Congratulations to Jake D for his fantastic design for the Jumper!

Calendar

**Friday 29th April, 2011**

Monday 2nd May  
Tuesday 3rd May  
Tuesday 10th May  
Friday 13th May  

Responsible Pet Ownership  
P.A Meeting in Staffroom 9am  
Naplan Testing begins; Tues, Weds & Thurs  
Market Fresh Day

Our Year 6 Jumpers have arrived!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 29.4.2011

TERM 2 BEGINS!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday and Easter break including some well appreciated sunshine recently. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term with Education Week coming up soon as well as excursions/incursions and sporting activities.

YEAR 6 WINDCHEATERS

It is great to see the Year 6 children with their new windcheaters. The chosen print design (by Jake D) was chosen after all the Year 6 children came up with their own individual ideas for the design. The first time this has happened! Thanks to Jamie at JBE Screen-printing for offering to assist us with the new process, completing the ordering and printing this year. The Year 6 children may also have the opportunity to have their Polo T-shirts printed with the design at a later date if the idea is popular. (At a cost of course!)
NEW STAFF
As I mentioned in the final newsletter for Term 1 Mrs Slavnic will no longer fill the Art and Music specialist teacher role. I am sure we will still see her around as a Casual Relief Teacher and again I wish to thank her for her considerable efforts at Upwey PS over the last couple of years.

At the beginning of the holidays a school panel selected new staff for the part-time positions. The successful candidates were:

Art Teacher-Mrs Angela Mitchell- Wednesdays-previously worked at Billanook College in 2010 Music Teacher- Mrs Erin Beer- Tuesdays- previously worked at Croydon West PS. (On Family Leave)
Integration Aide- 1/2 A- Mr Glenn Wilkinson- previously contracted for Term 1.

I welcome both Angela and Erin as new staff members to the school. The children have already met Mrs Mitchell for Art lessons this week and will meet Mrs Beer for Music on Tuesday next week.

Please make them feel welcome if you have the opportunity to meet them.

NEW STUDENTS
It is with pleasure that I introduce the school to our new students- Ariel K (Year 1 girl in 1/2 A) and Sage K (Prep boy in Prep H). The family have been residents in the Upwey area but moved to Tasmania for work commitments and have now moved back into the area recently.

Please make parents Katie and Damien welcome if you have the opportunity to meet or chat with them.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY PLACEMENT FORMS
All the Year 6 children should have received their placement forms for Year 7 secondary school placement in 2012. Please complete and return the Application For Enrolment by Friday 20th May.

YARRABEE YESTERDAY’S WORLD- P-2 EXCURSION
Accompanying the newsletter is the permission form for the Yarrabee Yesterday’s World Excursion for Prep H and 1/2 A. I realise the cost is very high at $30 per student, especially for families with siblings in the two grades, but the excursion is extremely worthwhile and will be central to the curriculum theme work being completed in the classrooms during this term. It is also noted that the grades did not complete sporting or excursion activities during Term 1 in anticipation of this cost. I have approved access to payment plans for those who require assistance with payment for the excursion.

NAPLAN TESTING
The National Standardised Testing Program for Year 3 and Year 5 children will be held on Tuesday 10th May (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation as well as Writing) Wednesday 11th May (Reading), and Thursday 12th May (Mathematics- Number). I am encouraging all parents to ensure that their children are well rested, well organised and at school on time during the testing period. Any parents requesting exemption for their children will need to see me to organise a written statement.

EDUCATION WEEK- 16-20th MAY
Advance information that Education Week will be held during the Week of 16th – 20th May. We have a host of activities planned with a promotional flyer being distributed next week. Some of the events to put in your diary are:

Monday 16th May- Special Person’s Day (Invitations will be sent by children to their Special Person to visit the school from 11:30 – 1:00 for some special events.)
Wednesday 18th May- Open Evening- Art Theme- Children and parents come and help create a special mural/diorama.
Thursday 19th May- Upwey Pre School Visit- Science Activities 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Friday 20th May- Walk Safely To School Day

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION & REVIEW
As previously mentioned the school will be going through a School Self- Evaluation before a School Review is completed as a Department requirement (completed every 4 years). This is a major commitment and we will need feedback from all sectors of the school community- parents, staff and students.

A very important evening Parent Forum on Monday 30th May from 7-8:30 pm in the school library has been organised for parents to provide ideas and input about our School Self Evaluation.

Please attend to have your say on the elements of school life that affect our community, in particular the children, in order to assess what is going well, where the school should direct resources and how/where we can make improvements. Please put this date in your diary.

More information will be available soon.

PREPS- 201 LITERACY AND MATHS TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD
This publication prepared by the Department of Education (DEECD) is being distributed with the newsletter for all Prep children. I am sure that families will find the information useful as it provides ideas for parental support, understanding and assistance.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The May School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9th May at 7:30 pm.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING DRIVE
Our P.A. are organising a Chocolate drive as a major part of their fundraising. Each family will receive a box of chocolates to sell. The chocolates are $1 each. If you do not wish to receive a box please contact the office before Wednesday 6th May. We look forward to another successful fundraising event.

