PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 8.4.2011

HOLIDAYS ALREADY!
I hope many are looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable couple of weeks. We have completed a busy and hard working term and now everyone can look forward a well-deserved holiday break. Thanks to parents, staff and children for all their efforts during Term 1 and we look forward to another busy and exciting term after the holidays.

EASTER HAT PARADE- FRIDAY 8TH APRIL
What a colourful and interesting array of hats and outfits today! The Junior School Council organised the Free Dress Day and Easter Hat Parade today with a gold coin donation being collected for the Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Appeal. The parade was a terrific sight and some were selected to have a photograph session for the local newspaper- the Belgrave Ferntree Gully Mail. Thanks to all the parents and visitors who attended to witness the parade. Special thanks to the Easter Bunny (Luke M) for handing out chocolate eggs to all who participated. The Junior School Council also selected two Champion Awards for the best designs in each grade.

What clever little bunnies we have at Upwey P.S.
PH Regan
For always showing his ‘Personal Best’ during all activities!
Keep it up!

PH Jai
For confidently participating in all activities and circle time games!
Well done!

1/2A Tristan
For including everyone in class games and activities and for his constant encouragement towards others.

1/2A Lydia
For her attentive listening and concentrating during circle time. Well done Lydia!

1/2A Caitlin
For her super effort in making sure our classroom is always left neat and tidy. Thank you Caitlin!

1/2A Kurtis
For his good sportsmanship after winning our ordinal number hopping race, well done Kurt!

5R Lucia
For an outstanding effort on her map of Australia showing mountains, rivers, lakes etc.

5R Marguerite
For amazing presentation of her Australian map depicting rivers, mountains, lakes etc.

5R Nathan
For working with great diligence on his Natural Disaster activities. Also, for being a positive, inclusive class member.

5R P.E Award Alec
For excellent effort with ball handling, hitting and catching skill.

6R Jake
For fabulous presentation of his Australian map depicting mountains, rivers, lakes etc.

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT UPWEY.P.S

Monday 2nd May
Responsible Pet Ownership

Friday 13th May
Market Fresh Fruit Presentation

Monday 30th May
School Photo day

Friday 17th June
Curriculum Day

Saturday 30th July
Trivia Night

Monday 29th August
Years 5 & 6 Forest Lodge Camp

PREP- BACK TO KINDER VISIT
Thanks to Upwey Pre School for hosting our Prep grade on Tuesday this week with the “Back To Kinder” visit. Mrs Hickey and the children enjoyed their time and were well looked after. Thanks to Michelle M for accompanying the grade during their visit which was part of the Pre School to Prep Transition Program.

STAFFING CHANGE- MRS SLAVNIC
It is with regret that I inform the Upwey PS Community that Mrs Slavnic will no longer fill the Art and Music specialist teacher role. Mrs Slavnic has been a vital member of the staff during her time at Upwey PS during 2009 (classroom role), 2010 (Art & Music) and 2011 (Term 1- Art & Music). She has been a great ambassador for the school and completed her roles with a huge level of dedication and enthusiasm. I have appreciated her commitment and wish to recognise all that she has done for the school. The Art & Music positions have been advertised and Mrs Slavnic has decided not to apply and concentrate on her business opportunities instead. She will still be available for casual relief teaching so we will certainly see her around the school in the future- and look forward to welcoming her back. The staff held a special morning tea and gift giving on Wednesday this week to thank her for her most valued contributions.
ANZAC PARADE- MONBULK
STUDENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Luke M (5/6R) will be involved in this year’s Monbulk ANZAC PARADE on Monday 25th April. He will be playing his trumpet at the ceremony. Congratulations to Luke and we hope he plays the Last Post beautifully. Great to see such involvement of our students in local community events.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY- SUNSMART POLICY
School hats are not required during Term 2 and Term 3.

HEALTH WARNING
BEAT THE BITE
In this week’s newsletter is an item from the Department of Education regarding mosquito activity recently due to the current weather conditions. Please read without causing alarm.

MUSIC & ART POSITIONS
Interviews have continued for the positions after receiving a large number of applications. Details of the successful applicants will be notified at the beginning of Term 2. We will be having two separate staff members for Art and Music.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1- NEXT WEEK
We will be having the final assembly for Term 1 today, Friday 8th April at 2:10 pm and dismissal will be at approximately 2:30 pm. 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 in the first week of Term 2. They are available for purchase today at the office.
Costs are: Normal Badges -$2, Wrist Bands- $3, Slouch Hat Badges- $5

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The April School Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 6th April at 7:30 pm. Some of the decisions made included:
The Annual Program Budget was passed (Describing expenditures and income for the 2011 year)
The Annual Implementation Plan 2011 was passed with certain anomalies noted.
The Annual Report 2010 was passed with minor alterations to the draft (These documents will soon be placed on the school web site.)
House Cross Country day to be Tuesday 17th May from 10:00 am
New carpet and vinyl for the Multi Purpose Room- Approved in concept (BASC, Student Kitchens & Music room)
Anticipated relocation of the Upwey Pre School Pirate Ship Playground item to Upwey Primary School Grounds.
Next School Council Meeting- Monday 9th May.

FUNDRAISER
LORRAINE LEA LINEN DISPLAY
Thanks to Samantha E for holding the Lorraine Lea Linen display as a special fundraiser for Upwey PS. The sales achieved mean that we will raise about $100 for the school which will assist in going towards our Trivia Evening later in the year. Thanks to all the parents who came to look over the items and make purchases, your support is much appreciated.

BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES
TREE REMOVAL DURING THE HOLIDAYS
We will have some high risk and compromised trees removed from near our buildings during the holiday period. The department have contracted the work after Bushfire Assessments made by arborists and Bushfire Management Engineers. Please keep away from any works during the holidays although appropriate cordonning off with risk areas will no doubt occur. I have been involved with all discussions, inspections and identifications to ensure that minimal works will be carried out to ensure retention of our wonderful vegetation area but with due regard for the highest levels of safety for children and staff at Upwey Primary School.

BEAT THE BITE: SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CONTENT
If you’re planning to go on holidays over the break, here is some important information to know from the Department of Health.

BEAT THE BITE!
Its holiday time and lots of families will be heading to areas where mosquito activity has been high – and they’re not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you and your family can protect yourselves and Beat the bite:
- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin.
- Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about. Dusk and dawn is when most mozzies are active.
- Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your accommodation.
- On holidays make sure your mosquito netting or screens are properly fitted.
- If you’ve got a baby in your family, it’s safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.

For more information www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

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For our students
8th Apr – 29th Apr
Hannah Ripley
Hailey Leeson
Mary Holly N
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Monday 2 May 1:30pm – 7:30pm
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Friday 6 May 9:30am – 3:30pm

To book call 13 14 95 or email dppellen@redcrossblood.org.au

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### Before & After School Care

Hi Everyone,

What a great Term we have had in BASC. The new kitchens have been a great addition to our room. I hope you have a relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Happy Easter & take care

From Sam

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### Wildlife Warning on Our Roads

If you encounter injured wildlife on the road, you can get help by ringing RACV. Through our Wildlife Connect initiative, your call will be connected to the appropriate emergency wildlife rescue service.

Call the 24 hour Emergency Roadside Assistance number, 131 111.
our easter hat parade