PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 26.8.2011

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Parent Opinion Surveys have been distributed on Monday this week to most, but not all families as a result of a computer generated random selection process. Responses from the Parent Opinion Survey provide valuable evidence for school decisions and directions and so I am encouraging all those who have received a survey to respond appropriately and ensure we have an excellent return rate. Year 5 and 6 parents involved will receive the survey with the newsletter today. As an extra incentive each child in the family returning the survey will receive a Freddo Frog or stationery item in appreciation for the return. Please make sure you include your name on the return slip attached to the envelope.
Prep H Ben
For guessing some sounds in words with confidence!

Prep H Sage
For sharing his thoughts more clearly during “Show and Tell”.

Prep H Music Chelsea
For approaching music with such a positive attitude and playing Mary had a little Lamb so well!

1/2A Music Sam
For being so positive and focussed during music and playing Twinkle, Twinkly little Star so well!

1/2A Gage
For doing his personal best during class writing time. Well done Gage, keep it up!

1/2A Caitlin
For following all Tribes Agreements and being a happy and responsible member of 1/2A!

PASSIONS 2011
Passions 2011 continues on Tuesday 30th August and Tuesday 13th September.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE FARM CAMP
The Year 5 & 6 children have been extremely fortunate to have a week of magnificent weather for this week’s camp. They are returning to school at about 3:00 pm today. All have been enjoying the facilities and local excursion to view the coastline. I am sure we will have plenty of details about the exciting activities next week. Thanks to Mrs Rowles, Mr Gallaher and Sandra (& Miss Markham) for their terrific commitment and involvement with the children.

UPWEY KINDER PIRATE SHIP PLAY EQUIPMENT
Due to imminent relocation of the Upwey Pre School to new facilities and the smaller playground area within the new facilities the Pirate Ship Playground equipment will need to be relocated. We have been in negotiations with the kinder to relocate it in our school grounds next to the Red & Green equipment. The relocation will occur on the week beginning Monday 5th September (hence the need to prepare the area at the working bee). We are extremely happy to be able to retain this favourite playground equipment in the local area.

WORKING BEE – THIS SUNDAY
Our Working Bee will be held on Sunday 28th August from 9:30am. We will have a substantial amount of preparation for our new playground item (Upwey Kinder’s Pirate Ship) including digging and constructing a sleeper retaining wall. This will be an exciting addition to our existing extensive playground equipment. It would also be nice to finally complete our garden shed. Painting over the graffiti will be another priority. Please come and help us maintain and improve our grounds, even an hour or two would be much appreciated.

WORKING BEE
THIS SUNDAY, 28TH August
9.30 - ???
Sausage Sizzle provided
We have a substantial amount of preparation for our new playground item (Upwey Kinder’s Pirate ship) including digging and constructing a sleeper retaining wall. We also hope to complete the garden shed. All children and parents who attend will go into our end of year raffle, so please come along, many hands make light work.
**BOOK FAIR**

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair as part of our celebration of Book Week and National Literacy/ Numeracy Week. At the Book Fair, which is now located in the library, we have a display of books for purchase and parents/children will be able to buy the titles to heighten interest in books during this time. Children have been able to view the book selection today and complete a wish list. Information brochures have been distributed with many book titles advertised. Parents may then choose to purchase books, fulfill the wish list or not. Year 5 & 6 children on camp will have the opportunity to complete their wish lists on Monday 29th August. Thanks Sue C for setting up the whole display of Scholastic Books. Sales will be available on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st August from 3:00 until 4:00 pm.

**BOOK CHARACTER PARADE** – Please note change of date to Friday 2nd September

As part of our celebration of Book Week and National Literacy/Numeracy Week we will be holding a Book Character Dress Up Day on Friday 2nd September, this will include a parade at 9:15 am. Children will be encouraged to dress up as a character in a book and try to bring the actual book to show the class if possible. We wish to have characters from books and not movies, unless the movie followed the release of a book.

**Book Swap:** We are also encouraging children to bring along two pre-loved or 2nd hand books that they are willing to part with and swap with other children on Friday 2nd September. The whole school will be completing this activity in the hall as a multi-age activity.

**HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS**

The House Athletics Sports will be held on Wednesday 31st August. Full details of the day will be distributed in an information sheet accompanying the newsletter. We will encourage all children to come appropriately dressed for competition on that day and wear house colours if possible. Please contact the office if you are able to assist with events on that day.

House Sports results will determine the School Team for the District Athletics Sports to be held on Thursday 8th September.

**SCHOOL REVIEW DAY**

Our School Review will be held on Tuesday 6th September and will take up the whole day. Jan Lovett is our school reviewer. Tom Daly, our regional network leader, Jenny Staff, school council president and senior staff will also be involved during the day.

Thanks to all those who have been involved in our Self Evaluation process that preceded the School Review.

**PRINCIPALS’ CONFERENCE REPORT**

I enjoyed my time at the Knox and Dandenong Ranges Networks Principals’ Conference at Cape Schanck Resort last Thursday and Friday. Some activities were quite intense and others more relaxing. The commitment to our schools and the children in our schools was clear. The staff will also receive follow up work on information and areas covered at the conference.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ART LESSONS CHANGE**

**ART LESSONS:** Mrs Mitchell has kindly agreed to complete Art lessons on Thursday 1st September due to the Athens Sports being held on the Wednesday, which is usually the day for Art lessons.

**REACH PROGRAM**

The REACH program which began in 2009 and continued through 2010 for our senior children will continue for the Year 5 & 6 children this term with the next workshop to be held on Monday 5th September. The ½ hr workshop will deal with self esteem and student welfare support approaches.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS SPORTS**

These will be held on Thursday 8th August at the Knox Athletics Track using a different format from previous years. More details soon.

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS**

Results of the Spelling and Writing competitions will be announced at the next school assembly.

**REMINERS**

**FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATES**

I am requesting any parents who have changed contact details relating to changes in address, emergency contact phone numbers or personal phone numbers to please contact the office and update this information on our records. This is essential to ensure the safety and well being of all children during illness and in emergency situations.

**TISSUES**

There has been a spate of illness recently and quite a few “sniffs and snivels” have been occurring. For this reason I am calling on the support of parents once again to ensure that tissues are provided for your child. We have an emergency supply at school but this has been exhausted recently due to children not coming prepared.

**COLES VOUCHERS**

Coles’ vouchers are now being collected as a result of our school being registered with the promotion program. The collection box is located in the Office Foyer.

**WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS**

Woolworths’ vouchers are now being collected as a result of our school being registered with the promotion program. The collection box is located in the Office Foyer.

**TRIBES AWARD**

**POSITIVE PLAY – TRIBES AGREEMENTS**

The Tribes – Positive Play Award system has now been updated and re-introduced. Staff will be noticing positive behaviours and completing a certificate for those clearly exhibiting the Tribes Agreements. Each certificate will then be placed in the draw with a single lucky dip completed at school assembly. The others in the draw will receive their Tribes Award Certificate with magnetic tape attached (for placing on the fridge). The winner from the draw will receive a stationery/lolly item as well as their certificate.

**AWARD WINNERS**

Due to the absence of the Year 5 & 6 children this will be held over until the next school assembly.

**JUST FOR FUN**

**FOOD RIDDLE**

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

**AN UNUSUAL WORD**

**LAST WEEK**

What English word has three consecutive double letters? Bookkeeper or (woollen – double “u”, double “0” and double “I”)
NOT TO BE LEFT OUT. 1/2A HAVE HAD A MARATHON OF COOKING IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS LINKING EACH RECIPE TO THEIR FAVOURITE FAIRYTALE BOOKS

SLEEPING BEAUTY’S MARVELOUS MUFFINS

HANSSEL & GRETEL TOFFEE APPLES

AND ALSO THEIR VERSION OF THE HUMBLE "GINGERBREAD MAN"!
Parents Association News

Book Fair
Book week has started and we are having a book fair from Today until Wednesday 31st August in the Library. The children have filled out wish lists today and also the Teachers will be filling out a wish list too for any parents who would like to donate a book to their child/children's classroom.

Please pop in and have a look at some great books.
There are always some great bargains to be had.

Book Club News
Issue 6 is due back to school on Thursday 1st September, Keep your eyes open for some bargain Christmas presents, don’t forget if you need your purchases hidden we can look after them, but please state that on your order form.

