Congratulations to our new School Captains and School Vice-Captain for 2015. The voting by all the children in the school and staff members resulted in the following children being successful.

School Captain – Micaela Daniell
School Captain – Imogen Moseley
School Vice-Captain – Jeremy Nathan

I look forward to working with these children in their new leadership roles for 2015 and having the rest of the school support them throughout the year. I trust they will make a big impact in their final year of primary school.

I announced these results at School Assembly on Monday and also the following House Leadership roles. They are:


I look forward to these children leading by example and demonstrating a reliable and helpful approach to all others in the school. A Year 5 House Vice-Captain election will be held in House groups today but the results will not be available until next week.
P/1C Zephyr
For achieving his personal best in all activities in class. Well done Zephyr.

P/1C P.E. Award Ella
For showing terrific assistance and leadership for the Prep children.

P/1C Britney
For being a great role model for all the new prep students, You have been a kind and caring class member.

2/3E P.E. Award Jessica
For showing terrific assistance and supporting others well.

3/4W Finn
For making a great start at his new school and engaging and contributing well in the classroom.

5/6W Caitlin
For a fabulous poster on Egypt! It was fascinating to read and well presented! Thank you and well done!

5/6W Hannah
For a great start to the year! You are working hard and showing great mutual respect in the classroom. Well done!

TRIBE AWARD Britney
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: Being a great friend and helper to the new students.

TRIBE AWARD Jessica
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for: Offering and completing jobs without being asked.

FAMILY PICNIC/BBQ, GAMES EVENING and GRADE INFORMATION EVENT
The combined Family Picnic Evening and Grade Information Event for all parents and families is being held on Tuesday 17th February from 6:00 pm.
The agenda for the evening will be:

6:00 to 6:30 pm  Grade Prep/1 C and Grade 2/3E Parent Information Event in classrooms.

6:30 to 7:00 pm  Grade 3/4W and Grade 5/6W Parent Information Event in classrooms.

6:30 to 7:15 pm  Subsequently we will be inviting all families to participate in the Free Family BBQ. Grab a sausage in bread before or after the Information Event or bring your own Picnic Food and settle on the amphitheatre or school oval (bring drinks, picnic food, chairs and rugs etc.).

6:00 to 7:30 pm  Games equipment will be provided on the oval for free play.

7:30 until about 8:00 pm  Everyone will be invited to attend the Races and Novelty Events.

Please make this event a priority and come along to enjoy the fun and gain information about classroom organisation and expectations for the year.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
Our competitors for the swimming sports put in a mighty effort last week and enjoyed the cool water on such a warm day. Thanks to our wonderful helpers Michelle M, Nolene D, Kelly W, Steve W, Danielle G & Sandy who were magnificent at scoring and timing during the morning. Also thanks again to others who came to cheer the children on.

Our House Swimming Sports were held last week. The Overall House results were:

BOGONG = 1st – 153 POINTS
LOWAN = 1st – 153 POINTS
CORELLA – 2nd – 152 POINTS
MOONAH – 3rd – 65 POINTS

Congratulations to Bogong and Lowan team members for their efforts in gaining the most points in the competition. This was the closest competition with only one point separating the top three teams. Bogong managed to catch up to Lowan in the final event, the Fun Relay.

Both Houses will have their names placed on the House Swimming Competition Shield.
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015
The Official Opening of the School Year will be held on Monday 23rd February from 2:30 to 3:30 pm.
This is a very special ceremony where the School Captains/Vice-Captain, House Captains/Vice-Captains and Junior School Council representatives will be invited.
Parents and relatives are invited and welcome to attend this formal occasion. Make sure you bring your camera, especially if your child is being invested in a position of responsibility. An afternoon tea for parents, relatives, guests and visitors will be held at the conclusion of presentations.

Congratulations to all competitors on a wonderful effort and excellent behaviour.

