PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 28.3.2014

CHILDREN’S WORK ON DISPLAY

Writing Focus
I was extremely pleased to see the display of children’s writing in the office foyer this week and I hope that many parents and relatives were able to view the work of all grades and all children. This is a great opportunity to look at the capabilities of your child and what other children in the grades are doing.

The writing focus was “Recount” and the display demonstrates to all the process of developing writing through a drafting process leading to the culmination of creating a Final Copy for publication.

The display will remain in the foyer until Monday when all work will return to the classrooms. This will be the final chance to have a look at work. Thanks to all the children for their efforts, to classroom teachers for organising the displays and Mrs Eeles for co-ordinating the process.

Art Displays
I would also like to highlight the display of fine art work Mrs Kittredge has set up in the Office building display area. Please have a look at the terrific work the children are doing in Art classes.
WORKING BEE
Sunday 6th April
10am—2pm

We are going to concentrate on the Front Of our School
Please come along and help!
We would love to see lots of families
Free sausage sizzle

P/1C Charlotte
For trying hard to improve her handwriting by writing on the line and using spaces.

2E Ben
For displaying respectful manners and working to the best of his ability in all areas of his work.

3/4G Chelsea
For getting the most Class Dojo points last week. You had lightning speed reflexes during “Stop, Look and Listen”.

5/6S Deborah
For not giving up and writing a terrific recount.

5/6S Rhiannon
For her resilience to keep working hard when she injured her shoulder.

TRIBES AWARD ZACH
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Supporting a classmate when that person was upset.

TRIBES AWARD CHELSEA
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Being a Super Chicken Catcher!

TRIBES AWARD ADAM
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Working with other children in a group effectively.

TRIBES AWARD HAYDEN
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:
Caring about other children in the yard.

UPWEY HIGH ART SHOW - AWARD WINNER
Thanks to children and parents who entered their work in the Upwey High Art Show. We are extremely pleased to have Holly H from Grade 5/6S as one of the award winners in the Primary School section. Congratulations Holly and good luck with your continued application to Art.

UPWEY HIGH TRANSITION
Our Year 5 & 6 children had a taste of secondary school after involvement with the Upwey High Transition program on Wednesday afternoon this week. They attended classes in Food Technology and Art along with other local primary schools. Thanks to the staff at Upwey High for running the program that promotes a smooth transition process.

BAD HAIR DAY & FREE DRESS – FRIDAY 4TH APRIL
To support Mr G, Kurtis H, Jeremy N, Dee S (& Steve S) and Christos A in their World’s Greatest Shave fundraising team efforts for the Leukaemia Foundation we will be holding a Bad Hair Day on Friday 4th April (The last day of Term 1) as part of the Out of Uniform Day, with gold coin donation. (Remember to keep to appropriate Free Dress Wear and footwear.)

Please remember the web site connection for our UPS Team at [http://leukaemiatfoundation.org.au/UPS](http://leukaemiatfoundation.org.au/UPS)

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.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Don’t forget to organise your Billy Carts in preparation for the Annual Upwey PS Billy Cart Grand Prix on Tuesday 1st April. This will be a fundraising venture used in conjunction with the Junior School Council fundraiser for Term 1, World’s Greatest Shave & Leukaemia Foundation. (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 Friday 4th April). Be sure to get those entry forms in if you want to be involved in the driving fun! Parents and relatives are welcome to attend and be entertained. The anticipated timetable is:

8:30 - 9:15 am. Setting up!
9:15 - 9:45 am P/1C
9:45 - 10:15am 2E
10:30 - 11:00 pm 3/4G
11:30 - 12:00 pm 5/6S
12:30 - Any child involved in the Thinking Outside The Box Program
1pm Presentation Ceremony for all grades

Permission notices 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 have not paid for the Hotdog lunch please finalise this on Monday.

STAFF PLANNING WEEK- FIRST WEEK OF TERM 2

Teachers will have their planning week at the beginning of Term 2 during the first week of term after the Easter break and no Specialist Classes in – Performing Arts/Music, Art/Craft or PE will be held during that week. Grades will be taken by other staff during the teachers’ planning mornings.

