**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 16.5.2014**

**MOTHER’S DAY**

I am hoping all the mums were looked after last Sunday and appreciated the gifts/attention that they may have received, especially gifts from the Mother’s Day stall at school last Friday. Perhaps some children helped with the cooking, or similar. My 91 year old mum certainly appreciated the attention and company of her children at the weekend and slowed a bit from her usual rushing around! Mrs A was treated to a wonderful home cooked meal from our son on Sunday evening and I know she really enjoyed not having to do the cooking for a change. I am sure other mums fared just as well.

**NAPLAN TESTING COMPLETED**

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 children on getting through NAPLAN Testing unscathed. Parents please be aware that this testing is only one aspect of the total evaluation and assessment regime at Upwey Primary School and in the coming weeks, all children will be completing a series of activities that will provide valuable information on the progress of children at Upwey PS.
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

PLEASE GIVE YOUR ORDER TO CINDY

EDUCATION WEEK
Next week is EDUCATION WEEK.
I am looking forward to the Pre School Transition activities next Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with Upwey Pre School and Sherbrooke Kindergarten as these children are introduced to Primary School.

Another feature will be the Special Person Afternoon on Monday 19th May from 2:00 until 3:30 pm (visitors are invited to attend from 1:30 pm during lunch time to see the children at play). Visitors will be involved in classroom activities with the children on the Science Theme.

Upwey Primary School has always featured an Open Evening and this year is no exception with parents James M and Louise H providing plenty of ideas for our Science focus. Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 20th May from 7:00 until 8:30 pm. There will be plenty of hands on activities on the Science theme “Space”. Families are invited to attend and be involved in the experiments/activities. Children will have a “Space Passport” to complete during the evening as they rotate around the 4 activities organised in different locations.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION
The House Cross Country Sports was held today, Friday 16th May. Children wore House Colours to show their allegiance. The competition was pretty fierce at many of the Year levels and children experienced a lovely morning for a run (or walk).

Thanks to our helpers who assisted in running and organising the event and to teachers for ensuring maximum involvement. Sue C, Michelle Mo, Michelle My, Mel S did a great job with marshalling and others came along to observe and support the children at the event.

Results are not available at time of printing but will be detailed in next week’s newsletter.
SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR
Our Bookfair will coincide with Education Week this year. The display/collection has arrived for parent/student purchase today, Friday 16th May 3:15 – 4:00 pm, and will continue to be available on Monday 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and Tuesday 20th May 3:15 – 4:00 pm (final day). Parents and relatives are welcome to attend for viewing and purchasing during these times.

CURRICULUM DAY – FRIDAY 6TH JUNE
Our Term 2 Curriculum Day for Written Report Writing is scheduled for Friday 6th June. There will be no classes for children on this day as it will be a Student Free Day. Teachers will be busy writing up Semester 1 written reports.

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT
Our School Nurse Sarah Torsello attended on Monday 12th May at 9:30 am to provide Health Checks for our Prep children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPWEY PRE SCHOOL VISIT
The children from the Upwey Pre School will attend Upwey Primary School on Tuesday 20th May from 9:15 to 10:15 am for a school experience in the Science area. They will be taken by Mrs Christofis. I look forward to their involvement.

SHERBOORKE KINDERGARTEN VISIT
The children from the Sherbrooke Kindergarten will attend Upwey Primary School on Monday 19th May (Group 1) from 9:15 to 10:00 am and Thursday 22nd May (Group 2) from 9:15 to 10:00 am for a school experience in the PMP area. They will be taken by Mrs Christofis. This is a first time program and I look forward to their involvement.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - MONDAY 26TH MAY
All children, parents and staff are reminded that the school photos will be taken by SchoolPix on Monday 26th May. Order Forms were distributed a few weeks ago, please make sure you complete them and hand the photo form back as late fees are likely to be charged for late orders.

SPORT

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The results from the House Cross Country Competition results will determine the school team for the District Cross Country Sports which will be held on Friday 23rd May at Crystal Brook Park, Cardinia Reservoir (Melways126B11) from 12-2:30 pm. (We will be departing in the bus at around 11:00 am and returning to school by 3:00 pm). The team for the District event will be provided with permission notices on Monday coinciding with the announcement of the team and winning House team.