SPOKESPEOPLE

House Swimming Sports

The schedule for the 2015 School Council election process is as follows:

- Friday 13th February Nominations close. Display list of candidates, nominators and seconders
- Friday 13th February Ballot papers not required
- Friday 27th February Declare School Council Members
- Monday 2nd March School Council AGM & School Council Meeting

REMINDERS

Updated Personal Information

Student Information may need to be updated. If changes have been made please contact the office to update your details. It is important that contact details are current so please complete this task immediately if required. Student information forms will be sent home next week also for any changes that you may need to make.

It is also important that information regarding involvement in such programs as Special Religious Instruction is completed so that this program can be offered if sufficient interest exists.

BUSHFIRE AT RISK REGISTER

The DEECD has a Bushfire At Risk Register (BARR) which listed schools and children’s service facilities identified as being at higher risk of bushfire which would pre-emptively close on days declared Code Red.

Upwey Primary School has been identified as being at higher risk and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red fire danger. Details are provided in a separate notice attached to this newsletter.
**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Parents of children who have asthma are required to complete the Asthma Management Plan. Please complete the plan and hand to the office. Parents are also asked to leave a spare ventolin/asthma spray or similar at the school office as a separate inhaler is required for each child in case of need/emergency. All this is a department requirement and supports the welfare of children.

**ANDREW FULLER’S 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”

**Organising a Learning Space for Your Child**

As your child grows and develops, there will need to be somewhere set up for them to study and do projects. Some kids just can’t get themselves organised and may need a parent to take care of the practical aspects of setting up a home study area. The parent may also need to be responsible for keeping it neat. It’s ok for parents to assist by thinking of ways to better organise notes as well.

**HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS**

**HEADLICE**

Now that the school year has begun and children are in contact with a greater number of other children please continue to check your child’s hair.

All children were checked this week and not many were found with nits but several have been found with eggs. Please follow information given to avoid eggs hatching.

**HEAT HEALTH ALERT**

The Education Departments has distributed reminders associated with the current hot conditions. The focus in particular is on the need to hydrate well. The other focus was on ensuring that children are never left unattended in a car and are protected from the sun. Sunscreen provided for children at school would be a good suggestion also.

**THANKS**

**ICY POLES**

Thanks to the PA/Fundraising Committee for providing an icy pole for every child on Wednesday this week when the temperature soared to about 37°. The cool icy pole was a welcome relief from the hot day. Thanks also to Ms Wood and Mrs Eeles who opened up their classrooms for air conditioned comfort during the hot lunch recess time for anyone who wanted to take shelter.

**ASSISTANCE**

**PLAYGROUP**

Thanks to Anne Fratini for volunteering to run the Play Group for this year. Anne is planning to begin next week on Tuesday 17th February from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room (BASC). Please contact the office if you are available and interested in participating in the group. We look forward to this being another great activity group just like during the last few years. We will require a payment of $5 per child per session for the program & co-ordination.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

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**Asthma and Thunderstorms**

Summer storms are becoming more frequent throughout Australia. Thunderstorms can combine heavy rain, high humidity and strong winds. A European study found there are observations in favour of the possibility that thunderstorms disturb ground-level pollen grains, bursting the pollen grains and making the allergens small enough to be inhaled into the lungs. There is also evidence that after rain and during wet conditions there are a larger amount of fungal spores in the air. These can act as a trigger for asthma symptoms.

**What can you do?**

- Ensure preventer medication is taken as prescribed.
- Have an up to date Asthma Care Plan.
- If your asthma gets worse during thunderstorms try to stay indoors with the windows closed.
- Always carry your reliever medication with you.

For more information on Thunderstorms and asthma please see [ww.asthmaaustralia.org.au](http://ww.asthmaaustralia.org.au)
To start off our year, grade 5/6W are learning how to draw their readers in with descriptive, interesting and sizzling starts to their stories. They are hoping that their writing will leave the readers wanting more!

I could feel my heart pounding as the bad weather wrapped around me like a cold blanket. I walked through two thick black double doors. They banged shut behind me making me jump back. I walked through the hallway of my new school taking a deep breath before I opened the door.

