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**Principal’s Message 2.5.2014**

**Holidays**

I hope that everyone enjoyed the recent holidays even if the weather was often not compatible with outdoor activities. It was certainly a great time to relax and enjoy some recreational activities or get away for a while.

We now look forward to a very active and busy term with plenty of activities and involvement planned. NAPLAN Testing is fast approaching. Education Week, with Pre School Transition activities, Open evening and our Special Person Afternoon, will be upon us very soon also and Cross Country & Winter Round Robin Sporting events will be occurring over the coming weeks.

**ANZAC Ceremony for Grade 5/6S**

Unfortunately due to inclement weather conditions the Grade 5/6S children were unable to attend the Legacy Anzac Ceremony for local schools Wednesday. Thanks to Sandra for making the wreath in preparation. This was placed at our flagpole and will be moved to the Dandenong Ranges National Park at Ferntree Gully.
P/1C Hermione
For approaching tasks enthusiastically and always being willing to lend a hand.

P/1C Felicity
For achieving 100% in her Diagnostic Review in term 1. Great work Felicity.

P/1C Zach
For achieving 100% in his Diagnostic Review in term 1. Great work Zach.

2E Eva
For working hard in Maths sessions this week. She achieved high scores for both division and multiplication.

2E Emily
For displaying thoughtful behaviour and expressing her concern appropriately. She has also thought about the vents related to Simpson & his donkey and completed her work showing her understanding.

2E Nathan
For displaying positive helpful behaviour during class games and set tasks.

3/4G P.E. Award Dylan
For a confident approach to hockey skills and strong involvement in the game.

3/4G Callum
For continually trying his personal best and improving in all areas of school, especially handwriting.

5/6S Jeremy
For polite attitude and self-belief. Great job!

5/6S Imogen
For determination to stay focused. Well done!

5/6S P.E. Award Micaela
For a terrific effort and approach during the P.E. lesson and particularly in the “Run the Gauntlet” game.

5/6S P.E. Award Amy
For a terrific effort and approach during the P.E. lesson and particularly in the “Run the Gauntlet” game.

Upwey Arts Festival 2014

Upwey High School hosted the inaugural Upwey Arts Festival art exhibition and competition in the last week of March. Over 200 entries were received across the local community including a number of pieces from Upwey Primary School students. The work was of a very high standard and we were pleased to announce that Holly H was the Judges Choice winner in the Lower Primary School section for her artwork entitled ‘My Chameleon’. Holly was on hand to receive her award as presented by Upwey High school Assistant Principal Andrew McNeil, and member for Streton Ward in the Yarra Ranges Council, Noel Cliff at the awards ceremony. Well done to all entrants and to Holly for her great work.

Andrew McNeil and Noel Cliff present Holly with her Award.

‘My Chameleon’ by Holly
STAFF PLANNING WEEK
Teachers completed their planning week last week and there were no Specialist Classes for the short week beginning Term 2. Thanks to all the teachers for their hard work in planning and to the specialist teachers who supported the classroom teachers by taking their grades for the morning session until lunch time to allow plenty of planning time. Specialist classes have been back to normal this week.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2014
Gold Attendance Awards, for children with perfect attendance records last term, were presented at the final assembly for Term 1. These Gold Attendance Awards recognised 100% attendance. The Silver Attendance awards which recognised 94 – 99% attendance were presented last week within the classrooms. Overall we had 19 Gold awards and 43 Silver awards presented, which was a terrific result.

