PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 21.3.2014

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
Hair Today...Gone Tomorrow!
What an amazing sight! Our school assembly had an interesting twist for its finale. Mr Gallaher, his father Charlie, Kurtis II, Jeremy N & Dee S, as well as Steve S (Dee’s father) volunteered to have their heads shaved as a part of “The World's Greatest Shave” in order to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. They had their heads secured firmly on their shoulders with their objective in mind as they sat at the school assembly and lost their beautiful locks. They had their heads shaved by Natalie N, Hayley W & Guy H who did such a marvellous job. (Christos A was also involved after having his head shaved at home prior to the assembly).
Please support the group by making a donation to the office or in the specially marked container in the classroom. They have already raised over $200 as a team.
P/1C Art Award
Jasper
For working so hard on your snow globe project. You made some outstanding snowflakes and a very original snowman!

P/1C P.E. Award
Robbie
For showing terrific basketball goal-shooting skills.

P/1C Robbie
For making great progress in reading words from his high frequency word list.

P/1C Isabella
For giving a detailed presentation about her favourite holiday experience.

P/1C P.E. Award Caitlin
For showing terrific basketball goal-shooting skills.

P/1C Performing Arts
Eva
For presenting an interesting, unique and creative ‘Outrageous’ walk during the Twist & Shout song.

P/1C P.E. Award Kaitlyn
For accuracy with ball handling skills.

P/1C Seamus
For working hard to complete tasks on time. Keep it up!

2E Art Award
Emily
For working hard in Art, and doing your personal best. You were especially resilient when paint got splashed on your work. Great job!

2E Ella
For completing work in her Maths Plus book with a high level of accuracy due to remaining focused on her own work.

2E Banjo
For excellent concentration during the ‘Smartwords’ program this week. His variety of words during word building activities was great. Keep up the great work.

2E Violet
For a high level of concentration during vocabulary activities. Violet has achieved 100% with several pages in her Smartwords

2E Ruby
For a high level of accuracy with all of the Maths tasks this week. Ruby does her personal best all of the time.

2E Ripley
For working hard to learn more words to improve her reading and spelling.

2E P.E. Award Connor
For displaying great effort and skill in basketball goal shooting.

2E Jack
For working extremely hard to improve his reading and spelling. Be proud of your effort Jack.

2E Rhianna
For being a calm focused hard-working student who does her work demonstrating ‘Personal Best’ in all areas.

3/4G Ryen
For achieving the most points in Class Dojo. Ryen did an excellent job at Attentive Listening and Participation.
**HOMEWORK POLICY REVIEW**
The Education Committee’s Review of our Homework Policy has occurred with a draft document being produced. Parents are welcome to view the draft version that will go for final checking before being presented to School Council on Monday 31st March. Please contact me if you are interested in looking at the draft.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2014**
The next School Council Meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday 31st March at 7:30 pm. A folder with School Council Matters (Agenda, Minutes, Reports etc) will be sent to each parent and an email with documentation will also be distributed.

**TRIBES CARE GROUPS**
Our Tribes Care Groups were held from 2:00 to 2:30 pm on Tuesday 18th March this week with Hayley’s group attending the Faraway Tree Room on this occasion. The children completed a Values activity and created Star Posters indicating the values for which they decided best reflected their own most evident value. The posters for each of the 7 groups will be on display in the school hall next week.

**FLU WARNING**
The flu season appears to be upon us with media warnings about the advent of flu in the community. I have reported cases of flu in the school so I am issuing a warning to parents/guardians to take care and please report any confirmed cases.

**NEW SANDPIT TOYS**
It was great to finally receive our Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards selection of new toys for the sandpit. The children have already put them to good use.

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**5/6R P.E. Award Hannah**
For concentrated effort and very good accuracy with hitting and ball handling skills.

**5/6R P.E. Award Rhiannon**
For displaying a concentrated effort with basketball skills work.

**TRIBES AWARD Regan**
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Being a "dirty jobs destroyer and wasting waste!"

**TRIBES AWARD Kurtis**
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Starting the "World’s Greatest Shave team."

**5/6R P.E. Award Jack**
For displaying concentrated effort with basketball skills work.

**5/6R Performing Arts Connor**
For creatively involving himself in all activities and for confidently having a go during role play.

**TRIBES AWARD Nathan**
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Working with other classmates by encouraging and supporting them to participate.

**TRIBES AWARD Dylan**
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Continuing with P.E. after sustain an accidental hit on the head.

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**LOST PROPERTY**
We have a number of students who are missing uniform items. Could all families please check that they have their own clothing and not picked up someone else’s by mistake. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. It’s very hard to guess! Thank you.

