those who participated and enjoyed the competition. The final results are not available at the time of printing but it looks likely that the finalists will be: Year 3/4 Kurtis H, Sam M & Dylan C. The Year 5/6 finalists are likely to be Christos A, Tyson M-F and Jeremy N.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2014
Today I presented Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this term. The awards recognise the children with extremely high attendance and minimal absences. This term I handed out 11 Gold Awards and 40 Silver Awards. This was a pretty good record considering some of the illnesses around during the last half of the term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd June at 7:30 in the staffroom.

- Announcement of interview results and new staff appointments for Grade 3/4G and Grade 5/6S.
- Discussion continued on applications of the new ICT and eLearning commitments with leasing arrangements for the new computers still being finalised.
- New SRI forms to be distributed to families with an “opt in” clause in operation now.

ICT & 80th Birthday Celebration ideas have now been collated. At this stage iPads have been the popular vote for tablets. Dress up day in Old Fashioned attire, Paved/Bricks/Tiles to recognise all children in 80th year celebrations.

DEPARTING STUDENTS
We will be farewelling Bella K-R from P/1C at the end of term as mum has moved to Rowville so she will be attending Heany Park PS. Good luck to Bella and Michelle for their move and thank you for your involvement at Upwey PS over the last two years. (Also thanks to Peter & Gretel for your involvement.) Rhianna C from 2E will also be moving closer to home now that Miss Gallagher will be leaving Upwey PS. We wish Rhianna all the best in her return to Menzies Creek PS.

UPCOMING EVENTS
“PASSIONS 2014” ASSISTANCE
Our annual extracurricular recreational activities program will be planned for Term 3. I am still seeking the assistance of parents and community members who are available to be involved in running small groups on a particular area of interest (Passion). The program will be held on Monday, Tuesday or Friday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm. Please contact the office or me directly if you are able to assist in any area.

Final information and commitment will be available at the beginning of Term 3.

REMINDEERS
END OF TERM 2 – EARLY DISMISSAL
Today, Friday 27th July, we are having a final assembly at 2:15 pm and children are being dismissed at 2:30 pm.

REMINDERS

- Early Dismissal for Term 2.
- Reminder for parents to collect their children promptly.
- No school on Monday 28th July.
- Final information and commitment will be available at the beginning of Term 3.
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Today the JSC held a “Onesie” or “Pyjamas” Day for Out of Uniform day.
Thanks to those who participated and brang a gold coin donation. The JSC designated charity is SoupEes (Gavin Smith and helpers. They are our helpers who run the Free Feed Friday every Friday morning from 8:30 am). We raised approximately $90. Another very good effort.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
Please return the SRI forms relating to Religious Education being offered at Upwey Primary School. Parents MUST return the form to be involved in the program during Terms 3 & 4. If the permission notification is not returned by Tuesday 15th July then children will not be permitted to attend sessions beginning on Wednesday 16th July. Please let us know if your child will be participating in the program for next semester.

SCHOOL CAMPS
The Year 5/6 Camp to Beechworth has been booked for Monday 14th to Friday 15th August.
The Year 3/4 Camp to The Log Cabin Ranch has been booked for Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th September.
Notices providing final information and requiring commitment will be distributed at the beginning of Term 3. Payments or instalments may still be made at any time.

VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS
The vouchers are now available for families. You may now purchase a voucher for $10 from the school office and then exchange the voucher at Beleza, at the Mountain Gate Shopping Centre location, for a polo shirt of the appropriate size.
Thanks again to the PA/Fundraising Committee for subsidising one polo shirt per child in the school.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE – PA FUNDRAISING
The chocolate fundraising packs/boxes from Cadbury should now be returned. If you still have any outstanding chocolates or money then please return envelopes with money and unsold items directly to the office.
This is a major part of the PA/Fundraising drive for 2014.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
FAREWELL CLASS PARTIES
The celebratory party for children and parents of children in Grade 3/4G and Grade 5/6S, to show appreciation for Mr Gallaher’s involvement and Miss Gallagher’s work and farewell them both, was held yesterday afternoon. Thanks to the many parents who were available to come along and celebrate their involvement in the school. The School Council/PA Fundraising organised a lovely cake to thank them both and recognise their departure.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The next competition will be English on Tuesday 29th July.

