Friday 21st November 2014

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Thursday 27th November  
Friday 28th November  
Saturday 29th November  
Monday 1st December  
Tuesday 2nd December  
Friday 5th December  
Saturday 6th December  
Monday 8th December

Friday 21st November 2014

Scholastic Book Fair

Prep Transition, “Cool to go to School” 9am - 10am

Election Day Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at UPS

Scholastic Book Fair starts in the Library, concludes Friday 5th Dec

Prep Information Evening 6.30pm

Whole School Disco

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser

Final School Council Meeting for 2014, RSL 6.30pm

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 21.11.2014

THIS WEEK

UDEC ARTS FESTIVAL – “ART IN THE HILLS”

Thanks to all the children who came along to perform and families who came along to support their children at the UDEC Arts Festival “Art In The Hills” on Tuesday evening. The children performed so well with great enthusiasm and energy and the staff and I are extremely proud, as I am sure is the same with the parents who attended. Performances by all schools involved were excellent and showcased the talent and enthusiasm of children in the Upwey District Community. The Art Display in the Hall is still available until school representatives collect the work today or Monday. Thanks to Mrs Kittredge and others who assisted putting up the wonderful display of our children’s visual arts work. It was really a treat!

Our Food Stall with curries (and biscuits) made a profit of about $400 for the evening which boosts our fundraising efforts for the year. Thanks to our helpers who worked tirelessly through the evening. Thanks also to the staff members who attended and organised the performances so well.
# Student Achievement Awards

**P/1C**

**Ella**
For persevering with the correct pencil grip to improve her handwriting.

**Hermione**
For producing an excellent narrative about a Panda getting lost in the woods.

**Robbie**
For giving excellent clues to the class about his storybook character, during Show and Tell.

**Aaliyah**
For showing a good understanding of time by using 1/4 past and 1/4 to.

**Annika**
For concentrating well with tunnel ball and tennis hitting.

**Zach**
For a great effort with hitting during the tennis skills session.

**P/E Award**

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**2E**

**Darby**
For completing his Dinosaur story on time. He was very proud of his work. He also listened carefully to the sounds of words when we proofread his work.

**Ben**
For working hard to stay on task and complete class activities.

**Angelina**
For working hard on learning how to spell words that she wants to use in her writing.

**Darby**
For working hard to improve his first draft of his wombat story.

**Adam**
For being able to manage the time in the first session of the day and complete his Spelling and Maths tasks before going swimming independently.

**Hayden**
For being able to manage the time in the first session of the day and complete his Spelling and Maths tasks before going swimming independently.

**2E P.E. Award**

**Lila**
For very good effort in accuracy with tennis hitting skills.

**Sam**
For always putting in a fantastic effort and narrative writing piece! Well done Sam!

**Jeremy**
For an AWESOME effort in all of your classwork! Keep it up! Yay! WELL DONE!!

**Kiana**
For making a huge effort in class to compete set tasks to the best of your ability. Well done!

**Kurtis**
For great catching skills during the tennis /rounders game.

**3/4G P.E. Award**

**Lila**
For very good effort in accuracy with tennis hitting skills.

**Caitlin**
For always being a trustworthy and reliable student and a fantastic effort at the swimming program.

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TRIBE AWARD
Banjo

Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: Helping out and showing mutual respect.

TRIBES AWARD
Jacob

Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: Doing your Personal Best and showing mutual respect.

TRIBES AWARD
Dee

Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: Doing your Personal Best and showing mutual respect.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2014
Our Swimming Program concluded last Friday and I am sure that the children who attended are well prepared for the summer months and impending holidays. Level information will be forwarded to me soon by the staff at Belgrave Outdoor Pool but I have been reliably informed that the progress of the children was extremely good.

KIDS AT SEA – TRAILER & DVD COMING SOON
A trailer of our School Performance of Kids at Sea has been posted on Facebook and is linked on the school website (thanks to Mr Gallaher) for the interest and enjoyment of the whole school community. The “Kids At Sea” DVD of the performance and the CD containing a collection of photos have now been completed and will be sent for copying and creation of the final product which will be available for sale very soon. Parents may now place and pay for pre-orders at the office at a cost of $20. A form is attached for this purpose.

PASSIONS GROUPS – FINAL SESSION
Passions finished this week with some wonderful concluding activities including items that children will be able to keep. I would like a display of any work created on Monday 24th November at the School Assembly if available.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL? – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
We had our first “Cool to Go to School” program today with our new Preps for 2015. This was our Prep Classroom orientation session from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Mrs Christofis (along with our current Prep children) organised some very enjoyable activities and a play in the playground. The other sessions for this program will be held on Friday 28th November and Friday 5th December from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The School Council Meeting was held on Monday 17th November and the following items were addressed.
- Fee Structure for 2015 (Total of $290 for the 1st child–including$160 for Booklist, $80 for Voluntary Levies & $50 for Buildings & Grounds family refundable levy. 2nd or more child $240)
- School Budget for 2015 passed. Curriculum requirements, expenses and income
- Approved a slight increase in BASC fees for 2015 (All sessions to increase by .50 cents)
- Approved a Whole School Disco for Friday 5th December from 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- Reviewed Student Welfare Policies
- Approval for school to finish at 1:30 pm on the last day of Term 4, Friday 19th December

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
“SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE”
Books will be available for sale on Monday 1st to Thursday 4th December from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm only. Please take advantage of the opportunity if you are interested and have some spare money! Books will be arriving next week in preparation for the sale.

