LOG CABIN RANCH 3/4 by Hayden W
Last Monday, classes 3/4 went to Log Cabin Ranch at Monbulk. Everyone enjoyed it. On the first night we had a disco. We played corners and a really fun game where you stand on newspaper. I know it sounds weird but it was hilarious. The talent quest was really fun as well. Charlotte, Charlotte and Caitlin won with the cup song. The show ended with a bang when almost everyone got in their sleeping bags and went worm crazy! On our last day we had a lot of fun. At 3 o’clock we packed our bags and went home. We were sad to be leaving so soon, but we were also happy to see our parents. It was a fun camp and a memory we will always keep.
**TRIBES AWARD**

**DYLAN**  
Congratulations, you have been nominated by a school community member for:  
offering to assist a staff member when you knew help was needed.  
Thank you!

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**Footy Day**  
Friday 16th September,  
Dress up as your favourite team, and don’t forget to put your Footy Day lunch orders in by Tuesday 13th September to avoid disappointment.

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**OUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEEDS HELP**

Due to lots of changes within our PA members, we need more parents to join.  
We need helpers for a number of fundraisers that we do over the year for our students and school, it’s a great way to meet new friends!  
If you can help, please call Laura or Cindy.
**VicSpell – State Final**

After wowing the crowd and winning his year level competition at our Yarra Valley region final, Ezekiel H this week travelled to Traralgon to participate in the VICSpell State Final. He is to be congratulated on coming 4th in the competition and for being an excellent ambassador for our school. Thanks too, to Ezekiel’s dad Ben for transporting him all the way out to Gippsland to participate.

**Get your choppers out – for a FREE Dental Screen!**

Inspiro is a local health care provider based in Lilydale, offering dental services to adults and children in the Yarra Ranges. Inspiro has partnered with Upwey Primary School to help prevent dental disease in your local area.

In Term 3, Inspiro will be offering free dental screenings to our students during the following sessions: September 13 & 14 = Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 am

**The dental screening is free of charge for all students, including those with or without a health care card or the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. The screening is not a replacement for a full dental examination. It does, however, provide an important opportunity to identify dental problems at the onset and provide timely intervention.**

Make sure you fill in your child’s consent form that was sent home last week to ensure they receive the free service.

**Principal Performance and Mid-cycle Review**

This week I met with our Dandenong Ranges SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) Denise Kotsikas and some other local Principals to share and discuss the progress we are making as a school in working towards achieving the goals set in our Annual Implementation Plan and the progress I am making personally in achieving the goals I set for myself in my Principal Performance and Development Plan.

These are the goals I am working towards:

- I will build each teacher's capacity to rigorously use student performance data to improve learning outcomes.
- I will lead staff to jointly construct Performance and Development Plans for all teachers that demonstrate SMART goal setting directly related to the Goals in the UPS School Strategic Plan 2016 - 2019.
- I will lead the process of putting in place a School Management Software Program with the view of further developing positive relationships and communication strategies to enhance home/school relationships at Upwey Primary School.
- With a focus on building enrolments and ensuring the sustainability of Upwey PS, build effective relationships with local kindergartens (Upwey Pre-School and Sherbrooke Day Centre) and establish transition programs for Kinder/Prep.

I will improve the teaching and learning of Spelling at Upwey PS.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet with the group and not only share news of our achievements thus far, but also hear about what other schools have been working towards.

**Student Booklist for 2016**

Each school year we ask parents to pay for Essential Items such as pencils, paper and textbooks that are required by every Upweylian so as they can fully participate in our curriculum programs. As of the beginning of September, we have $2080 worth of Essential Items which remain unpaid. We ask families to please address these accounts so as the school is not left out of pocket. As I’m sure you are aware, these are funds which we would love to put to use in our Hall upgrade or in maintaining our gardens. If there are genuine hardship circumstances of which we are unaware, please contact either Cindy or myself to arrange a payment plan. Statements will be sent out next week highlighting outstanding amounts.
The 8th of September was a tiring but fun Athletics day for most of the 5/6s and some of the 3/4s. We first went on a bus to the track but had been held up so we were a little late. When we finally got there a handful people had to rush to their first event (including me). My first event was Triple Jump where you take a run up and hop then take a step and then jump. It was hard but I ended up getting second with a score of 7 metres 67cm. My next event was yet another jumping one as Long Jump. This time I came first with a score of 3 metres 75cm and Michael came second with 3 metres 70cm (go Upwey). Later I went in the 200 metre race but unfortunately I only came 5th. After all that we had one more BIG event, the circular relay. It was quite a wait until the 11 year old boys race came. Also as well as the 11 year old race I filled in for James in the 12/13 race. So it was a really good day that day.