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**LUNCHTIME LEGO WITH HAYLEY**
UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL PORTABLE MOVING

Over the last two weeks on Thursdays our Staff Car Park has been closed and out of action in the morning due to semi-trailers transporting the Upwey High School portables which are being moved to new locations. The children have been required to avoid the work areas in the morning before school, but all has been completed by morning recess times. I expect the final removals to occur during the holidays so that no further interruptions should occur before the end of term.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YEAR 5/6 UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

Next week on Wednesday 26th March Grade 5/6S will be involved in a transition visit to Upwey High School with their staff taking grades from local primary school for a variety of subjects. This will be a great opportunity for our children to have a good look around the school and participate in secondary style lessons.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX – TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

This annual event will be held on Tuesday 1st April which is the last Tuesday of Term 1. A separate notice and entry form is being distributed with the newsletter today. This will be a fundraising venture used in conjunction with the Junior School Council fundraiser for Term 1. (Children participating as drivers in the Billy Cart Grand Prix will be required to pay an entry fee of $5 which will be inclusive of the gold coin donation for Out of Uniform Day on the last day of Term 1.) Be sure to get those entry forms in if you want to be involved in the driving fun! Parents and relatives will be welcome to attend and view the time trials. The anticipated timetable is attached to the permission notice. The approximate timetable will be:

8:30 - 9:15 am. Setting up!
9:15 - 9:45 am Prep/1C
9:45 - 10:15 am 2E
10:30 - 11:00 pm 3/4G
11:30 - 12:00 pm 5/6S
1pm Presentation

Ceremony for all grades

Permission notices were distributed last week and are due in by Monday 31st March. Thanks to the many children who have already completed their registration.

HOT DOG LUNCH – TUESDAY 1ST APRIL

To coincide with the Upwey PS Billy Cart Grand Prix the PA/Fundraising Committee have organised a Hot Dog Lunch for Tuesday 1st April. Order forms have been distributed.

If you are interested please get your order in by Tuesday 25th March.

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL – “SIGHTS & SOUNDS – UPWEY ARTS FESTIVAL”

Entries of Art Work are now closed. Thanks to all those who contributed entries and we wish them all the best in judging next week.

Upwey High will be holding its Arts Festival featuring and Art Exhibition and Art Competition which will coincide with their Open Evening.

The Art exhibition is to now to be held at Upwey High and not in our school hall.

The dates are from Sunday 23rd March (Opening at 1:00 pm) until Wednesday 26th March (Awards will be presented at 6:30 pm).

ANZAC CEREMONY FOR GRADE 5/6S

Grade 5/6 R children will represent the school at the Legacy Anzac Ceremony for local schools on Wednesday 30th April next term. The ceremony will be held at the Ferntree Gully National Park. The grade will walk to and from the ceremony where they will lay a wreath in memory of those who have lost their lives in Wars. A permission and information notice will be distributed at the beginning of Term 2.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1

Please note that we will be having the final assembly for Term on Friday 4th April at 2:15 pm and dismissal will be at approximately 2:30 pm. School will return on Tuesday 22nd April.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2014

On the last day of Term 1, Friday 4th April, I will be presenting Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this term. The awards recognise the children with extremely high attendance and minimal absences for each term of the year, and congratulate them on a fine record. (Absences and late attendance will affect attendance rates). Gold Attendance awards recognise 100% attendance and Silver Attendance awards recognise 94 – 99% attendance.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

Our Junior School Council will hold an Out of Uniform day on Friday 4th April which is the last day of Term 1. A Gold Coin Donation will be required for any children who wish to have free dress. The fundraising event will be decided by the Junior School Council next week.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES PROGRAM – AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Hayley W continues to run a Lego Building activity for half of lunchtime on Thursdays. This activity has been well attended and several photos are available of the magnificent constructions made so far.

Mr Gallaher is also continuing with his computer group completing the Khan Academy lunchtime activity also on Thursdays for half of lunchtime. I thank both for their enthusiastic involvement and hope the children continue to commit and enjoy these opportunities.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

With the advent of some cooler weather it is an opportune time to remind everyone about School Uniform. Please be aware that only school windcheaters and bomber jackets are permitted. The only exception is when some clothing is unavailable for a reason presented in a parent note to the class teacher or myself. Please ensure your child/ren is/are keeping to this requirement. I have also noticed some inappropriate footwear recently. Please be aware that school shoes or track shoes should be worn by children at school.
School uniforms are still required over the coming two weeks under our policy. School hats are not required during Term 2 and Term 3 after the school holidays.

**THANKS**

**DRINK BOTTLE DONATION**
Thanks to Nan A and the South Upwey Netball Club for the donation of 12 plastic drink bottles in special carry containers to be used at sporting events such as the Hooptime Basketball competitions. The donation is very much appreciated and will ensure that all children involved with such events have water provided. Very professional indeed!

**REMINDERS**

**YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER**
A reminder for Year 6 children (and parents) to order your Year 6 Windcheater. Order forms have been distributed and printing has been organised. Thanks to Jamie for organising the purchase and printing of our design (as created by several Year 6 children with final presentation by Cindy). Please remember that the windcheaters will not be available until payment has been made and we are still hoping for all to be completed before the end of term. The design is in the hands of the printer right now!