By Sophie T

I was walking through the cold damp cave and there it was, standing right in front of me! All his slime dripping from his soggy body and his big black eyes staring straight at me. First it was quiet, then before you know it I opened my mouth and screamed the biggest piercing scream ever.

By Amahle H

My heart was racing. Was I really going to do this? I bent my knees and stretched my hands out in front of me. Suddenly time slowed to a second and I could see a bird high up in the sky, its wings flapping so slowly I thought it must fall. I could hear my breath going in and out and my heart was beating so loud my ears were throbbing. I jumped.

By Sam M

That gooey green ball of disgusting leaves is on my plate, staring at me again for the seventh night in a row. I’ve missed six deserts because of this devilish, evil to the core excuse for food!

By Jeremy N
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**P.A AND FUNDRAISING**

Our first meeting will be on **TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AT 2PM IN THE STAFFROOM**
**AFTERNOON TEA WILL BE PROVIDED**

**“BE A PART OF A GREAT TEAM”**

We would like to invite all our parents to consider joining our PA team.

**LAST YEAR WE RAISED THROUGH OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS IN EXCESS OF $7500**

This was a massive and wonderful effort but we always need extra helpers. Our meetings are once a month and toddlers are always welcome.

**2014 FUNDRAISING PROVIDED FOR OUR STUDENTS:**

- 10 x I Pads for student use
- Library books & classroom books
- Air conditioner for the BASC Room
- Subsidised our new Polo shirts & much more!

**REMEMBER MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

We look forward to seeing some new faces!
**Kreationz**
Cheer and Dance
Boronia and Emerald Studios

JAZZ ~ CHEERLEADING ~ HIP HOP
CONTEMPORARY ~ GLEE CLUB
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Erica Schembri
Tutoring in English and Mathematics
Prep-Year 9

5 Fuller Street, Belgrave
$40 per hour for one on one
$30 an hour or $50 for 2 hours for small group (max 3 students)

0434 891 165
erica.schembri@hotmail.com

**Upwey Tecom Junior Football Club wants you!**

Come along and visit our stall from 10am onwards at the Upwey Billy Cart Races.

**UPWEY BILLY CART RACES**

Regulation Day - Sunday 22nd February

**Dine and Turn Clinic**

MONBULK AQUATIC CLUB

Fees:
- $10 for children under 12
- $20 for adults

Schedule:
- Monday 10am - 12pm
- Tuesday 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday 10am - 12pm
- Thursday 10am - 12pm
- Friday 10am - 12pm

**Aussie Hoops**

Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia’s official junior game development program for children aged 5—10 years.

**Program Details**

**When:**
From Sat. 21st February - Sat. 9th May
(10 weeks excl. holidays)

**Where:**
Cockatoo Reserve Stadium
Mountain Road, Cockatoo
Mel Ref 311.13,
and
Monbulk College Stadium
David Hill Road, Monbulk
Mel Ref 311.13

**Time:**
10:00am until 11:00am

**Cost:**
$70 for new players
$50 for returning players

**Further Information**
Email: hoops@sherbrookebasketball.com.au (Preferred)
Pam Bully: 0403 996 046 (only after 6pm)

**Boronia Junior Soccer Club**

Seeking new players for season 2015.

**Open Day**
Wednesday 11 February, 7pm @ Tidworth Reserve
Sunday 8 March, 7pm @ Tidworth Reserve
For pre-season training & Selection Assessments, Parents & Coaches.

**MINIRACERS**

Is a career working with children for you?
Study local, qualify National at the
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre.
Learn in a supported, small class with exceptional trainers. We will help get you qualified.

**ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT – ACT NOW**

Phone 03 5944 3484

**CHC30213** (Teachers Aide)
Certificate III in Education Support

**CHC50113**
Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care

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**Families tickets**

Available at Montrose Festival of Arts

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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/phone. 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 weekend 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.