PREP PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – 2015 PREPS
The Prep Information Session is being held on Tuesday 2nd December from 6:30 until about 7:30 pm. Parents with other siblings will be given the opportunity to have their 2015 Prep child and other siblings participate in the After School Care program for that time without cost. Bookings will be essential through Phone 9752 6798 or the school on 9754 2369.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2014
The annual event will be held on Tuesday 16th December from 6:00 pm on the school oval. We would expect an appearance from Santa Claus at some time. We are also anticipating some organised singing from our grades to look forward to. All families are welcome to attend and have a relaxing time with some games and exercise for the children. Carol singing will be the closing feature of the evening at about 7:30 pm.

PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA
Invitations will be soon distributed to parents who have assisted with school activities for our Special Morning Tea for school helpers/volunteers. This event will be held on Tuesday 9th December from 11:00 am in the staff room. Please put this date in your diary if you have assisted with any school activity during the year.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER & PRESENTATIONS
The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations will be held on Wednesday 17th December at Burrinja beginning at about 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 pm. The formal part of the evening involving parents and family members will be held from about 8:00 pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 8th DECEMBER
Our Final School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8th December at 6:30 pm at the Upwey/Belgrave RSL. We will be having the meeting at 6:30 pm followed by the Break Up Dinner at 7:00 pm. Final staffing and structures will be presented and end of year finances presented.

I am requesting that any School Councillors who are unable to attend please let me know as we will need to confirm numbers for dinner.

REMINDERS
TESTING OVER COMING WEEKS
All the grades will be completing testing requirements in preparation for the 2nd Semester Written Report over the coming weeks and I request that all children are in attendance unless there is a very legitimate reason for absence. We aim to have maximum attendance during this time so that children do not miss out on testing commitments. If your child is absent due to illness or for other reasons we will organise opportunities for catch up. Please keep in contact with the teacher regarding required absences.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & STALL – SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER
This event will be held on Saturday 29th November from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please volunteer to assist on the stall at some time if you are available on the day. This will greatly assist our fundraising efforts.
Using manners
Consider the feelings of others
Speaking politely and being friendly
Valuing your own contribution
Accepting differences in others
Treating others as you like to be treated

PERSONAL BEST involves such things as

- Trying your hardest
- Not giving up
- Showing focus
- Showing determination
- Having high expectations
- Leading by example and working towards excellence

Please support the school in stressing these values whenever possible.

HANDY HINTS FOR SUCCESS

HANDY HINTS FOR IMPROVING LEARNING

The following handy hints for improving learning are extracted from Andrew Fuller’s book “Help Your Child Succeed At School”.

There is growing evidence to suggest that any TV viewing for children under the age of two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television viewing is positively associated with academic achievement. A nine year old shouldn’t watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn’t watch more than one hour a day.

Bad news for those of you with older children! At 17 years of age the optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day. While there is no real evidence on the amount of time spent playing computer games, it is a good idea to keep televisions and computer out of children’s bedrooms.
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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Hi all.
Here's what's on next week at BASC.
**MONDAY** - We will be planning Christmas activities as a group & free play
**TUESDAY** - Rubbings
**WEDNESDAY** - Netball & outside play
**THURSDAY** - Glass painting
**FRIDAY** - Popcorn & movie afternoon.
Please remember to inform the office or myself if your child is booked into BASC but won't be attending. We need to know your child is safe and if they don't come into the service we need to know where they are. Have a great weekend.

**UDEC**

A big thank you to Sue, Danielle and Melissa for cooking and setting up the curry stall on Tuesday night. It was hugely popular and we raised $430 profit! Fantastic effort © Despite the wait, the children enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

**BOOK CLUB – Issue 8.**
The final issue of Bookclub for the year has been distributed today. These forms are due back by Monday 1st December.

**SCHOOL DISCO – Friday 5th December**
We will be holding a combined Prep – 6 disco on this night. The children have been providing all kinds of suggestions to their teachers for the night and we are working with the Junior School Council to help organise the night. The cost for this is $5 and includes drinks (water & cordial), icypole and glow stick as well as some other activities on the night. We will need some parent helpers during the day (1pm – 3:30pm) to set up the room and a couple to stay during the disco. Please contact the office if you can help.

**BBQs**
**ELECTION DAY – Next Saturday 29th November**
We are taking advantage of being a polling booth and running a sausage sizzle and cake stall to raise extra funds from outside of our immediate school community.
Next week a plate will be sent home for you to provide some goodies for us to sell. We request NO cream or refrigerated goods to be sent please. If you are able to help out on the BBQ please fill out the roster in the newsletter.