VISITING STUDENT TEACHER
We have welcomed a visiting student teacher from Swinburne University this week. Miss Billing will be working in Grade 2E with Mrs Eeles for the next four weeks. We look forward to her involvement and are sure she will gain valuable experience with our children as part of her teaching practicum commitments.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT
The School Council Meeting was held on Monday 28th April.
- The following issues were discussed at the meeting:
  - Consideration for an Information & Communications Technology Working Party to consider the future directions of hardware to support our digital technologies (Considering desk top computers, lap top computers and introduction of tablets.)
  - Buildings & Grounds: Recognition of the great work completed at the Working Bee on Sunday 6th April. The front of the school and car park area look much improved and further developments will occur.
  - Discussion on improvements for the Multi-Purpose Room including reverse cycle air conditioning and external improvements and seeking costings for the improvements.
  - Viewed a new version of our promotions brochure for consideration.
  - A Green Purchasing Policy was presented for consideration.
  - The school Annual Implementation Plan and Annual Report 2013 draft were presented.

The next School Council Meeting will be held Monday 26th May.

THE FUTURE OF COMPUTERS AT UPWEY PS
- INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS
- TECHNOLOGY WORKING PARTY
I will be holding a meeting of interested people regarding the directions and applications of digital technology platforms at Upwey Primary School in regard to Information and Communication Technology from 3:45 until 5:00 pm on Thursday 8th May. Submissions from anyone who is unable to attend at this time but interested in having input will be welcome. We are particularly looking at what hardware will be recommended for the school.

We currently have an Interactive Whiteboards in each classroom, a Computer Lab of 18 desktop computers, 6 desktop computers in each classroom and we have 6 lap top computers that may be used by any grade. Most of our desktop computers are coming to the end of their use by date and we have not yet financed any tablets (iPad, Samsung Galaxy, Nexus or the like).

UPCOMING EVENTS
EDUCATION WEEK – MONDAY 19TH TO FRIDAY 23RD MAY
We will be completing Education Week activities in the week beginning Monday 19th May. Further information will be available soon. We will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 20th May from 7:00 pm and our Special Person Afternoon on Monday 19th May from 2:00 pm will also be organised for the week. Invitations for the Special Person will be distributed today and the Education Week Timetable will also accompany the newsletter.

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.

SPORT
HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION
The House Cross Country Sports will be held on Friday 16th May in the morning between 9:30 and 11:00 am. Children will be able to attend in House Colours to show their allegiance. All children will be required to participate unless excused for reasons provided in a parent letter, or obvious injury! Children will be running over appropriate distances according to their age level; with the Year 5 & 6 children running over 2-3 kilometres. The course will be on the school oval and across Upwey High and the Upwey Reserve. Children may walk the event which is part of our PE and Sports Program in the school. Any parent helpers would be much appreciated for the morning. Please contact me or the office if you are able to assist.

The anticipated timetable is:
Preps: 9:30 am
Year 1 & Year 2: 9:45 am
Year 3 & Year 4: 10:00 am
Year 5 & Year 6: 10:30 am
A separate notice with more details will be distributed with the newsletter next week.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The results from the House Cross Country Competition results will determine the school team for the District Cross Country Sports.

The District Cross Country Sports 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 after the House Cross Country event.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOCUS AREA: PERSONAL BEST
We will be 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.

SECONDARY PLACEMENT FORMS FOR 2015
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.
NAPLAN TESTING
Year 3 and Year 5 children will be undergoing the NAPLAN standardised testing program in the week beginning Monday 12th May. The actual testing will occur on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May. I am requesting that parents ensure their children do attend each of the tests.
Any parents requesting their child not participate in NAPLAN will need to complete an exemption form. Please see me if this is required.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY 2014
The Year 5 & 6 children will be completing the Attitudes to School Survey by Friday 9th May. The results will be available for us during Term 3. This survey asks children to rate their feelings on several areas including how they feel at school, how they work at school and how they interact with others at school.

80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
We will be making plans for our 80th Birthday Anniversary celebrations later in the 2014 school year. Suggestions are welcome.
Please speak to any School Councillor if you have any suggestions. We are planning for a day where children dress up in old style clothing and complete classroom activities just like in the 1930s as part of our activities. The proposal of an Old Fashioned Market Afternoon/Evening is also being considered with student and parent involvement.