UPCOMING EVENTS
RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP
We will be having a special presentation to all grades on Responsible Pet Ownership on Monday 2nd May.
Eva will present information to children on correct processes and considerations for being a responsible pet owner. She will bring her dogs for the demonstration and presentation as well as use interactive media.

The presentation will be in the library. Parents are welcome to attend.

Please let me know if your child has any allergies or fears in relation to this presentation.

The schedule will be:
Grade 5/6 R- 10:10 – 11:00 am
Grade 3/4 G- 11:30 am -12:10 am
Prep H & Grade 1/2 A- 12:15- 12:55 pm
MARKET FRESH PROGRAM
We will again be having a visit from the Melbourne Market Authority for the Market Fresh Schools Program. Children will be involved in a Fresh Food information program and be able to sample fresh market produce as part of the program. The program for the whole school will be on Friday 13th May.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
The House Cross Country Sports will be held on Tuesday 17th May from 10:00 am. Children will be able to attend in House Colours to show their allegiance. All children will be required to attend unless excused for reasons provided in a parent letter. Children will be running over appropriate distances according to their age level with the Year 5 & 6 children running over 2-3 kilometres. The course will be on the school oval and across Upwey High and the Upwey Reserve. Children may walk the event which is part of our PE and Sports Program in the school.
The results will assist in determining the school team for the District Cross Country Sports.
The District Cross Country Sports will be held on Friday 27th May at Crystalbrooke Park, Cardinia Reservoir (Melways126B11) from 12-2:30 pm.

FUNDRAISER- READING MATERIAL

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
The PA/Fundraising has supported the introduction of the Scholastic Book Club offers this year in order to support/encourage reading for our children. The offers provide a very good range of reading material at reasonable prices. All children will receive information about the offers when they are available and there is no obligation to purchase. I thank Kristy B for offering to organise distribution of offers and collate the orders, both quite time-consuming jobs.
Below are the general details about the Scholastic Book Club for your information.
Scholastic Book Clubs offer a convenient way for your child to select and purchase worthwhile and appealing books. The books have been expertly selected to span a range of reading levels and interests and are offered at very reasonable prices. The wide range of newly published titles and old favourites represents a thoughtful mix of books from Australian and international publishers. The offers operate about 8 times a year. Accompanying this newsletter is the latest student brochure, with an order form on the back. Complete the order form, if you wish, to make a purchase, and return the order form to the school with correct payment by the closing date indicated. (This first order will be due by Monday 16th May- No late orders will be accepted.) The orders will be collated at school and sent to Scholastic and the books will then be delivered to the school for distribution to the children to take home.
The school will receive free books and/or teaching resources from Book Clubs as a result of orders collected.

DONATIONS-CONTACTS REQUESTED-TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
We are seeking donations or contacts for donations that any families might have for our major fundraising Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 30th July. Please contact me or the office if you are able to assist or have any ideas on prospective companies etc. The PA/Fundraising have already sought a large amount of contacts and been successful with many but I am keen to reach as far and wide as possible.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

LOST SCOOTER
We have a lost scooter that was found in the school grounds near the end of Term 1. If anyone knows the owner or has lost a scooter (small- red, pink and white- just about the right colours actually!) please contact the office.

HEADLINE COMBS
We now have “Nitpickers” head lice combs available for sale at the office. The cost is $10 per comb and comes with an educational management support sheet. These are great combs, they remove head lice and their eggs easily, safe and economically.

JUST FOR FUN

A DEFINITION
One million aches- one megahertz.

Our P.A will be running their annual
Mother Day Stall
Friday 6th May
Gifts from $1 to $6

McDonalds in Tecoma??????

McDonald’s are proposing to build a take-away/restaurant in Tecoma, open 24/7!
Is this the thin end of the wedge?
Come and join the “No McDonald’s” in the Dandenong Ranges” campaign.

Public Meeting
7:30 pm Friday 6th May 2011
Tecoma Primary School Hall
How to have fun, get fit and socialise for only $25!

At a tennis club near you from 9 May - 10 June

For further information, email Anne-Maree Southern (soccer@premiply.vic.edu.au)

Tennis Coaching Lessons
At Upwey Tecoma Tennis Club
Friday afternoons 4pm start
8 – 65 MINUTE LESSONS $50 FOR THE TERM

All Ages and Standards Catered for from 3 years upwards

Book now as limited position and term 2 reigning Grant Kendall Club Professional

on 0414 584 610 or email grantkendall@odo.com.au

Knox Baseball Club Inc
Established 1977

Are you thinking about getting your youngster into some form of sporting activity? If you are, consider the following.

TEE BALL

The ball is basically an introduction into softball, baseball or even cricket. With a set of rules that enable all children to participate... boy, girl, big or small... it doesn’t matter.

FUN, FAIR PLAY, FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS, FAMILY INVOLVEMENT, EVERYONE GETS A FAIR GO.