Miss Gallagher & Mr Gallaher - Planning on Tuesday 22nd April - 9am -1 pm: 5/6S – Miss Hickey, 3/4G- Re- lieving Teacher
Mrs Esles & Mrs Christofis - Planning on Thursday 24th April - 9am -1 pm: P/1C- Mrs Kittredge, 2E - Mr Aspinall

ANZAC CEREMONY FOR GRADE 5/6S

Grade 5/6S 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. There will be no cost involved.

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. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly.

School will return on Tuesday 22nd April.

HEADLICE

There have been several cases of head lice in the school reported at the moment so please be on the lookout and treat your child as required. Notices have been distributed this week to inform parents, giving advice on treatment. Please remember to complete treatment and a follow up check to avoid receiving a phone call to come and pick up your child for treatment.

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.

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 noted some inappropriate footwear recently. Please be aware that school shoes or track shoes should be worn by children at school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY- SUNSMART POLICY

School hats are still required during the coming week under our policy. School hats are not required during Term 2 and Term 3 after the school holidays.

REMINDEERS

PLAYGROUP IN ACTION

Thanks Cheryl for running the Upwey PS Playgroup today in Emma’s absence due to illness. Thanks also to Sarah S (Jasper’s mum) for her wonderful story reading skills. We had another very good turn up.

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.

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL PORTABLE MOVING

Recently 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. I expect the final removals to occur during the holidays so that no further interruptions should occur before the end of term.

NOTABLE OMISSION!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CINDY FOR TUESDAY

As a result of controlling the Birthday Wishes section of the newsletter Cindy took the opportunity to (accidentally!?!) omit her own birthday. As a result I am including a belated Birthday Wish for Cindy. Fortunately the staff were on the ball and we celebrated with her at Morning Tea on Tuesday. I hope she had a wonderful day. She is lucky that I am not going to let you know how old she is, although I was very tempted! (It would only make me jealous anyway!)

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
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### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Hi all.

Last week of BASC for term 1 coming up. Feels like we have only just come back.

Next week we will be working on salt dough Easter egg baskets in preparation for our annual Easter egg hunt on the last day of term. Remember that school finishes at 2:30 so if after care is needed please book ASAP so I can plan for the end of term party.

Have a great weekend.

Sam.

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### P.A. NEWS

**Next Meeting Tuesday 1st April**

**EASTER RAFFLE**: Raffle tickets are still available from 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, all outstanding money due on Monday.
What's On

Autumn in the forest, 8-11 April 2014
Dandenong Ranges National Park

After a long, hot summer there's a bit happening in the forest at this cooler time of year. This autumn, come along and participate in Parks Victoria's Junior Ranger holiday program of fun and informative activities.

Where: Details
Tuesday 8 April
10am – 1pm
Junior Ranger – Mountain Climber
Join a ranger for a guided walk from the historic Donagha Homestead to the top of the Dandenong Ranges. You will climb 330 metres in height over a distance of 2.5km. The pace will be gentle with lots of opportunities to rest and enjoy the forest. Your reward will be a stunning view, your picnic lunch and a sense of achievement. 90 mins lunch and camera!
Meeting point: Donagha Homestead, Donagha Road, The Basin (Melway 65 D9).
Bookings Required. Yes, visit http://parksvictoriadiscovery.eventbrite.com.au or phone 13 1903
Cost: Free

Wednesday 9 April
12.30pm – 1.30pm
Sky High Mount Dandenong – Children’s Week*
Par to Victoria is offering a free children’s activity as part of Sky High’s Children’s Week. For more information visit www.skyhighydandenong.com.au
Meeting Point: Sky High, Ridge Road, Mt Dandenong (Melway Ref 31 F22)
Cost: Gate fee applies. * Bookings not required.

ASHBURTON POOL & RECREATION CENTRE | NEW RECREATION CENTRE | KNOX LEAGUE/CARDS

Emerald FunFest
Sunday 6th April 2014
Kilvington Drive
10am – 4pm

Something for everyone at Emerald FunFest kicking off the most amazing RAVE Festivals entertainment and activities.

Rolee for all ages: Quality Park for Kids, Street Performers and Art Variety of Music & Entertainment Magic and Misery Games Entertainment Live Music Ballarat Bagpipe Band Emu’s and Pumping Bikes

www.pave.org.au or 5963 3081

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Come and try a class at Every Body Dance Studios!

Janelle Miller has over 20 years experience teaching girls and boys of all ages and abilities including students with diagnosed ADHD, Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy and vision and hearing impaired students.