Earn and Learn—Woolworths
Thank you to everyone who has dropped in vouchers. Please keep it up, the more vouchers the more our school will benefit.

Coles Sports for School
Our Primary School is also participating in the Coles sports for Schools. Please drop off any Coles vouchers to the Primary School office at anytime.

Fathers Day stall
The P.A. will be holding their annual Fathers Day stall on Friday 2nd September.

Next Meeting
September 6th 9.00am staffroom.
We need more members please.

Toddlers welcome. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Legacy Week, Sunday 2nd - Saturday 8th September

Legacy is dedicated to caring for the families of deceased veterans. Today Legacy’s caring and compassionate service assists over 100,000 widows and 1900 children and dependants with a disability. Legacy is a voluntary organisation supported by veterans, servicemen and women, and volunteers drawn from all walks of life. Our support and services now extend to include the dependants of members of today’s Australian Defence Force who lose their lives as a result of their military service.

PLEASE SUPPORT LEGACY BY BUYING A BADGE, PEN OR WRISTBAND FOR OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

1/2A made up their own rhymes for skip counting

Skip counting by 5’s
5, 10, 15, 20, 25 we live in a bee hive, 30, 35, 40 behave and don’t be naughty! 45, 50, 55, 60 we are hippies like in the 60’s!

By Sam. M, Caitlin, Charlotte, Kurtis and Tristan

Skip counting by 2’s
2, 4, 6, 8 who do we appreciate? 10, 12, 14, 16 Mr Moustache is a monkey! 18, 20, 22, 24 Mr Moustache taps on the door!

By Leeson, Dylan, Josh, Deb and Ryan

Skip counting by 3’s
3, 6, 9 we will win every time! 12, 15, 18, 21 lets all count and have some fun! 24, 27, 30 lets all get dirty 33, 36, lets all sell some fizz, YEAH!

By Imogen, Jeremy, Ariel, Sienna and Holly

Skip counting by 10’s
10, 20, 30, 40 lets all get naughty! 50, 60, 70, 80, lets go party, 90, 100 lets go again

By Hannah, Micaela, Gage and Lydia
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Every Monday

Please ask your child to give their passbook to their teacher or drop it in at the office.

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29TH AUGUST—3RD SEPTEMBER
No lay-by
Excludes Clearance Items

Please note there will be no V.I.P Sale in December.

Girl Guide School Holiday Program

Wed 5th & Thurs 6th of October
8:30am – 5:30pm
Upwey Guide Hall (Mahoney St, Upwey)

- Drama Class
- Belgrave Tree Adventure
- Campfire Cooking
- Craft making
- General Games and fun

COST
Day 1 - $30
Day 2 - $57
Both Days $85 - $55 for members
(Includes Lunches / all activities)

CONTACT: Nikki Earle – 0403 255 229 / ozkarnak@hotmail.com
Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than $5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets.

All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...

There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

Michael Spiteri
Massage Therapist
Ph: 0450 785 324

REMEDIAL SPORTS RELAXATION
NOW at Hillside Holistic Health
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One Hour Massage
$45

Offer valid to 2nd Sept.

Upwey Primary School is also taking part in the Coles ‘Sports for Schools’
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Thank you for your support

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Chess players - join the fun!
Enter the Rookies Shield Spring Chess comp
Sunday 28th Aug, 12 noon to 4.30pm at Ferntree Gully Library, 1010 Burwood Hwy.
Trophy & medal prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in all age groups from U8 to Adults plus cash prizes. Seven rounds of rapid chess. Entry fee $15 juniors, $20 adults. Pizza lunch & drink $3.
Please enter online before the day at
Www.rangeschessclub.com.au
or phone Paul on 0417 319 355

Help Woolies to help our school. Start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points today!
**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.
Lots on in BASC next week!

**MONDAY-** An afternoon of Soccer!
**TUESDAY-** Science experiments
**WEDNESDAY-** Masterchef- Banana Bread
**THURSDAY & FRIDAY-** Fathers Day presents.

We also spend some time outside playing games in the afternoon. Afternoon tea is also provided, so come on into BASC!

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.
Sam :)

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**BOOK WEEK**
Theme "One World many Stories"

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**Last Day for Term 3**

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