**BUNNINGS – Saturday 6th December.**
Another fantastic opportunity to raise funds from outside of our community. We are fortunate enough to receive a date close to Christmas which is generally busier, meaning we raise more money. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year (approx. $1800 - $2000), but we need YOUR help! We need 4 helpers for each time slot, so please fill in the roster and send it in to school if you can help out for an hour or two.

**Happy Birthday**

21st Nov - 28th Nov
Ruby & Violet

We thank you for your support.
ELECTION DAY
Saturday 29th Nov
&
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Saturday 6th Dec

We have two major fundraising events coming up, and we are asking families to please volunteer for either one or both

If you can help make this day a success, please complete the slip below and return it to the office. We need at least 4 helpers per time slot.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle at Upwey Primary School,
9am to 3pm. Saturday 29th November

I/We, .................................................................
would like to volunteer at the Election Day Sausage Sizzle at UPS

Signed: .................................................................

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Bunnings, Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby.
9am to 4pm. Saturday 6th December

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Thank you for your support and time, we really appreciate your involvement with our fundraising efforts as they make a big difference for our children.
1592 Burwood Hwy, Belgrave, Vic 3160

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

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

“BELLS OF PEACE”
The bells of Peace is a concert project to tell the story of ANZAC from a local perspective, including a new composition for Chorus and Concert Band by Brian Hogg, community singing of WW1 songs, stories from local communities and Dame Nellie Melba’s role. Be involved in the “Bells of Peace.”
https://www.facebook.com/BellsOfPeace

Find out how you can contribute, perform, share your stories, exhibit and be part of the commemoration for the ANZAC CENTENARY in the Easterns of Casey and Latrobe.
Musicians who play harmonica, button accordian or fiddles.
Actors to be WW1 Soldiers and Nurses. Children, football players, firemen and characters such as Billy Hughes, Nellie Melba, John Monash and more.
Group participation is welcome. CHLA, RSA, Legacy, Service Clubs, Scouts, Girl Guides, Cadets, and Schools.
Sing WW1 songs in the ANZAC Centenary Community Choir.
Join the ANZAC Centenary Concert Band and Choir for the new work.
Volunteers are welcome for catering, back stage, front of house, multimedia, costume design and wardrobe.
Final rehearsals: performances and exhibitions April 17-19 at Mt Waverley Discovery Church and April 17-19 at Belgrave Heights Community Centre.

The “Bells Of Peace” project is supported by the Australian Government ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program. Frankston Rangers Music Council is proud to be in partnership with Frankston Rangers Council.

Enrolments are now open for Reach Gymnastics. Based at Emerald Secondary College, classes will be run from the beginning of Term 1, 2015 on Friday evenings. Our classes are based on the 4 F’s, fun, fitness, fundamentals and friends. Classes will be run by qualified and registered coaches and incorporate gymnastics for boys and girls. Enquire with Rebecca Tilley on 0402 723 320 or reachgymnastics@gmail.com for enrolment information. Limited places available so enquire quickly!

Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.
Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will now have access to over 400 Public Dental Clinics in Australia through the Child Dental Health Benefit. No Fees *YOU WILL BE SULK BILLED*

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Health Benefit Scheme. Children who receive Family Tax Benefit A or a separate Australian Government pension will receive a better dental benefit. It entitles all eligible children aged 4-17 years to receive dental care to the value of $1000 over a 2 years, by a market dental Practitioner.

Our Normal dental care continues to support for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth should be a member of Dental Care Plan. Children aged 13-17 can have access to the Department of Health Services (Tooth Care Service Chart).

Following your treatment, your child will be placed on our patient mail list and receive a reminder letter for their next appointment.

Please do not hesitate to call the office staff on 9757 6200 or 9757 6200 at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Ferntree Gully is offering a free trial lesson for all new children. The weather is improving, so come and give tennis a try!

Times are available during the school term, and during the school holidays.

Please contact Todd Scoullar to organise your free lesson.
Phone: 0412 446 642
Email: todd@melbournetenniscoaching.com

FREE TENNIS LESSONS...
St John’s Tennis Club

Monbulk Primary School
Full of Fun FAIR 2014
A Fair Full of Amusements
‘Monbulk Showtime’ Acts
Cafe/Food Stalls
Silent Auction
Fun Stalls and lots more...
See you all there on...

Saturday 22nd November
@ The Emerald Hall
Doors open 7:30pm. Bands start 1 pm

tickets: $20 adults, $15 students, $15 kids under 12
0412 446 642
food available - licensed bar MDR 97.1fm

Sunday 23rd November
11am - 4pm

In the grounds & surrounds of Monbulk Primary School

V.I.P. 2-DAY SALE
UP TO 20% OFF*

Tues 25 Nov & Weds 26 Nov 2014
9am – 5pm

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School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter/email. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days

School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and checking our website.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.