Song & Dance classes for 1-5 year olds: teach gross and fine motor skills, rhythm, coordination and confidence.

Janelle Topps and Dance classes for 5-12 year olds: promote fitness, working together as a group, many performance skills and techniques as well as rhythm, co-ordination and confidence.

Classes in these are limited to ensure quality and safe dance practices.

For all enquiries, please contact everydaydancelocals@gmail.com or 0416372711

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1592 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave, Vic 3160

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

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

Luigi Zucchini’s Magic Show

Pottery Workshops

Luigi Zucchini’s Magic Workshops

Wednesday 9 April 11am
Thursday 10 April 11am

Monday 7 April to Thursday 17 April 10-11.30am or 1-2.30pm
Suitable for school age students.
$14.50 per session

Monday 7 April
Thursday 17 April 10:30am suitable for ages 3-8
12:30pm suitable for ages 8-10
$10 per session

Tickets $15 each

All workshops held at the Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre 1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully
Call 9758 9180 for all enquiries & bookings
Bookings essential!

SUNS

SHERBROOKE PRESENTS

SKILLS IN THE HILLS

These Academies are designed to improve your basketball skills:
PASSING, SHOOTING, DRIBBLING & DEFENCE! A CLINIC NOT TO BE MISSED!

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

An Australian Government Dental Scheme

From the 1st of January 2018, the Australian Government will introduce a new dental scheme called Child Dental Benefits Schedule and will provide benefits for basic dental services to children and teens aged 2-17 years for families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other government payments.

$1,000 Each child and teen is entitled to $1,000 every 2 years for essential dental treatment

Visit http://www.tecomaodental.com.au

Checks up and other services would be free with this scheme or based on your health insurance cover

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Book online

tecomaodental.com.au

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All health insurance accepted.

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Please visit our website for further terms and conditions

Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule

NO FEES ** YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED**

On January 1st 2018, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1,000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth (must be a holder or dependent of a health care or pensioner concession card holder, in out of home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Card).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200

Aquatic Occupational Therapy

Irabina offers weekly Aquatic Occupational Therapy sessions for children with an autism spectrum disorder

Type: Group
Age: 4-12 years
Duration: 30 minutes
Enquiries - Mick 0407 838 773

Agitated, Irritated and Disoriented children and adults

Aquatic Occupational Therapy aims to help children in the following ways:

- Enhance motor development including motor planning, balance, postural control, muscle strength and coordination
- Support and develop sensory processing in areas of touch, movement, oral motor and self-regulation
- Develop water safety awareness and water confidence
- Promote self care skills such as blowing hair and face washing, Independent dressing
- Develop basic independent swimming skills with a goal of transitioning into mainstream lessons
- Develop effective social interaction, play and communication skills

Therapists report a substantial increase in swimming skills, balance, muscle strength, balance, identifying touch, interacting and maintaining eye contact, and water confidence.

Irabina offers weekly Aquatic Occupational Therapy sessions for children with an autism spectrum disorder
WIN A FAMILY PASS TO
THE DEEP
AT BURRINJA

Colour in ‘The Deep’ image and send a photo of the image with your name, phone number and email to competition@burrinja.org.au.

Competition closes Wednesday 9 April so get colouring!

SPARK PARENTS puppet theatre

The Deep
Based on the book by Tim Winton

‘bright and imaginative realisation ....
The Deep offers all ages a special experience’

Burrinja Theatre
Monday 14 April at 2.30pm // Tickets from $12
www.burrinja.org.au // 9754 8723
Bottle Cap Bug Craft

How cute are these! And so easy too!!!

What you will need

- Plastic bottle caps (cleaned well)
- Plastic spoons
- Glue dots (found at any craft supplier)
- Plastic to make wings (I used the insert from a reusable shopping bag but we’ve used old milk bottles before too)
- Permanent pen (to mark out wings)
- Scissors (to cut out wings)
- Kindy Glitz or other craft supplies to decorate wings
- Googly eyes

Step 1

Mark out some wings using the permanent marker then cut them out.

Step 2

Then have the kids glue the wings and eyes onto either the bottle cap or spoon.

Step 3

Then it’s as simple as decorating the wings and giving them a name. We also glued them onto some long paddle pop sticks to insert into the garden.