PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 20.3.2015

WORKING BEE

A big thank you to those who attended the Twilight Working Bee last week and did such terrific work. We had a small but very enthusiastic and hardworking band of workers and we completed several jobs. There are still a few more jobs to complete before the end of term so if you are able to spend a little time this weekend or next week this would be much appreciated. Mowing and brush cutting on the slope are two of the main jobs still to complete. Thanks to Wendell H (Buildings and Grounds) for organising the working bee.

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON

Our children in Grade 5/6W attended the Transition Experience Open Afternoon at Upwey High on Wednesday this week along with several other primary schools, under the supervision of Ms Wood. They enjoyed classes in Science, PE, Art, Philosophy amongst others. They had a most interesting afternoon and were able to mix with other local primary children in the classes. Another wonderful transition activity to help our children familiarise with secondary school organisation.
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<td>For participating enthusiastically in P.M.P. activities. Well done!</td>
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<td>For using good details when answering questions related to a story.</td>
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<td>For completing her homework by following the instructions with 100% accuracy.</td>
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<td>For an amazing effort with learning to spell new words in her classwork.</td>
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<td>Ruby</td>
<td>For demonstrating her ability to infer meaning from a visual text with very limited printed words. She created a Mind Map to show her thinking with an effective layout.</td>
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<td>For terrific demonstration of basketball skills including goal shooting.</td>
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<td>For working hard on developing a calmer approach throughout each school day.</td>
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<td>For working diligently to complete set Mathletics tasks set each week this term. Well done!</td>
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<td>For a wonderful effort at the Division and Regions Swimming sports in Butterfly.</td>
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<td>For demonstrating very good basketball skills including goal shooting.</td>
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<td>Ripley</td>
<td>For working hard on her narrative writing and helping others.</td>
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<td>Maddie</td>
<td>For making a fantastic start at Upwey Primary and contributing well to classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>Sophie</td>
<td>For approaching all your work with a positive attitude and determination. Well done!</td>
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<td>Sienna</td>
<td>For a fabulous effort working on your narrative writing. Well done!</td>
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SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION
Staff have continued with the process of self-evaluation by looking at the school curriculum and the progress of our students, particularly in Mathematics and English. The teachers held an evening session on Wednesday evening from 4 to 6:30 pm to address the main components of curriculum and professional learning over the last 3 years.
As mentioned previously we will be seeking parental opinion as well as student opinion on several aspects of school over the last 3 years in the coming month.
Our School Review will be held on Tuesday 9th June with Tuesday 12th May being the School Reviewer’s day to visit the school and gain background information.

WRITING FOCUS
I was extremely pleased to see the display of children’s writing being set up in the office foyer this week and I hope that many parents and relatives are able to view the work of all grades and all children over the coming days. This is a great opportunity to look at the capabilities of your child and see what other children in the grades are doing.
The writing focus was “Narrative” and the display demonstrates the process of developing writing through a drafting process leading to the culmination of creating a Final/Good Copy for publication.
The display will remain in the foyer until Tuesday when all work will return to the classrooms. Thanks to all the children for their efforts, to classroom teachers for organising the displays.

ART DISPLAYS
I would also like to highlight the display of fine art work Mrs Kittredge has set up in the office building display area. Please have a look at the terrific work the children are doing in Art classes.

FAREWELL KAY
As mentioned last year Kay will be leaving Upwey PS at the end of Term 1 and retiring so she can put her feet up for a while (and drive around in an old car!) I thank Kay for her magnificent contribution, not just to the office but to the whole school community. Her involvement in so many aspects of the school has been quite amazing and I am just lucky to have been able to work so closely with her and now will work with Cindy who has been so well mentored by Kay. Kay will be dearly missed in the office but will still be involved in the school in her PA/Fundraising role (Phew!). Kay’s last official day will be Monday 23rd March so please give her big thank you if you see her on Monday and wish her well for retirement.