Liam G
Victorian Mathematics Challenge

The Victorian Maths Challenge is a fun and engaging way for families to engage in real life mathematics and explore problems together.

This year, the Challenge for Years 5-8 students runs until 29 November 2016. Take on as few or as many challenges as you like. Work together to find your own solutions.

For early childhood educators and families, resources have been provided to support the engagement of children with everyday mathematics.

If you would like to access the challenges and find out more go to: http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au/

Example Challenge:

Laura Caddy
Principal

P.A. NEWS

Our Cadbury Fundraiser is well underway,
Thanks to all the families who have already returned the money raised from selling the chocolates. A bigger thanks to the families who have sold more than one box. We have had an offer from one family to sell 10 boxes. Thanks to the Sparkes family!!!
Please remember that the money and chocolates are due back by the end of Term 3.

Footy Day luncheon order forms have been sent out. Please get your orders in by Tuesday 13th September, to guarantee your yummy lunch. Don’t forget to dress up in your favourite footy colours.

The Little Lyrebird Market is to be held on Saturday 17th September, it’s been a fantastic effort by Danielle Q. We have nearly 30 stalls booked with some of the most amazing items available for sale. Please have a look on our Facebook page to see the range. We hope all families come on the Saturday to support this wonderful fundraising day.
We have sent a roster form for all families to help on the BBQ, & Cake stall. if you could donate an hour or two, please return the slip ASAP.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the PA fundraising throughout this year.

Your support is appreciated and vital!!

Vic spelling State Championship

On the 7th of September I went to Traralgon to compete in the Vic Spelling State Championship.

We arrived at Traralgon at 9:30-ish pm where my family & I slept in the Local Scout Hall.
We drove to the School where the Vic spelling State Championship was being held, we got into the room just as the competition began, the years 5s were first to compete (out of grades 5-8) they dropped like flies, then it was the year 6’s turn.
When I took my seat, the feeling was more extreme then butterflies, it felt like my stomach had a mental poodle dog in it, but I contained myself and when my name was called I got up, I had picked the number ‘1’, I got the word right and sat down again until it rotated back to me, I picked ‘1’ again, and answered correctly, then the cycle went again. I stood up to get my word, I got…. ‘1’, people started to get creeped out, I got the word right then I sat down. I got ‘1’ for the next few turns, then I got a word wrong, it was the word ‘Apolgetic’ which I sadly spelt like this ‘Apolgetic’. I sat down, grief-ridden but I did so I sat with my integrity & dignity attached, a couple of more kids got their words wrong too, so when it was time for me 2-3 other kids followed. I came 4th overall in the state.
I thoroughly enjoyed the competition and I wish to encourage everyone into participating in it, I promise you will enjoy it!

By Ezekiel Harris
We’ve had great fun in the garden digging for snails. We made houses for the snails and some even liked them so much they were still there in the morning! The dolls houses will be going into the school garden to be transformed into “Bug Hotels”.

Laces practice with Zdenka!

MATILDA!!!! Have you forgotten me??!!!
We really need volunteers for the BBQ & Cake stall as well as our Book stall for The Little Lyrebird Market. A roster will be sent out next week.

Stalls are available to school families at half price - just $15 for a marquee spot, or $10 inside. Some people may like to share a spot. We so far have over 25 stall holders booked. Please spread the word, we have room for 50 stalls.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Scooter or Skateboard
Trumpet
A Crown
If you can help, please contact the office

Get to know an Upwey-lian

Introduce yourself: Hi my name is Mikayla
Tell us about your family: I have a sister Tala and a mummy and a daddy.
Do you have any pets? No I don’t have any pets.
What is your favourite subject at school and why? I love doing Maths because I like counting.
How would you spend $1000000? I would buy 100 chocolates.
What do you like about Upwey PS? I like coming here because I like when it’s sunny and when it rains. I love wet day timetables.
HEADLICE WARNING

Those crazy critters are back!

We have had a number of reports of headlice in all classes. 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 Nits and eggs have disappeared. Please report any cases to school so we can stay on top of this problem. We thanks you for your support!