PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 1.4.2011

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX

What an enjoyable day! The drivers and pushers did a great job and avoided any major accidents...just a few squashed witches hats and cones!

Congratulations to everyone who took part and did their best in the name of fun and involvement.

Special congratulations to the winning drivers who obviously used strong engines and showed great steering and driving skills.

The placers were:

Prep- 1st- Jai B, 2nd- Ash Q, 3rd- Josh M
Year 1- 1st- Tristan M, 2nd- Kurtis H, 3rd- Sam M
Year 2- 1st- Leeson T, 2nd- Jeremy N, 3rd- Deborah M
Year 3- 1st- Connor V, 2nd- Amy N, 3rd- Caitlin S
Year 4- 1st- Julian D (fastest time of the day at 27.18 seconds for a lap), 2nd- Marshall B, 3rd- Deborah M
Year 5- 1st- Luke M, 2nd- Nathan D, 3rd- Oliver G
Year 6- 1st- Jayden C, 2nd- Cal T,
Staff- 1st- Mr G (The speed demon!), 2nd- Mr A
PH Art Award Ripley
For being a kind and co-operative student in Art with so many things to do, well done for concentrating and doing beautiful work always.

Super Job!

PH Josh
For being a very friendly and helpful member of our class.

Well done!

PH Dylan
For speaking with confidence during Show & Tell.

PH Art Award Ben
For being very creative with plasticine and a co-operative class member.

3/4G Music Award Rhianne
For always paying attention and being enthusiastic during music with great singing too!

3/4G Music Award Jimmy
For participating well in a challenging beat keeping activity.

3/4G Daniela
For her focus and determination during Maths Buddy activity on 4x tables.

6R Declan
For working out how many degrees inside a triangle, and for being a happy, friendly member of class.

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT UPWEY P.S

• Mon 2nd May: Responsible Pet Ownership
• Fri 13th May: Market Fresh Fruit Presentation
• Mon 30th May: School Photo Day
• Fri 17th June: Curriculum Day
• Sat 30th July: Trivia Night
• Mon 29th Aug: Years 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge,

“MANAGE THE MOVE”-TRANSITION2SECONDARY- CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES
Held on Monday 28th March in the Upwey Primary School Library
Thanks to the Year 5 & 6 parents who took advantage of this opportunity to attend the special presentation by Sally-Anne McCormack on the topic of Year 6-7 Transition.
Mrs Rowles and I also enjoyed the presentation with fruitful discussions and concerns addressed.
We had several parents from neighbouring schools present and they also remarked positively about the evening indicating they gained a great deal.

REGIONAL NETWORK LEADER VISIT
Our Regional Network Leader Tom Daly paid us a visit on Wednesday this week and was very impressed with what he saw. He did visit all classrooms and commented on how great they looked and the excellent atmosphere within. I also showed him over the new Student Kitchens in the Multi Purpose Room (BASC/Music Room/Student Kitchens). It was opportune to see the Year 5 & 6 children completing their cooking activity at the time of the visit.

GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY MARKET IN UPWEY- Saturday 26th March
The Grassroots Community Market was held last Saturday. The Upwey Primary School Sausage Sizzle was a considerable success with around $800 being raised. This is a great start to the year’s fundraising.
Thanks to those who supported the market and Sausage Sizzle and in particular to the helpers who assisted with the stall, selling sausages and drinks throughout the day.
EASTER HAT PARADE - FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

The Junior School Council are organising a Free Dress Day and Easter Hat Parade for Friday 8th April with a gold coin donation being collected for the Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Appeal. Children will be encouraged to make Easter Hats as a Homework Exercise and participate in the parade. A local newspaper will be present to take photographs also. Please see your classroom teacher if you would like some assistance with materials or ideas.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1 - NEXT WEEK

We will be having a final assembly for Term 1 next Friday 8th April at 2:10 pm and dismissal will be at approximately 2:30 pm.

EARLY DISMISSAL - END OF TERM 1

A reminder that after the Final assembly for Term 1 the school will be dismissing early at 2:30 pm to begin the school holiday period. School will return on Wednesday 27th April after the Anzac-Easter break.