UPCOMING EVENTS
HAWTHORN PLAYERS FOOTBALL CLINIC - Extracurricular Program
Through the AFL Development program we were offered the opportunity and completed today a Footy Clinic run by the Hawthorn Football Club and players Luke Hodge and Jack Gunston (current premiership players). The clinic for Grade 3/4 W (along with 3E children) & Grade 5/6W was held today from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. Photos and follow up information will be available in next week’s newsletter.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX – FRIDAY 27th MARCH
This annual event will be held on Friday 27th March which is the last Friday of Term 1. A separate notice and entry form were distributed this week and are available at the office if you have misplaced one. This will be a fundraising venture used in conjunction with the Junior School Council fundraiser for Term 1. (Children participating as drivers in the Billy Cart Grand Prix will be required to pay an entry fee of $5 which will be inclusive of the gold coin donation for Out of Uniform Day on the last day of Term 1.) Be prepared to get those entry forms in if you want to be involved in the driving fun! Don’t forget to have your bill cart in prime working order! Parents and relatives will be welcome to attend and view the time trials. The anticipated timetable will be attached to the permission notice. The approximate timetable will be:
8:30 - 9:15 am. Setting up!
9:15 - 9:45 am Prep/1C
9:45 - 10:15am 2/3E
10:30 - 11:00 pm 3/4E
11:30 - 12:00 pm 5/6W
12:50 pm Presentation Ceremony for all grades

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
BOOKLIST PAYMENTS
Several families still need to make payments for booklists and provide indications on payments for school voluntary levies, including Buildings & Grounds which provide to support work and utensils to maintain and improve our school grounds. If you have not paid, or not arranged a payment plan, then please attend to any overdue accounts.
It is very important for families to attend to these matters as the school relies on payments in order to provide strong programs and associated resources.
There are also several families who need to attend to their Before and After School Care accounts which have been recently distributed. Please support the school as we provide new equipment and resources to provide the best possible curriculum and learning environment for our children.

SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR INCIDENTS
Recently there have been indications of some poor choices in behaviour made by some of our children. In these cases we will continue to follow through with the Card System (Blue, Yellow, Orange, Red) and our Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy/Guidelines to deal with incidents, not just in a punitive way but also using counselling and a restorative approach. We also need to help children develop their own problem solving skills so that they can develop an assertive approach and become quite independent.
I will impress upon parents to please support your children when they may be harmed or injured by reinforcing that they must first use their own problem solving skills but tell a teacher if the problem is too big so that it can be dealt with immediately. We are best positioned to deal with matters in a measured and impartial manner and not just believe one point of view or jump to conclusions that may not necessarily be well-founded. Please support the school in making our environment as safe as possible.
FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1
Please note that we will be having the final assembly for Term on Friday 27th March at 2:15 pm and dismissal will be at approximately 2:30 pm. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly. School will return on Monday 13th April.

STAFF PLANNING WEEK- NEXT WEEK
Teachers will have their planning week next week and no Specialist Classes in – Environmental Studies/Music, Art/Craft or PE next week. Grades will be taken by other staff during the teachers’ planning mornings.
- Ms Wood & Mrs Christofis - Planning on Tuesday 24th March - 9am -1 pm: 5/6W – Mr Aspinall, P/1C – Mrs Kittredge
- Mrs Eeles & Mr Weekes - Planning on Wednesday 25th March – 9am -1 pm: 2/3E- Mrs Kittredge, 3/4W – Miss Weatherlake

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
PARENTS’ AUXILIARY/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
The PA/Fundraising held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday this week. Thanks to those who attended to support the group and consider directions for 2015. Congratulations to the new office bearers for 2015:
- President: Louise H
- Vice President: Michelle M
- Secretary: Danielle G
- Treasurer: Kay G
I look forward to working with the PA/Fundraising Committee to provide some great events for 2015. Don’t forget the Special Lunch Day they have organised for the last Friday of term to coincide with the Upwey PS Billy Cart Grand Prix.

HOT DOG LUNCH – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
To coincide with the Upwey PS Billy Cart Grand Prix the PA/Fundraising Committee have organised a Hot Dog Lunch for Friday 27th March. Order forms have been distributed.
If you are interested please get your order in by Wednesday 25th March.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY- SUNSMART POLICY
School hats are not required during Term 2 and Term 3 after the school holidays. All other caps and hats will not be permitted to be worn at school except on special Out Of Uniform Days.

