PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE 6.3.2015
Division Swimming Sports

Congratulations again go to Hayden W who gained a 1st place in the 10Y Boys butterfly and 3rd place in the 10Y Boys backstroke, a fantastic performance against some quality opposition. Hayden will now represent the Division at the Regional Swimming Sports on Friday 13th March and we wish him all the very best with this competition at the Nunawading Pool. Thanks also to his family support team who provide Hayden with much encouragement to do his Personal Best.
P/1C Enviro Ed
Cierra
For her excellent listening skills during our plant scavenger hunt.

P/1C P.E. Award
Cedar
For showing he can catch during “Poison Ball Against The Wall”.

P/1C Art Award
Hermione
For her enthusiasm and attention to detail during her fish felting lessons, as well as her willingness to help others.

2E P.E. Award
Caitlin
For demonstrating resilience after being injured.

2E Caitlin
For listening attentively during German classes.

2E Charlotte
For speaking confidently and clearly when presenting show and tell.

3E Connor
For clearly expressing your ideas and writing down connections you make to text.

3/4W Rhiannon
For always having a cheerful attitude and settling in so well at Upwey Primary School.

5/6R P.E. Award
Ryan
For displaying wonderful fielding skills during the “Longball” game.

5/6W Kurtis Hartley
For working hard in class to improve your skills in all areas! Well done!

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015**
The first School Council Meeting for 2015 was held on: **Monday 2nd March**.

The **2015 School Council**, as well as the **Annual General Meeting**, was held. Congratulations to our committee members and to the office bearers who were elected at the meeting. I look forward to another fantastic year with a very committed School Council for 2015. The office bearers are:

**President: Andrew G**
**Vice President: Steve W**
**Secretary: Cindy N**
**Treasurer: Sue C**
**PA Representative: Louise H**

Items covered at the meeting were:
- Approved an early finish to school on the last day of Term 1 (Friday 27th March, 2:30 pm finish).
- Approved the PA/Fundraising Committee’s proposed fundraising calendar.
- Presenting and considering ideas for Parent/Guardian contributions to our School Self Evaluation in preparation for the **2015 School Review in June**. Consider the best time for a Community Forum (i.e. After School, Weekday Evening, Weekend event.)
- Approved a Curriculum Day on Friday 5th June
- Approved a Playgroup run by Anne F for Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Multi-Purpose Room with a gold coin donation requested for incidentals.

**iPads for Year 3 to 6**
I am pleased to announce that we have taken delivery of our iPads for use in the Year 3 to 6 area. Our technician, Paul, has been formatting them and setting them up for use very soon in the classrooms. This is an exciting stage in the development of our eLearning Plan with the introduction of a bank of desktop computers in each classroom last year and now we have access to iPads for group use in each classroom. The bulk of the costs for these projects has been provided thanks to the excellent fundraising efforts of the Parents’ Auxiliary/Fundraising Committee.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
TWILIGHT WORKING BEE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
We will be holding our first Twilight Working Bee for the year on Friday 13th March from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. I encourage all families available to come along and help out for an hour or two (or more) during the evening. We have quite a bit of work to be done to tidy the grounds and repair facilities for the children. The list is presented below. Any help with any of these tasks would be much appreciated.

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We will hold a free Sausage Sizzle BBQ at the conclusion of the evening at about 6:30 pm for those who attend.

AMBULANCE COVER
I am reminding parents that Ambulance Cover is not a part of the Department of Education inclusions and that if parents wish to have Ambulance Cover they need to organise this privately. If an ambulance was required for a child then the parents/guardians would be responsible for the cost.

Please Note
Are persons holding a Centrelink Health Care card or Pensioner Concession card covered for ambulance transport?

Under the State Concession Scheme Victorian’s eligible for concessions receive free clinically necessary ambulance coverage throughout Australia. This coverage will provide free emergency and medically authorised non-emergency ambulance transport to the nearest and most appropriate hospital.

A person eligible for free clinically necessary ambulance transport will be:
• A person holding a current Pensioner Concession Card (including dependent children as listed on the card but excluding spouses).
• A person holding a current Health Care Card (excluding holders of a Health Care Card for Carer Allowance and Foster Care issued in the name of the child) and their dependents, including spouses as listed on the Card (in circumstances where the dependant is the patient).
• A child holding a current Child Disability Health Care Card (payment type CD) or Foster Care Health Care Card (payment type FO), but not their guardians/families as listed on the Card.

In order to access entitlements a valid Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card number must be provided at the time of transport and be valid at the time of transport or when an invoice is received from AV.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT
SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION & REVIEW
Every four years all schools work through a School Self-evaluation process and School Review to reflect on what our school has done and align school directions for the future. Input will be sought from children, staff and parents/guardians. Parents/Guardians will be surveyed on school progress so if you have any specific areas you feel should be included please see me as the Terms of Reference will be worked out in the near future and I am keen for any parent input. We will be considering such areas as Student Learning – English (particularly reading & writing), Maths, Tribes Learning Community, eLearning (digital technologies), Student Engagement & Wellbeing, Concept/Inquiry Units and community involvement to name a few.

PARENTS’ AUXILIARY/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
For parents interested in grassroots involvement in the school I can recommend the PA/Fundraising Committee. This group has done an amazing job in raising an enormous amount of money for the school and is such a vital part of supporting our children. Monthly meetings are held at the school and ideas for fundraising and providing fun events for the children are discussed.

The most important AGM Meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 17th March from 2:00 until 3:30 pm. Please come along and contribute/find out the plans for 2015.