SCIENCE WEEK: OUT OF THIS WORLD!
Mount Burnett Observatory is pleased to announce that we will be running "Stars in the Yarra Ranges" over four nights and four venues in Science Week (August 13th-24th) this year. The events will be held at:
- Yarra Ranges Museum Lilydale on Saturday the 16th of August
- Upwey Primary School on Tuesday the 19th of August
- Emerald Secondary College on Friday the 22nd of August
- Pakenham (venue tba) on Saturday the 23rd of August

In each case the event will be open to the public from 5:30pm to 8:30pm and will consist of:
- some portable telescopes set up outside to view stars and planets
- a tent of astronomically themed experiments
- a series of short talks by visiting astronomy researchers
- displays of current space missions

Mount Burnett Observatory is a community run not for profit astronomical society based at the Observatory near Emerald. This event builds on the "astro-fest" we ran last year that included participants from five local primary schools and Emerald Secondary College. We would be most grateful if you included our events in your Science Week calendars.

For any additional information please contact Dr James Murray (MBO Outreach Officer) on 0409703929.

P. A. NEWS
NEXT MEETING FOR PA IS THE 15TH OF JULY 2014 @ 2PM IN THE STAFFROOM.
We have our trivia Night to organise—one of our major fundraisers for the year. Come along and join in the fun. All welcome.
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**Happy Birthday**

27th June - 18th July

**Hermione Caitlin M**

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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

It has been a busy term. I think we are all looking forward to a nice rest.

Have a great holiday everyone and I will see you all in Term 3.

Sam 😊
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Burrinja School Holiday Program
Wombat Stew - The Musical!
Burrinja Theatre / Tickets from $12
Yussi Jervy at 6.30pm & Wed 2 July at 10am
The story of a dingo who catches a wombat and
decides to make wombat stew, has been clear-
ly developed into a "true-blue dinkly-digigig-
squeaky musical!" A mouth-watering combina-
tion of story-telling, tama, music, dance and puppetry.
Suitable Ages 2+ & above

The Fairy Show
Burrinja Black Box // All Tickets $15
Friday 4 July at 12pm
Follow the story of Fairy Smart, Fairy Sneaky
and Fairy Nuff as they try to grant some fairy
wishes. Join in and learn the song that makes
the fairy dust work and then go on a mud-cap
journey to find the fairy dust that the naughty gnomes have stolen. Clues have been left,
riddles must be solved and fun is had by everyone before anyone gets to make a fairy wish.
Suitable Ages 2 - 6

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Thurs 10 July at 6.30pm
Welcome to a swamp like no other! Using
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Monday 30th June 2pm

TROUBLE IN FAIRYLAND
There’s trouble in Fairyland, will there be a happy ending?
Join Lexi the Word Elf and Wiz-Woz-Woo the Wizard for this fun performance.
Ages 5+
Cost $4

Tuesday 1st July 11am

PAPER PLANES
Bring the whole family along for a fun morning making and flying paper planes.
Ages: 3+

Wednesday 2nd July 2pm–4pm

BEADIE BUDDIES
Join Heidi to create your own fantastic Beadie Buddy to attach to your schoolbag.
Ages strictly 6+
Cost $3.50 per buddy

Monday 7th July 11am

WORRY DOLLS
Have fun making your own worry dolls and learn how they can make your troubles disappear!
Ages 5+

Tuesday 1st July 4pm

WHY WHY WHY
For kids who like to ask questions With hands-on experiments, maths puzzles and creative art, we will explore science and let our curiosity run wild.
Join Dr Louise Hartley, an astrophysicist, with three question-asking children of her own.
For Primary School age children.
$5 per child to be paid on the day.

Tuesday 8th July 11am

CD CRAFT
Unleash your creativity and see what you can make with some old CDs
Ages 5+
MR G’S GOODBYE PARTY

WE WILL MISS YOU!