ANZAC BADGES & WRIST BANDS

In support of the Upwey Belgrave RSL we will be selling ANZAC badges and wrist bands next week. Costs are: Normal Badges -$2, Wrist Bands- $3, Slouch Hat Badges- $5.

They will be available at the office from Monday 4th April.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The April School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7:30 pm.

STAFF PLANNING WEEK - NEXT WEEK

Teachers will have their planning week in preparation for Term 2 next week and so there will be no Specialist Classes in – Music, Art/Craft or PE next week. Grades will be taken by other staff during the planning mornings.

Mrs Rowles & Mr Gallaher - Planning on Tuesday 5th April - 5/6R - Mrs Aspinall, 3/4 G - Mr Aspinall or Mrs Pergl

Mrs Hickey & Mrs Arvanitis - Planning on Wednesday 6th April - Prep H - Mrs Slavnic, 1/2 A - Mr Aspinall

TAKE CARE

STRANGER DANGER REMINDER

A recent local report of a person in a car following some students which was reported to the police heightens the need for vigilance and all of us to remind children to take care without causing alarm. Again with the school holidays approaching it is an opportune time to remind children to take care when going to and leaving school each day.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

I have noticed a recent trend by some children to come to school with non-uniform clothing items. I would like to remind parents and children that we do have a school uniform policy which indicates that children who are out of uniform for a legitimate reason need to bring a note signed by parents to indicate the reason. Children who have come out of uniform without permission have been given a warning before a consequence is given. We do have a few spare clothing items in the 2nd hand uniforms if anyone is requiring some assistance with uniform items. In regard to Year 6 windcheaters we have still not received the completion date and so order forms have not yet been distributed. The final design has been chosen and printing style has been selected by the children.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY - UNLESS ILL!

This is a follow up to last week's newsletter item. Here are some of the reasons for children to have regular attendance at school as provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Is regular attendance at school important?

Yes – from the first day. If your child misses the basic skills in primary school they can experience difficulties with their learning.

Regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future.

Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem.

Must I send my child to school every day?

Yes, unless:

- your child is too sick or injured to go to school
- your child has an infectious disease
- the principal is provided with any other genuine and acceptable reason for absence.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away?

Yes – for the wellbeing of your child, Department of Education & Training has an attendance policy and teachers and schools are required to follow up student absences.

Please don't forget:

We ask that all parents and carers be vigilant when treating their children for headlice. The conditioning treatment is recommended every time you wash your child's hair after an outbreak. This will stop those little eggs (which may have been missed) from creating more of a problem.

We thank you for your continued support.

Happy Birthday

For our students & staff

1st Apr - 8th Apr

Michael H

Dylan & Regan

Jeremy

Hannah
Dandenong Ranges National Park

Autumn in the Forest
14 – 21 April 2011

This autumn, join park staff for a fun-filled program of FREE and informative activities that the whole family will enjoy. Explore the National Rhododendron Gardens on their Free Family Fun Day, marvel at Minibeasts, become a Bush Detective, get active in the Autumn Olympics, or take a short stroll around Sky High Mount Dandenong, as part of their Children’s Week activities.

Phone Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Free Family Fun Day

National Rhododendron Gardens
The Georgian Road, Olinda
Tuesday 19th April, 10am-3pm

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

- Wildlife Demonstration
- Butterfly Tent
- Scout rope walk & activities
- Ranger interpretive walks and talks
- CIA Fire Truck on site
- Amazing Race children’s activity
- Field Naturalists display
- Bird Observation & Conservation display
- Interactive activities and games for children
- Plant growing demonstrations
- Cafe Vevey and sausage sizzle

Everyone welcome!
For further information contact Maureen Irwin on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

Healthy Parks Healthy People
# 2011 - Upwey Primary
## School Family Calendar

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## Before & After School Care

Hi Everyone,

A lot on at BASC for the last week of Term

**Monday:** Anzac Biscuits

**Tuesday:** Easter Egg Baskets

**Wednesday:** Chocolate Making

**Thursday:** Easter Decorations

**Friday:** Easter Egg Hunt and end of Term Celebrations

A reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm next Friday, so please make a booking for BASC before places run out. Contact the office or myself to make a Booking.

Have a great weekend. Sam;)
LOOK WHAT WE MADE!

5/6R put their Chef hats on and made Gnocci with delicious pasta sauce......yum!