WINTER ROUND ROBIN – YEAR 3 TO 6

CHILDREN
Our Year 3 to 6 children will be participating in the annual Winter Sports Round Robin day on Tuesday 27th May at various locations. Children will be transported to the venues by private transport. I am requesting parent assistance in this regard so please contact me or the office if you are able/available to assist. We plan to depart at 9:15 and finish at each venue at about 2:30 pm.

Soccer and Tee Ball will be held at Benedikt Park in Scoresby.
Netball will be held at the Regional Netball Centre at Mountain Gate/Ferntree Gully.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOCUS AREA - PERSONAL BEST
Grades will continue focusing on Personal Best. This is one of Our 7 Agreements and is such a vital area for children to be applying themselves to all aspects of academic, sporting, behavioural and social development. Please support the school by also highlighting this focus area after school hours.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX PROGRAM
Upwey PS will again be hosting the Gifted & Talented Thinking Outside the Box Program for children attending local schools. The programs run by Rhonda Ooi will continue on Tuesday 20th May and run for 4 to 5 weeks. We have several children who have been invited to attend and accepted invitations.

STUDENT DEPARTURES
FAREWELL DEB, NATHAN & LEESON
It is with sadness that we farewell three children today. I would like to thank them, and their families, for their terrific contributions to Upwey Primary School and wish them all the best for their moves. The Mowat family are moving to Seymour and Leeson will be moving to Tecoma. The children in Grade 2E and Grade 5/6S organised farewell class celebrations to wish them the all the best and show appreciation.

REMINDERS

NEW SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS – THEY LOOK GREAT!
As you may have noticed the new design polo shirts are now available at a cost of $25. Before you rush to buy the polo shirt I would like to inform you of a proposal that will be considered by the School Council as recommended by the PA/Fundraising Committee at their meeting recently. There is the possibility that all children in the school will be subsidised in purchasing one of the new polo shirts. It could work like this.

1. The PA will purchase a polo shirt voucher at a bulk discounted rate for each child in the school (excluding Year 6 children who already have a Specially Printed Year 6 polo shirt, unless they specifically request such).
2. Parents would then purchase the voucher from the school for a set fee (anticipated to be $10) and go to Belezza to pick up the appropriate size polo shirt with the voucher.
3. Any extra polo shirts would be purchased at full cost from Belezza.

This would be a one-off proposal to provide an opportunity for the polo tee shirts to be introduced in a quick and co-ordinated manner.

This proposal is not approved as yet and will need to be ratified by School Council and Belezza. I will keep you informed.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 26th April. The following issues will be considered

• Conclusions from Information & Communications Technology Working Party
• Multi-Purpose Room improvements quotes.
• The Green Purchasing Policy to be ratified.
• The school Annual Implementation Plan 2014 and Annual Report 2013 are to be discussed.
STUDENT ABSENCES – PARENT NOTIFICATION
Notifications have been sent recently as a specific reminder to any parents of children absent for unexplained reasons. Please attend to these notifications if you have received one and return to the office ASAP so that we can have our attendance records up to date. It is a Department policy to have parents indicate reasons for absences and inform the school.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE – PA FUNDRAISING
As part of the PA/Fundraising Commitments for 2014 they will be holding a Chocolate Drive. If you do not wish to receive a box of chocolates to sell for school fundraising then please notify the office so that you do not receive them. I am anticipating the Cadbury Chocolate Boxes being distributed next week. On the flip side if you do not receive a Chocolate Box and wish to assist fundraising by selling them, please also contact the office and this can easily be organised. Thanks again to the PA/Fundraising Committee who do such a wonderful job to support our children. Please assist the fundraising at school by supporting this venture.