REMINDERS
CAMP INSTALMENT PAYMENTS
Instalments may 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.
Please begin or continue payment plans for these camps with a suggested $50 payment by Friday 9th May to ease the burden of a bulk payment if desired.
Cindy and Kay are available for contact at the office to organise or continue with instalments.

THANKS
WORKING BEE
Thanks to Mr Gallaher and the parents (and children) who attended the Working Bee on the first Sunday of the holidays. We had a fantastic turn up and achieved a great deal. The sausage sizzle at the end of the working bee was much appreciated. A lot of mowing, weeding and brush cutting was completed. Our workers also did a marvellous job on high power spray cleaning of the rendered sections on the Administration Building. (It has not looked that good for years!). The front of the school and car park area were the main focus with more work planned in the future. Thanks to Rob, Deb & Sandy S, Wendell H, Andrew, Danielle & Laura G, Justin, Kristy, Charli & Jai B, Eric, Jenny, Liam & Caitlin S, Sarah G & Rhianna C, Ben R, Ryen & Robbie F-R and Mr G for all your hard work.
Thanks to Sue M for her work in the Veggie Garden during the holidays too. You might also notice that the Paling People from last year’s Year 6s have been attached to our fence near the sandpit. We now have all our past Year 6 children attached!

THANKS FOR THE DINGO!
WORKING BEE
Particular thanks go to Rob S who brought along his “dingo” to move soil/mulch and level the car park grassed area, as well as moving the skip bin to its new location in preparation for a new garden area planned for the end of the car park. (Also thanks for sharpening our chainsaw!)

LOST
MOBILE PHONE
An iPhone4 with light green cover belonging to one of our Year 6 children is missing. If anyone finds or knows the whereabouts of this phone please contact the school office. The phone went missing on Wednesday this week.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
Welcome back to all our UPS families for Term 2. We have a very busy term coming up.

P.A meeting is on Tuesday 6th May in the staffroom at 2pm we hope to organise the Mother’s Day stall which is on Friday 9th, if you can help please come along to the meeting. We will also be discussing our Trivia Night.

We have also organised the Scholastic Book Fair which will run from Friday 16th May to Tuesday 20th May to coincide with Education Week.

Come along and have a look at all the wonderful books that will be for sale.

We would love our families to contribute any items towards our newsletter. If you have a business to advertise or any article of interest, please email Cindy on upwey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
1592 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave, Vic 3160

Monday – Friday 8.30am – 9.00pm
Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

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Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

Tuesday 13th May and Tuesday 3rd June 2014
7.00pm to 8.30pm

At: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park

We help children with:
Learning and Behaviour difficulties
Development and Language delay,
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Bookings essential Cost $25
Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335

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UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL

Do you really know what Upwey High School has to offer?

Upcoming Term 2 School Tours

Wed 30 Apr (11am-12:30pm)
Wed 7 May, Tue 13 May, Thu 15 May, Tue 20 May, Thu 22 May (all at 9am-10:30am)
And other times by appointment - 9754-2838

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Song & Dance classes in Upwey

Come and try a class at Every Body Dance Studios!

Janelle Mike 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 4 – 5 year olds: teach gross and fine motor skills, rhythm, coordination and confidence.

The Hop, Trip and Song & Dance classes for 5 – 7 year olds: improve fitness, working together as a group, many performance skills and techniques as well as rhythm, coordination and confidence.

As 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 instils in her students, giving them lifelong coordination, concentration and confidence skills in whatever they choose to do.

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BE PART OF BREAKING A WORLD RECORD!

MAY 4TH TECOMA FUN STARTS 12:30 OFFICIAL COUNT 2pm

Record attempt for the largest Gathering of people dressed as Garden Gnomes

Male Gnomes
Female Gnomes
Gnome Hats and Fake Beards $2.50

Available on the day

JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY DAY
BBQ - Kids Space - DJ - Live Music

Join the fun at www.gnomepalooza.com.au or
email gnomepalooza@bigpond.net
Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au