### Calendar

- **Saturday 29th November**
  - Election Day Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at UPS

- **Monday 1st December**
  - Scholastic Book Fair starts in the Library, concludes Friday 5th Dec

- **Tuesday 2nd December**
  - Prep Information Evening 6.30pm

- **Friday 5th December**
  - Whole School Disco

- **Saturday 6th December**
  - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser

- **Monday 8th December**
  - Final School Council Meeting for 2014, RSL 6.30pm

- **Tuesday 9th December**
  - Parent Helpers morning Tea

- **Friday 12th December**
  - School reports go out today

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### Newsletter

**THIS WEEK**

**UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NARRATIVE WRITING DISPLAY**

Our children’s Narrative Writing Display has been set up by the teachers in the Office foyer this week. Please take the time to have a look at your child’s work if you have the opportunity as it will be up for the next couple of days. The quality of writing is extremely good and you will be able to observe the development across the school in one display. Thanks to the teachers for setting up the display for the school community and to the children for your effort in having the work completed according to Personal Best.
KIDS AT SEA – DVD SET AVAILABLE
The “Kids At Sea” DVD set of the performance has now arrive and available for pick up and sale until the end of the year. It could make a wonderful Christmas gift for a grandparent or as a family memento! The cost of the double DVD set is $20. An order form is attached to the newsletter and can be purchased directly at the office also.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL” – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
We had our second “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 more very enjoyable activities. The final session for this program will be held on Friday 5th December from 9:00 – 10:00 am.

CARE GROUPS – Term 4
The Care Groups are an integral part of our Tribes Learning Community approach and will continue for all children on Tuesday 2nd December at 9:05 am. In our groups we are concentrating on working together co-operatively and completing Origami activities. Children have already completed a dinosaur and a bee. What will be the next project? Just wait and see! Please make sure your child(ren) is(are) at school on time so that they will not miss out on being involved with their group.

BOOKLIST & VOLUNTARY LEVIES FOR 2015
School Fees for 2015 will be $290 for the first child and $240 for the second child (This includes a $50 B & G levy refundable on attending a working bee.) The Booklist component of the school fees will be $160. Information sheets, with a detailed cost breakdown, have been distributed to all families. The minimum payment anticipated will be $160 (booklist section) and will be due during the hours indicated on the booklist information. Payments may alternatively be made before the end of the year or at the beginning of 2015. Direct Deposit will available. Please contact Kay or Cindy in regards to payments.

KAY ROWLES’ RETIREMENT FUNCTION
This has been organised for Thursday 4th December with an afternoon tea from 4-6 pm at Bur-rinja Café for those who have had connection with Mrs Rowles over the last 25 years or so. Invitations have been distributed to past teachers and parents. The cost for those attending will be $10 and members of the whole school community are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
“SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR”
Books will be available in the Library today for sale from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm only. Please take advantage of the opportunity if you are interested and have some spare money!
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 though. Phone 9752 6798 or the school on 9754 2369.

STUDENT DISCO

Don’t forget that the PA/Fundraising Committee organised Student Disco is to be held on Friday 5th December from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Please note that Parents, or designated adult, must attend to pick up children from the school hall at the completion of the Disco. Children will not be permitted to leave the hall until the adult has arrived. Tickets are $5 and available at the office.

ORIENTATION DAY - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday 9th December will be the Orientation Day for all Year 6 children to attend the secondary school of their choice in 2015. This will be a whole day program and the respective secondary schools will provide information to students.

END OF YEAR EXCURSION/MOVIE

Our annual end of year excursion for a movie at the Cameo Theatre in Belgrave has been booked for Monday 15th December. The movie has not yet been confirmed and permission forms with final details will be distributed at the end of next week. The cost is anticipated to be around $10. Please put this date in your diaries.

END OF YEAR INCURSION

Steve Wickenton has offered to hold an “Ultimate Balloon Workshop” on Friday 12th December for the whole school from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This is a free incursion and promises to be a most enjoyable workshop.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS - FAMILY PICNIC & CAROLS EVENING

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. Please put this family activity in your diaries.

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 around 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

FINAL WEEK OF TESTING

All the grades will be completing testing requirements in preparation for the 2nd Semester Written Report next week and I request that all children are in attendance unless there is a very legitimate reason for absence. We do not want children missing out on testing commitments, so some “make up” testing opportunities may be organised. Please keep in contact with the teacher regarding any absences.