**PLAYGROUP – UP AND RUNNING FOR 2014**
The Playgroup started up again for 2014 and will continue each Friday from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Pleasingly the program is full. It was great to welcome some new faces to the group. Keep up the good work Emma & Cheryl.

**CAMP INSTALMENT PAYMENTS**
Instalments may now be made for the following camps this year. Year 5/6 Camp to The Old Priory at Beechworth is booked from Monday 11th to Friday 15th August. (5 Day, 4 night camp. Estimated Cost Approx $450.)

Year 3/4 Camp to The Log Cabin Ranch is booked from Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th September. (3 Day, 2 Night camp. Estimated cost approx. is $220.)

I am offering and encouraging parents of children in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to begin payment plans for these camps with a suggested $50 payment before the end of Term 1 (Friday 4th April) to ease the burden of a bulk payment if desired. Please contact Cindy or Kay at the office to organise.

**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY - JAPAN**
Expression of Interest ‘Student Exchange Program to Japan’
Recently the Principals from our Upwey District Education Community met and discussed the possibility of developing a student exchange program with a sister school in Japan. The school, in Mito, are sending Year 9 students to Upwey High in August. Toshio (our Japanese Teacher) will also be accompanying a group of students to Japan. We want to send students to Mito in September (it may overlap some holiday time). Mito is a ‘Middle School’ and caters for students that would be our equivalent of Years 5 to 10. It is in a medium sized country ‘town’ similar in size and feel to a city like Ballarat. It is about as far from Tokyo as Ballarat is from Melbourne.

The next stage is to ask for expressions of interest from parents of our Years 5 and 6 students. Based on previous trips the cost would be about $2500-$2800 for nine days (including travel time). The children would have a trip to Disneyworld but would spend the school days immersed in the school’s classroom programs. On the weekend the students will spend free time with the host families. If you would like to put forward an expression of interest, please contact me.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
**Term 1 & 2 2014 - Upwey Primary School**

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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.  
Here’s what’s on next week at BASC.  
**MONDAY**- pancake breakfast in before care & Easter egg baskets in afters.  
**TUESDAY**- Dyed Autumn leaves  
**WEDNESDAY**- Making fridge magnets  
**THURSDAY**- Games in the hall  
**FRIDAY**- Science afternoon. We will be doing several different science activities over the afternoon from rockets to crystals.  
Have a great weekend.  
Sam

**Happy Birthday**

21st Mar - 28th Mar  
Kaitlin S

**P.A. News**

Next Meeting Tuesday 1st April

**EASTER RAFFLE**: Raffle tickets went out with last weeks newsletter, we have more at the front office if you require. Please keep sending in donations for our raffle and thanks to those who have already donated.  
**HOTDOG LUNCH** Tuesday 1st April- Order forms have been distributed this week. Please get your orders in by Tuesday 25th March so you don’t miss out.
Belgrave JFC Auskick 2014

When: This year Auskick coaching clinics run from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Friday nights – starting 28 March

Who: Girls & boys from 5 to 12 years welcome. Cost: For $72.73 (includes processing fee)

Register and pay online now

Then collect your membership pack at the first clinic.

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All Kids need:
- A safe home
- Nutritious meals
- A loving adult to trust
- Opportunities to learn and grow
Unfortuantely, too many children in our community are missing one or more of the essential ingredients that make for a happy and healthy childhood. Can you help?
Can you provide the missing ingredient that changes a child’s life?
Our Foster carers come in all shapes and sizes; they are individuals and families from a huge variety of backgrounds. What they all have in common is the desire to help children in need.
If you believe every child deserves the chance of a great life, please join us at our Foster Care Information Night.
anchor.com.au

A Recipe for raising great kids
Thursday 6th March 7:30pm
Please call Ray on 9892 1999 to confirm your attendance.
To find out more about the wonderful work of our foster care families please visit:
http://bony.bony/2EBW8 Anchor Inc. Shop 103, 2C Capital City Boulevard, Scoresby L8 Zone.

Youth Week Event
Featuring Performances by
HIP HOP ARTIST - BURNILL B
MR EEZAL & MORE
GUEST APPEARANCE AT AFL STAR ADAM SCHNEIDER FROM ST Kilda 2:30PM - 3:30PM
PLUS - SIMI SUITS/FAKE TATTOOS/ABORIGINAL TATTOOS/TIGE-WAYS/FREE BBQ
JOIN PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS AND MUCH MORE.
TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2PM - 7PM
ULTIMATE SHOWCASE, MARKET STULICHE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL JESS 30 MIN ON 1000 IN 235 - THIS IS A 450$0 G.00 EVENT.
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop
For Parents and Care of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Please join us to learn how to support your child during the holiday period. Learning essential strategies to manage challenging behaviour.
Applications to have a positive and supportive learning environment. Acceptable children are enrolled in the second year of secondary education.

NAB Community of our centre.

Zucchini is funded by the Indigenous Culture Support through the Ministry of Arts, AGD