Calendar

Saturday 8th November  
Shopping Tour, pick up 7.30am at UPS carpark

Tuesday 11th November  
Education Sub Committee meeting 3.45pm; BASC meeting 9am

Monday 17th November  
School Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Tuesday 18th November  
UDEC ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday 27th November  
Scholastic Book Fair

Saturday 29th November  
Election Day Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at UPS

Saturday 6th December  
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser

Friday 7th November 2014

Principal's Message 7.11.2014

Swimming Program 2014

Our Swimming Program began on Thursday this week and continues until Friday 14th November at the Belgrave Outdoor Pool.

Thanks to the pool staff, school staff and children for ensuring the program got off to a terrific start with groups and trains connecting very well, especially considering we have quite a tight timetable.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**UDEC ARTS FESTIVAL – “ART IN THE HILLS” – TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**
We will be participating in the annual Upwey District Educational Community Arts event on Tuesday 19th November from 4:00 until about 7:00 pm. The event focuses on

The Arts in local Primary & Secondary Schools with each school having two performance times on the Upwey High School Stage and presenting Art work in our school hall for the week. This will be a great event to showcase The Arts in our district and display the abilities and talents of all children. All families are invited to attend. Schools involved will be Upwey High School, Belgrave Sth PS, Ferny Creek PS, Upper Ferntree Gully PS, Tecoma PS, Upwey Sth PS and Upwey PS.

Please put this date in your diaries! Food stalls will be set up by each school at the event.

**“COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL” – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM**
Prep children enrolled in 2015 will be invited to be involved in the “Cool to Go to School” program beginning on Friday 21st November. This will be a Prep Classroom orientation session from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Mrs Christofis (along with our current Prep children) will be preparing, running and assisting with some very enjoyable activities and a play in the playground. New enrolments before that date will be eligible to attend also. The other sessions for this program will be held on Friday 28th November and Friday 5th December.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**MRS KITTREDGE TO REPLACE MRS HICKEY**
Mrs Kittredge has volunteered to work on Tuesdays until the end of term to replace Mrs Hickey. She will complete a second Art lesson with a difference. The lesson will focus on the Welfare role and Art/The Environment and include a mini project for each grade. We look forward to Mrs Kittredge beginning this project on Tuesday 11th November and continuing with the “Animal Care” Passions group next week.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES FOR SALE**
We have poppies and other items for purchase at the school office to commemorate Remembrance Day on Tuesday 11th November. Please support such a worthy cause and assist the JSC with their fundraising.

**THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX**
We continue to host the TOTB program for gifted and talented children in our Technology Room this week. The following programs are operating for a 4 to 6 week block:

Prep – Nursery Rhyme Letters
Yr 1 & 2 – Invent That!
Yr 3 & 4 – Seven Wonders of the World

All programs are taken by Rhonda Ooi.

**PLANNING FOR 2015**
I am completing the final stages of the process of planning for 2015 with budgets, staffing and class structure. If you know of any new enrolments or impending departures then please inform me so that I can take these into account when planning for 2015.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 17th November.

**SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
Sub-committee meetings will be held before the School Council Meeting.

PA – Fundraising – completed recently.
Education – Tuesday 11th November at 3:45 pm in the staff room
Finance – Wednesday 12th November at 3:00 pm
BASC – Tuesday 11th November at 9:00 am
TRIBES LEARNING COMMUNITY FOCUS
RESPECT – ONE OF OUR TRIBES AGREEMENTS

I wish to make all parents/carers aware that over the coming weeks we will continue concentrating on RESPECT. This is one of Our 7 Agreements as part of the Tribes Learning Community approach and is such a vital value to develop in order for positive relationships to be developed. In the grades we will be concentrating on what RESPECT is, looks like, sounds like and feels like. RESPECT involves such things as

- 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

Please support the school in stressing this value 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”.

Monitor their use of video and computer games

Video games are incredibly popular and give a sense of great mastery, challenge and involvement. Boys particularly use video games in a social way. It is important to realise that the use of video and computer games is not completely passive.

Too much playing of these games can be negative. These games can be so compelling they become addictive.

While some games require quite intricate problem solving, the skills learned on these games do not appear to readily transfer into other arenas of life. Very few of the games require creative problem solving or an opportunity to be an active participant in determining a storyline.

Some exposure to computer games is good. Too much, though, can be toxic. Sadly, there is no research that tells us what the right amount of time spent on computer games should be so you’ll need to think about the balance of your child’s life and their range of activities and interests.

Help them to build the essentials skills for success.

Three of the skills needed for success at school (and in most areas of life) are concentration, memory and sequencing or getting things in the right order. The games that parents play with their children such as Snap, Uno, Concentration, Battleships, Monopoly, Chess, Jigsaw puzzles all play an incredibly important role in developing these skills of success.

Computer versions of these games are not as effective in helping children develop these skills. To really help your child to succeed at school every so often switch off the TV, unplug the computer and pull out a game.

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 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 (who has had to do without Cheryl recently) & Karlee for their wonderful contribution with the group.

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.

SATURDAY SHOPPING TOUR
Swimming Program
Education 3.45
BASC 9am

Week 7 17th Nov 18th Nov 19th Nov 20th Nov 21st Nov
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 7.30PM
PASSIONS PROGRAM
UDEC FESTIVAL

Week 8 24th Nov 25th Nov 26th Nov 27th Nov 28th Nov
SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR
SAT 29TH ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

IGA UPWEY
Are offering a points system Card.
Next time your at IGA Upwey, ask for a My IGA Card
Register online and you can opt to have 100% of points go to Upwey Primary School

Happy Birthday
7th Nov - 14th Nov
CONNOR
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,
8am to 4pm, Saturday 6th December

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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would like to volunteer at the sausage sizzle to be held at Scoresby Bunnings.

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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

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Service For Children between 4-14 years
Mount Medical Clinic-BELGRAVE 82881350, www.mountmedical.com.au

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 Scoullar to organize your free lesson.
Phone: 0412 446 642
Email: todd@melbournetenniscoaching.com