Principal’s Message 27.3.2015

End of Term 1 - Holidays

Hard to believe that Term 1 will draw to a close today. We have had a very busy term with the children working well to expectations. The culmination of one focus, writing, was the wonderful Writing display in the Office Foyer this week. I thank all the teachers and children for their hard work in completing the work for display for all to see and read. I wish all children and families a most enjoyable break over the school holidays and Easter. Please keep safe and healthy and enjoy a rest from school commitments after a very successful Term 1.

I am proud of our staff members who have worked conscientiously and enthusiastically to provide a wonderful start to the year, with Mr Weekes fitting in seamlessly to our group. Have a well-deserved holiday all staff and be ready for Term 2.
**Student Achievement Awards**

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<td>Robbie</td>
<td>For achieving excellent results in his weekly spelling tests. Well done.</td>
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<td>Charli</td>
<td>For working hard during the term on all of the class activities, to make sure that her work is completed on time with good results.</td>
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<td>For monitoring her own learning during Maths sessions. It is great that you speak up when you need further clarification. Violet you are doing a great job doing Year 4 Maths.</td>
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<td>For remaining focused and continuing to work hard to create a great narrative. Well done Regan!</td>
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**SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION**

**PARENT FORUM & CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY**

On Wednesday 22nd April we will be holding the most important **PARENT FORUM** for parent input into the School Self-Evaluation in preparation for our School Review in June. This will be an opportunity to contribute to looking at what the school has been doing over the last few years and suggest directions and improvements for the future. Please put this date in your diary and come and celebrate our successes and support our further school development.

The format will involve Parents attending from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, with their children welcome to attend a children’s activity run by staff during that time (in the Hall). The Parent Forum will be held in the school Library and at the conclusion we will invite parents to have cheese/biscuits/wine/slices for supper. 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.

**BILLY CART GRAND PRIX**

Our Annual Billy Car Grand Prix was held today with children from all year levels competing in time trials against children in the same year level. Results are not available at time of printing but the children involved had an enjoyable time and the spectators were certainly entertained. Thanks to the many family members who came along to spectate and encourage the competitors.

Another wonderful extracurricular activity experience to finish Term 1. The Hot Dog Lunch and Out of Uniform day were also well supported and many thanks to the PA/Fundraising Committee for their hard work.
**SCHOOL EVENTS**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**EVACUATION PRACTICE**

On Thursday we had a surprise Emergency Management Practice Drill with evacuation to the North. We assembled on the basketball court within 2 minutes and then evacuated to the Upwey Recreation Reserve car park. The practice session went extremely well with all children moving calmly and sensibly. The Preps were excellent and followed all instructions to the letter.

**HAWTHORN PLAYERS FOOTBALL CLINIC – Extracurricular Program**

Hawthorn Football Club Clinic for Grade 3/4 W (along with 3E children) & Grade 5/6 W was held last Friday with players Luke Hodge, Jack Gunston and Jonathon O’Rourke. The children experienced a terrific clinic and some great exercise for their Sport time last Friday. The players also left some promotional material that we will distribute to the children involved.

**FREE DRESS – FRIDAY 27th MARCH**

To support The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal the JSC held an Out of Uniform Free Dress Day today. From the Billy Cart Grand Prix driver fees and Gold Coin Donations we have raised approximately $130 for the Good Friday Appeal. What an outstanding effort! Our whole Upwey PS community should be extremely proud. A huge thank you to Danielle Q for being our official Grand Prix photographer. Your photo’s are always outstanding.

**LIFE EDUCATION INCURSION – HAROLD TO RETURN TO UPWEY PS**

All grades will be participating in the Life Education Program on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May. The cost of the incursion program will be $9. The program is held in the Life Education Van which will be located in the Staff Car Park for the two days of the program and each grade will have a lesson in the van. Parents will be invited to attend an information session in the van with Life Education Staff giving details about what the program looks like. This is a great opportunity to see the interactive equipment in the van, just like the children will!

This incursion is held every two years as part of our curriculum with the focus on Health Education. More details and permission form will follow at the beginning of Term 2.

**CHESTERFIELD FARM EXCURSION**

GRADE Prep/1 C will be completing an excursion to Chesterfield Farm on Tuesday 28th April, early in Term 4. To minimise costs I am requesting assistance from parents to drive the children in private cars. Children would need to be seated in the rear seats and if a booster seat is required then parents would be required to provide one for the designated driver. Permission forms will be distributed at the beginning of Term 2.

**SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION**

GRADE 5/6 W will be completing an excursion to Scienceworks on Friday 15th May for the whole day. The visit will support the Inquiry Unit – Concept “Our Place in Space” being completed in Term 2.

**HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY EXCURSION**

GRADE 3/4 W & GRADE 2/3 E are anticipating completing an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary during Term 2. Final organisation details and date are still being investigated. Further information will be provided at the beginning of Term 2.

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**

**OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAYS FOR PAYMENTS**

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**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.

**FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1**

Our final assembly for Term is being held today 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW-INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2015**

There is an opportunity for parents to receive application forms for the ICAS University of New South Wales Testing Program.

Unfortunately the rules have changed regarding a minimum number of entries for each school on each year level test. The minimum is now 3. The tests are in English, Maths, Science, Spelling, Writing & Computer Skills for Children in Years 3 - 6 can be given the opportunity to participate. Please contact me as an expression of interest if you are interested in your child participating in any of the above competitions and I will ascertain whether we would have enough entries (i.e. 3 children at Year 5 level doing the Maths test would achieve the minimum number).

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2015 – GOLD & SILVER AWARDS**

At Assembly today, Friday 27th March, I will be presenting Gold Attendance Awards for children with perfect attendance records this term. These Gold Attendance Awards recognise 100% attendance.

The Silver Attendance awards which recognise 94% – 99% attendance will be presented before the assembly.

**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.

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PIRATE SHIP PLAYGROUND REPAIRS
Thanks to Ben R (Ryen and Robbie’s dad) for spending a consider- able time at the weekend making repairs to the Pirate Ship Playground structure. This has assisted in making the Pirate Ship sturdier to cope with the rigours of our children’s play! Your time and effort is much appreciated.

BOOK CLUB
The Scholastic Book Club has become a feature for providing well-priced reading material for our children and I thank Kristy B and her helpers for doing another wonderful job of providing this resource during Term 1.

STAFF MORNING TEA TREAT
Thanks to Kelly W (Hayden and Adam’s mum) for the superb Hot Cross Buns she baked and left for the staff to enjoy this week. Much appreciated and very tasty.

Malcolm Aspinall
Principal

5/6W were busy making Hamburgers this week
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March 20th - 17th April

Ella
Nicolas
Michael H
Adam
Hayden
Dylan
Regan
Seamus
Jeremy
Hannah
Ripley
Charlotte G
Charli B
CHILDREN’S ART CLASSES HOLIDAYS 6-12years
Bookings: Bev 0449 654 343  bevergl@hotmail.com
Classes $20 or Early bird discount $17

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<td>Make &amp; Design a 3D Machine or Car, using cardboard</td>
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*SPECIAL MOTHERS’ DAY CLASS, SUNDAY 9th MAY, 12.30-2.30pm
$20 or $35 special for 2 people
Family activity for all ages!
Tie dyed bags, t-shirts and necklaces or cards (make while t-shirts are in the dye).

School Holiday Activities
IN THE YARRA VALLEY & DANDENONG RANGES

HIDING BAUZ TRUFFLE EASTER EGG HUNTS
April 3 & 4 & 5 at 11am, 12.30pm & 1pm
Join us in search of Easter eggs in the Yarra Valley at Hidden Valley, Healesville, where some of the most beautiful chocolate eggs will be hidden. Enjoy a fun day out with family and friends, search for eggs and participate in the fun activities. Entry is free.

EASTER FAMILY FUN with our FREE EASTER EGG HUNTS
April 3 – April 6, Open daily
Three Easter themed trail hunts available, each with a chance to find a special prize. The trails lead you to explore the beautiful gardens and discover hidden Easter eggs. Entry is free.

EASTER SUNDAY at OAKRIDGE
April 10, 10am-3pm
Join us at Oakridge for a special Easter Sunday service. Enjoy a variety of activities for all ages, including craft workshops, face painting, and Easter egg hunts.

ACCOMMODATION SPECIAL
VIBE IN MARYVILLE
Make the most of your Easter weekend with a special accommodation offer at VIBE Maryville. Stay 2 nights and save $50 on your stay.

Free Family Fun Day
National Rhododendron Gardens
The Georgian Road, Olinda
Tuesday 31st March, 10am-3pm

Enjoy this magnificent garden in all its autumn splendour and join in the FUN activities:

- Andy’s Antics
- Stick the Digidda workshop
- Paul Jameson - The Music Man
- OFAFire Tanker & activities
- Book Swap
- Rhododendron Walk Challenge
- Birdlife Australia display
- Yarra Ranges Council Early Years Activities
- Eastern Regional Libraries
- Jackie Jerold, Storytelling Australia
- Interactive activities and games for children
- Pot and take home your own plant

Food available from Olinda Primary School and Cafe Vinny.

For further information contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

Healthy Parks, Healthy People
We have had a busy last week of term at before and after school care. We had an art competition and everyone joined in. We saw some amazing work! We enjoyed making lots of yummy food including eggs on toast, pancakes, chock chip muffins and toasted sandwiches to finish off the term. We made our own play and used the dress ups for our character outfits. We also experimented with oil pastels and water colour paint. The cold weather didn’t stop us from lots of outside play, however, one afternoon we did play various active games in the hall! We finished the term off with some festive face painting and a movie. I look forward to seeing everyone back next term for more fun in before and after school care!

:) Matilda