The tee ball seasons for boys and girls from 5-10 years of age. It is an intense, contact activity and our qualified coaches cater for all skill levels.

The primary 5-6 weeks of our program aims to teach the fundamentals of throwing, catching, batting and running bases. While the young participants approach it initially with varying degrees of confidence, we have found that by the end of the program the children have achieved many positive outcomes including:

- Improved hand-eye coordination skills
- Improved fitness, strength and athletics
- New friendships
- The opportunity to participate in a team environment
- And, most importantly, they have had fun.

OUR 2011 TEE BALL PROGRAM

Where: Knox Baseball Club situated at Gilbert Park, Knoxfield (HEWAYS 73 C E)
When: From 10:30am on Saturday mornings during the period 30 April to August 2011 (Term 2: Sessions will not be held during school holiday periods)
Duration: 10 sessions (weather permitting). Sessions will be held under cover if necessary.
Cost: $35 per child (includes ABF Registration fee, Insurance, Knox cap and line top)
Registration Dates: Saturday 9 April 2011 10am to 1pm
Equipment: All teams have a limited number of gloves available for loan and will also have a supply of padded ABF tees and bats which will include a glove, cap and line top. These will cost approximately $30 each.


An Evening with Junee Waites
Author of Smiling At Shadows

BRABINA - Childhood Autism Services invites you to come and listen to Junee’s family story about living with Autism.

During the evening Junee will talk about living with raising her son Dane who is on the Autism Spectrum and the remarkable journey through KSAS and PDD. As a baby Dane didn’t smile at his parents – Dane smiled at the shadows of moving trees. The movement of the leaves distracted and comforted him. Rod and Junee’s life was framed by the joy and the heartache of meeting Dane in this world, and the challenges of drawing him into their Junee’s story is extraordinary, her family has thrived against great odds, and her life has been deeply enriched and she has learned to smile at the shadows as well.

Wednesday 11th May 2011
AT: South Croydon Anglican Church
199 Baywater Road
Baywater 3153
TIME: 7pm

Cost: $30
Light refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP to Reception on 9726 1118 or autums@brabina.com
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Anzac Biscuits - chewy

Ingredients
1 cup plain flour
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup desiccated coconut
3/4 cup brown sugar
125g butter
2 tbs golden syrup
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Method
Preheat oven to 160 degrees. Use 2 non-stick baking trays, or line them with non-stick baking paper.

Sift flour into a large bowl, add the oats, coconut and brown sugar. Stir together.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter, golden syrup and 2 tablespoons of water together over a medium heat until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in the bicarbonate of soda. The liquid should froth up a bit.

Pour the butter mixture into the flour mixture and stir until combined.

Roll level tablespoons of the mixture into balls and place on trays about 5cm apart (to allow for them spreading). Press with a fork lightly to flatten slightly.

Do not worry if you have some left over dry mixture in the bottom of the bowl, just dispose of that.

Bake for 10 mins or until golden brown.

Remove from oven and allow to stand on trays for 5 minutes, before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks. Can also be frozen.

Note: when these are removed from the oven they will still be soft, but they do harden up a bit on the tray. They are cooked if they are golden.

The History of the ANZAC BISCUIT

They're as Australian as lamingtons and pumpkin scones, but how much do you really know about Anzac biscuits?

Most of us are probably aware that they date back to World War I, and were eaten by our troops on the shores of Gallipoli and the fields of Flanders, but before you try baking your own (see related recipes), check out these interesting Anzac biscuit facts:

- The original Anzac biscuit was known as an Anzac wafer or tile and, along with beef bully, was part of the rations given to our soldiers during World War I. They were included instead of bread because they had a much longer shelf-life.
- These biscuits were so hard they prompted a Lieutenant A L Dardel in 1915 to comment that "the man who can eat Gallipoli stodge (called bread) can eat anything... somebody will break his neck someday wandering round with his eyes shut and his teeth clenched on a biscuit trying to bite it through".
- Many soldiers ground these biscuits into a type of porridge to make them more palatable.
- The mothers, wives and girlfriends of Australian troops back home must've got wind of the terrible Anzac tiles and were reportedly concerned that their boys were not getting enough nutrients. Knowing that oats were a food of high nutritional value, these women used the recipe for Scottish oatcakes as a base and developed what we know of today as the Anzac biscuit.
- Before being named Anzac biscuits, these biscuits were said to have been called soldier's biscuits.
- Along with oats, the other ingredients - sugar, flour, coconut, butter, golden syrup and bi-carbonate of soda - were used because they would be able to withstand the long journey via ship that the biscuits had to make to reach the troops.
- Eggs, a common binding agent in biscuits, were purposely not used because of the high likelihood that they would spoil before they reached Gallipoli or the Western Front.
- In a study of the significance of Anzac biscuits by Sian Supski, the author concludes that the biscuits not only remind us of a time in Australian history that was seen as pivotal, but they also "signify women's input to the war effort on the home front".