REMINDERS
ANDREW FULLER’S HANDY HINTS FOR IMPROVING LEARNING
The following handy hint for improving learning are extracted from Andrew Fuller’s book “Help Your Child Succeed At School”

Know Your Child’s “Down” time
Everyone has a down time when they learn new information less well. As a rough guide, think of the time they go to sleep, then think of the time they usually wake up, calculate the midpoint of their sleep, add twelve hours and around that time is their “down time”. For example, if your child sleeps from 9.30 pm to 7 am, the midpoint of their sleep is 2.00 am. Adding twelve hours takes us to 2.00 pm which is the time your child is likely to learn least well.
It is important for teachers and parents to know students likely down times so they can schedule in active, hand on learning at these times.

FOCUS AREA- THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE/PASS
Grades will be focusing on The Right to Participate/Pass over the next week. This is one of Our 7 Agreements and is an important area for children to apply themselves to being included and having equal opportunity to be heard as part of our Tribes Learning Community approach in the school. The reason for the inclusion of Pass is to give some children the opportunity for extra thinking time if they feel unsure and then they will then be asked for their participation after the thinking time has elapsed. Please support the school by also highlighting this focus area after school hours.

The Right to Participate/Pass
This is about student voice and allowing all children to have an opportunity for involvement. It is about inclusiveness and encouraging children to be involved and reminded that “you get out of an activity what you put into it”. There is an opportunity to have some thinking time if required and to listen to others before finally presenting a view or response.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

CLEANING UP OUR VEGIE PATCH. Thanks to you all!
Term 1 & 2, 2015 - Upwey Primary School

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P.A AND FUNDRAISING

Our AGM on Monday the following was decided:

President: Louise Hartley  
Vice President: Michelle Myers  
Secretary: Danielle Gannon  
Treasurer: Kay Goodall

Congratulations to these members and thank you to our outgoing presidents, Kristy Bush & Sue Comello for all their work over the previous two years.

We discussed

- Our upcoming events for the year and these will be finalised and distributed to our community soon.
- We will continue to have monthly craft mornings. These will be held on the first Friday of the month. Next term this will be on Friday May 1st.
- Thank you to whoever donated the small bookshelf; it is perfect! If you have some good reads at home and don’t want them anymore, please donate them for our book swap. This will start at beginning of next term (when the shelf is full!).
- Book club Issue 2, should arrive next Monday or Tuesday.

Don’t forget, Easter raffle is drawn at final assembly. There are more tickets available at the office and if you haven’t donated yet, there is still plenty of time. There is a great variety so far of chocolates, eggs, activity books and even a beautiful handmade quilt donated by Mrs. Eeles. 😊
"WALKING WITH DINOSAURS" is heading back to Melbourne! Don’t miss out on seeing this amazing show! Upwey Primary School has received an incredible school special discount price of $39.90 for the entire school community!! THIS IS THE PERFECT FAMILY SHOW! BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW AT www.smarttix.com.au

Boronia Junior Soccer Club

Come and play in 2015

Our age groups:

Under 5 – 0 – 7
4-a-side with inter-club games
Under 8 – 9
7-a-side PPV & away
Under 10 – 11
8-a-side PPV & away

Girls and boys welcome
Novices welcome
Experienced players welcome.

In 2015 playing at Chandler Park, Boronia Pre-season until the end of March at Dandenong Park, Fernwee, Chyly
6-7pm Wed and 9-10am Sunday

details: www.boronijsc.com.au

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This week in BASC:

We have had a fun filled week in before and after care! We have made the most of the nice afternoons and played lots of active games outside, including down ball and badminton. We had a great time doing abstract painting and we also enjoyed getting our faces painted! We cooked lots of delicious food including pancakes, chocolate muffins, and eggs sunny side up on toast for breakfast. We finished the week off with a movie and popcorn!

Next week at BASC:

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AUSTRALIAN STATE FLAGS
DO YOU KNOW WHICH FLAG BELONGS TO WHICH STATE?