LIBRARY BOOKS RETURNED

As Jenny in the library will be completing stocktake over the coming weeks I am requesting that all children and families return any library books they may have at home. A smooth transition into 2015 for our library books will be guaranteed if all books are returned on time.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE & STALL – SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER

This event will be held tomorrow, Saturday 29th November from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. A big thank you to our PA and all who have volunteered their time tomorrow and also a huge thanks goes to Kelly W and her sister Sandy for baking a huge amount of goodies for the “Make and Bake sale”.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE – Only Two Weeks Away (SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER)

The PA/Fundraising have organised the annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 6th December from about 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to raise funds outside our regular community but to be successful we need THREE more volunteers to assist with selling and cooking during the day (particularly). Please volunteer one hour or two of your time and sign up to assist this most important fundraising event. Thanks to those who have already volunteered assistance.

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ELECTION DAY ROSTER

Thank you to our volunteers for tomorrow. Could you all please bring an apron and wear closed shoes for your safety. We look forward to what will be a busy but hopefully profitable day.
TRIBES LEARNING COMMUNITY
FOCUS
RESPECT – ONE OF OUR TRIBES AGREEMENTS
We will continue focusing on RESPECT and PERSONAL BEST for next week. These are values from Our 7 Agreements as part of the Tribes Learning Community approach and they are extremely important for the encouraging positive wellbeing for our students and whole School Community. In the grades we will be concentrating on what RESPECT and PERSONAL BEST look like, sounds like and feels like.
RESPECT involves such things as

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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”.
EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST
If your Mum ever said have fish or eggs for breakfast because it’s brain food, she was right! As long as it’s medically safe to do so, a breakfast that is high in protein (think cheese, milk, bacon, eggs) and lower in carbohydrates (think cereal, orange juice and toast) promotes concentration and learning.
Also encourage your child to drink lots of water - the brain runs on it!
Students who don’t eat breakfast are not only more likely to gain weight; they will also have to work harder than others to do well at school.

REGULAR REMINDERS
FREE FEED FRIDAY - BREAKFAST
The Soupees Breakfast continues each Friday morning. Don’t forget that all children are invited to come and have breakfast in the hall from 8:30 am on Fridays with Gavin, Linda & Sue (& Andrew) providing all the necessary ingredients, and labour, for free!

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup will be available every Friday from 9:30 until 11:00 am. Thanks to Emma & Cheryl (recently returned holidaymaker) & Karlee for their wonderful contribution with the group. The final Break Up session for Playgroup will be Friday 12th December.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal
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**BOOK CLUB – Issue 8.**

Book club orders are due back by Monday 1st December. If you would like us to hold onto them please state that on your order form.

**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 – Saturday 29th November

Thanks again to all of our volunteers, its great to see our school community coming together to all chip in.

**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), we only need 3 more helpers to fill our roster. Thanks everyone for your wonderful support.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS, YEAR 6 GRADUATION EVENING AT BURRINJA**

**EVENING AT BURRINJA**

**LAST DAY FOR 2014**

**1.30PM FINISH**
If you can help make this day a success, please complete the slip below and return it to the office. We only need 5 more helpers

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

I/We, .............................................................................................................................................
would like to volunteer at the sausage sizzle to be held at Scoresby Bunnings.

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

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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.

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**“Kids at Sea”**

**DVD & PHOTOGRAPHS**

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TOTAL COST & PAYMENT

$ (Copyright Warning- Photos and Performance footage supplied may only be used for private use and may not be used for access/placement on the internet, web pages or any other public domain.)
COMING UP...

Christmas Trees
Order Now - Scouts Deliver - No Mess
TOP QUALITY CHRISTMAS Trees (avg. height 6ft) delivered to your home for $80 ea. ($110 for 2 trees to the same address).
Stand available for $35. Deliveries on Saturday 6th and 13th Dec from 9am to 3pm.
To order trees/stands please and pay on delivery ring 5688 4836 or e-mail: g.lelay1@vicoutcasts.asn.au
Pickup & sales at Sebby CFA depot Saturday 6th & 13th from 9am to 3.30pm.
1st Sebby Scout Group thank you for supporting our major fund raiser. Happy Christmas.
Free delivery to surrounding areas of your local school.

FREE TENNIS LESSONS...
St John’s Tennis Club
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 Scouller to organize your free lesson.
Phone: 0412 446 642
Email: todd@melbournetenniscoaching.com

Reach Gymnastics
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 book quickly!
SCHOOLS ON THE BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER (BARR)

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](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.