SECONDARY PLACEMENT FORMS FOR 2015 – RETURN BY NEXT WEEK!
The secondary placement forms have been distributed. All Year 6 children and parents are reminded that the 2015 Secondary Placement Forms are due in by Friday 23rd May. These need to be finalised for the selection of secondary school for 2015 and must be completed for every child, even if anticipating attending a private school.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

HEADLICE

Those crazy critters are back!
A reminder to all families to please check your children’s hair for these serial pests.
Let’s try and keep them away from our school.
Remember to treat every other day for a week or so, with conditioner, combing them through until all of the eggs have gone.

Please report any cases to school so we can stay on top of this problem.

AUSIE HOOPS PROGRAM

Dates:
Tuesdays: 4:30pm – 5:15pm
Week 1: 13th May 2014
Week 2: 20th May 2014
Week 3: 27th May 2014
Week 4: 3rd June 2014
Week 5: 10th June 2014
Week 6: 17th June 2014
Week 7: 24th June 2014
Cost: $45 per player
Where: St Joseph’s College Basketball Stadium (S Lennon Park Drive, Farnham Oval)

For more information contact:
Robert Linton
jo@mountaintigers.com.au

BOOK FAIR
EDUCATION WEEK
OPEN TODAY

FRIDAY 17TH
3:15 - 4:00PM,
MONDAY 19TH,
2 – 4PM AND
TUESDAY 20TH
3:15 – 4:00PM.

Next Meeting
June 3rd, 2pm.
All welcome

WANTED
Any recyclable boxes and
Containers etc for DRAMA

Corks from Wine bottles for
ART

THANK YOU
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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.
Here’s what’s on at BASC next week.
**MONDAY**- Making rockets
**TUESDAY**- Making our own finger paint
**WEDNESDAY**- Games in the hall or outside depending on weather
**THURSDAY**- Relays, 3 legged races & many more games.
**FRIDAY**- Popcorn & movie afternoon
Have a great weekend & see you all on Monday.
Sam.
Bulk billing available for children under 16, Pensioners & Healthcare card Holders
Child Psychologist now available!
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Call (03) 8288 1350 for an appointment
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annasartofbeauty@live.com.au
Available Full and Mini menus (ideal for a women’s pamper day)

Do you really know what Upwey High School has to offer?
Upcoming Term 2 School Tours
Tue 20 May, Thu 22 May (all at 9am-10:30am)
And other times by appointment – 9754-2838

At a professional working in the entertainment and performing arts industry, Janelle knows that success not only comes from being good at what you do, but also to LOVE what you do.
It is this love for performing that Janelle instills in her students, giving them lifelong coordination, concentration and confidence skills in whatever they choose to do.

Soccer & Dance Classes in Upwey
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 3 – 5 year olds: teach gross and fine motor skills, rhythm, coordination and confidence.

Soccer & Dance Classes for 5 – 12 year olds: promote fitness, working together as a group, many performance skills and techniques as well as rhythm, coordination and confidence.

Places in classes are limited to ensure equality and safe dance practices.
For all enquiries, please contact everybodydanceteachers@gmail.com or 0414732771

Our new Polo Shirts are now available from Beleza
“LETS COME TOGETHER AND DANCE!”

Seeking people of all ages, including children and elders, all abilities and backgrounds. Together we will make a short group performance! We will perform at an exciting festival event called ‘HillsceneLIVE’ at ‘Burriija’ which is located on the corner of Glenfern Road and Matson Drive in Upwey. We will meet at Burriija 3 times before the performance and develop some simple group work through drama games and work on some basic choreography (stepping in time and sharing a feeling of togetherness).

The time and date details:

- Thursday May 22nd 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Thursday May 29th 6.30 - 8.30pm
- Thursday June 5th 6.30 - 8.30pm

People with some interest in one (or all) of these areas would most enjoy the project: working as part of a group, community, social justice, diversity and inclusion. The performance will go for approximately 3 minutes. It will be part flash mob, part community dance, part morality tale and part choreographic utopia!

Facilitated by Australian-Turkish performance artist and community cultural development worker Gülsen Özer.

For more information or to join the group please call Gülsen on 0425 782 761

Thanks and regards
Michelle Perera
Promotions Coordinator