REMINDERS
YEAR 6 WINDCHEATER
The final design, which is a combination of the work of several Year 6 children, has been completed and printing is currently being organised. Thanks to Jamie for assisting and Cindy for completion of the draft design. Further details will be available soon including order forms when final costs and details are known.

UNIFORM DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES INTRODUCED
To maintain a strong uniformity with our Assertive Discipline procedures aligned to our Tribes Learning Community Approach the staff will work with our consistent Behaviour Card System across the whole school, including Before and After School Care. The system is centred on more time effective management and appropriate consequences for unacceptable behaviour. The consequences hierarchy include:

BLUE CARD – Warning (Read classroom rules. Read Our 7 Agreements from Tribes) No further action

YELLOW CARD – Classroom consequence. Withdrawal within the room to complete a designated classroom activity appropriate to the Year level. (Children will no longer be given “Yard Duties” as a consequence.)


RED CARD – DETENTION. Withdrawal from the classroom to Principal’s Office. Lunchtime Detention for 25 minutes (or After School Detention for 60 minutes). Detention Sheet completed. Parents contacted.

To round out the whole school approach to Student Engagement & Discipline we will continue with classroom rewards for positive behaviours which will far outweigh the consequences. We have a strong House Competition as well as: Golden Time, House Points, Tribes Awards, Achievement Awards, Classroom Awards etc.
Extracurricular Program

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

We are currently running three Lunchtime Activities Programs on Mondays and Wednesdays for children who wish to be involved. Gardening Club in the Veggie Garden is offered by Sue on Mondays from 1:35. Lego Building is offered by Mrs Eeles on Wednesdays from 1:35 and Art/Felt work for Year 1 children will be offered on Wednesdays from 1:35 for the next 4 weeks. Thanks to our committed staff who are providing extra options for children during lunch recess.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL ARTS FESTIVAL

Upwey High will be holding an Arts Festival featuring an Streeton Art Show and Art Competition which will coincide with their Open Evening. Children and adults are invited to provide entries in the Art Competition in the following 3 categories:

Lower Primary School (Open Theme) – People’s Choice Award & Judges’ Award
Upper Primary School (Open Theme) – People’s Choice Award & Judges’ Award
Secondary School (Open Theme) – People’s Choice Award & Judges’ Award

The dates are from Saturday 14th March until Wednesday 18th March. Entry forms are available at the school office for anyone interested in entering an exhibit.

Malcolm Aspinall
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5/6W INQUIRY TERM 1

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By Jeremy N

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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”

How Much Television Viewing Should I Allow My Child to Watch If I Want Them to Succeed at School?

There is growing evidence to suggest that any TV viewing for children under the age of two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television viewing is positively associated with academic achievement. A nine year old shouldn’t watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn’t watch more than one hour a day.

Bad news for those of you with older children! At 17 years of age the optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day.

While there is no real evidence on the amount of time spent playing computer games, it is a good idea to keep televisions and computer out of children’s bedrooms.

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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.

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Homework Club - Extracurricular Program

For parents who would like to take advantage of a very generous offer there will be a Homework Club continuing for this year on a Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in the Library with Danielle Q. This may help your child to get started on their homework commitments on the day it is distributed.

Lunchtime Activities Program - Extracurricular Program

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By Jeremy N
Our annual Easter raffle is coming up fast. We have sent home raffle tickets today and ask that all families could please donate an Easter item for the raffle.

**Craft Group will be on every Friday from 9am – 12pm.**

We would also like to start up a book swap where all parents will be able to swap or borrow books. If you have some good old reads, send them up to the office so we can get started!

**Our next meeting will be the AGM, so we are asking all members to please attend and any new members are always welcome.**

**Next meeting (AGM): TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2:00 – 3:30PM**

**BOOKCLUB DUE BACK: MONDAY 16TH MARCH**

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Rotary of Belgrave is currently organising for another container load of equipment to be sent to a community in need. Upwey High School is keen to continue its support of programs and initiatives such as this, so we are looking for our school community to help out. This time the community is of 2000 people on the small island Tatua, an outer island of PNG (see map below). The island is without electricity and the intention is to provide the residents of Tatua with a range of equipment that can be used to support their lifestyle.

Rotary are looking at collecting the following:

- Garden tools in good working order - spades, rakes
- Handtools - axes, tomahawks, hammers, saws etc
- Cooking utensils
- Books

Rotary of Belgrave have organised to run a stall at the Upwey High School Festival on Saturday 14 March from Midday to 5pm. This stall will also act as a collection point for equipment to send to Tatua. If you have any equipment at home that could be sent to Tatua, please come down next Saturday and contribute to a great cause.
Celebrate Cultural Diversity Week
MONDAY 16 MARCH
10am – 11:30am
Mooroobool Community Centre
123 Bruce Avenue, Mooroobool
FREE!
Come along to a FREE morning of play for families and children to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism in the Yarra Ranges. Activities include children’s activities, displays, interactive workshops, movement, music, dances, arts & crafts, food and more!

For more information please contact:
Early Years Development Team, Yarra Ranges Council
Ph: 1300 364 333 or visit www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

I STAND AGAINST BULLYING FORUM

Free Forum and Seminar
In a recent study by the Victorian Department of Health, 47.4% of youth in the Yarra Ranges and 45.2% in the Knox Local Government Area reported being bullied. That’s almost half of all children!

Australian primary schools have amongst the highest rates of bullying reported in the world, at approximately 30% above the international average.

A survey of local parents reported bullying experiences occurring as young as four years of age.

Join us at the FREE I Stand Against Bullying Forum to be part of the Bully Solution
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