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## PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 22.7.2011

### HOLIDAYS

I hope that all children, parents and staff had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday despite the fairly inclement weather. We look forward to a busy and exciting Term 3 with plenty happening, as usual! We have Passions, Literacy & Numeracy Week, Yr 5 & 6 Camp, Athletics Sports and, most importantly for our school, the School Review.

### HOOP TIME- BASKETBALL – 5/6R

The Year 5 & 6 children participated in the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball Competition on Wednesday 20th July without too much success. One Rookies team won a game and so did the Future Stars team. The children were energetic performing and behaving extremely well and showed their Personal Best. Thanks to Sue and Kay R as well as parent helper Annette D. A great job all round!

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**This is how you make porridge!**

1. We made porridge because we read Goldilocks and the Three Bears. It was so yum. By Hannah
2. We got the fruit and cut the fruit up! By Holly
3. I loved the porridge. It was yummy and scrumptious. By Ariel
4. On Tuesday 1/2A made some porridge with fruit and the honey made it sweeter. By Sam. M
5. It was sooooo awesome and the fruit was really good and the best part was when we made it. By Leeson
6. It was very fun and the honey made it very sweet and the fruit made it really yummy. By Caitlin
7. We stirred the porridge and chopped the fruit, it was yummy. By Imogen
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**BASC STAFF LEAVE**

Sam (Our BASC Co-ordinator) will continue her leave for next week. She will return on Monday 1st August

The BASC timetable for staff relief next week is:

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The School Council met on **Monday 18th July**. The items that were discussed included:

- Supporting the introduction of the Free Friday Breakfast for Upwey PS children. This will be run by Gavin Smith of Soupees fame and will be open to all children, starting very soon. We will let you know the starting date, time and what will be provided for breakfast ASAP.
- Applications for grants happening in the months of July, August and September (Bendigo Bank, Solar Grant & NAB Schools First)
- Fire safety upgrade to our water services (fire hydrants etc) to occur with funding provided by the department.
- Bushfire Preparedness: Funding has been provided for garden work to support our grounds as a result of the need to cut down some of our trees recently.
- School Council Roles & Responsibilities – Improving School Governance.

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Work is continuing using the Restorative Practices Approach to Student Welfare. For your information I have included the Chat that is used when incidents are reported to teachers in the newsletter. You are welcome to use the same “chat” at home. We certainly stress the need to “make good choices” instead of making “bad or poor choices”. This places more responsibility on children for their own behaviour.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

The PA/Fundraising is holding our Trivia Night on **Saturday 30th July at 7:00 pm**. Please support this terrific fundraiser event. We anticipate a night of fun and tough questions (Of course the Staff Table will be hard to beat!). There will be Silent Auctions and Prizes galore! Feel free to organise a group table or join on with another group. The very experienced MCs, Graeme and Lyn will be running the night and will ensure all are involved in a great night. Tickets $12 at the office next week.

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**PLANETARIUM & SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION – 5/6R**

Grade 5/6R completed their excursion to the Planetarium & Scienceworks at Spotswood yesterday and certainly had a very educational and an enjoyable experience. We hope to have some reports and photos available next week. Thanks to Ruth D and Christine M for their assistance in what is was a tiring but fun day.

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DIVISIONAL FINALS – TEE BALL
The Tee Ball Team is competing in the Divisional Finals Competition today Friday 22nd July from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm at Kings Park, Upper Ferntree Gully. They are playing a round robin with two other teams to decide who goes on to the next level of State competition. Good luck to the team and thanks to Sue and Michelle M for their assistance with the team.

PASSIONS 2011
Passions 2011 is in the final planning stages. The program will likely run on Tuesday afternoons (depending on parent availability) from 2:00 – 3:30 (or 1:30 – 3:30 for some groups).

I am desperate for some extra parent assistance in running or assisting with groups for the program. I anticipate the starting date will be Tuesday 2nd August. Some areas the children have nominated as possible interests are: SEWING, ANIMATION, ANIMAL CARE, COOKING, MOVIE MAKING, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS.

So far we are providing experiences in SCRAPBOOKING, LEGO CONSTRUCTION/ANIMATION, DOMINO EFFECT CONSTRUCTION, COOKING – LOLLY MAKING, PAINTING & DRAWING and BOLLYWOOD DANCING.

There is a small survey attached to the newsletter for your responses if you are able to assist, or contact me directly. Please contact by Monday 25th July at the latest.

The likely dates will be the first, second, third and fourth weeks in August.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING
The next competitions will be the English Competition on Tuesday 2nd August.

Results for the Computer Skills Competition have just arrived and will be announced at School assembly on Monday.

REMINDEERS

REMINDEER: HALFYEAR WRITTEN REPORTS – PARENT COMMENT SHEET
Please return the Parent Comment section of your child’s Written Report to the school for photocopying. The original will be returned to you to keep with the report. Thanks to the many parents who have already returned the page for inclusion in student portfolios.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE CAMP
The Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm in Gippsland was booked for Monday 29th August until Friday 2nd September. This date has now been changed to the week beginning Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August but final organisation is still being negotiated.

The cost is anticipated to be $380 (a trip to Wilson’s Promontory is included) and due to this fairly high cost I am again seeking feedback from Year 5 & 6 parents on whether they intend to be involved in the camp. A brief survey will be distributed soon to determine the level of support for the camp.

THANKS

STAFF CAR PARK MURAL
Thanks to Deb R and family (possibly Tiger and Chadai helping) for the magnificent work on completing another section of the Staff Car Park Mural. The scene looks magnificent, especially that vibrant blue! The Mural at the very front of the school looks fantastic too and very finished.

JUST FOR FUN
A DEFINITION
What is black and white and red all over?
Answer next week if you don’t know it!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
EDUCATION TAX REFUND
As you may see from recent advertising many more items may be claimed in next year’s tax for people with FTB Part A (and some other benefits also).

Please keep receipts from 1st July 2011 for this purpose.
Areas that you may be able to claim include school approved uniforms, computers, home internet connections, computer software, stationery and text books.

More information is available on www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

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Restorative Chat
Ask these questions to the person wronged followed by the wrongdoer.
Can you tell me what happened?
Who was hurt or affected?
What were you thinking at the time?
How were/are you feeling about the situation now?
How can we fix it? What is needed to make it right/to make you feel better?
(Ensure a resolution is decided and established.)

What would be a good choice if this happens again?

Formally congratulate them for working it out.

SCHOOLPIX
Orders for Group photos have been distributed and are now due back.
Please pick up an order form if you have missed out.

E.M.A.
SECOND SEMESTER

IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR E.M.A. IN THE FIRST SEMESTER YOUR E.M.A. WILL AUTOMATICALLY ROLL OVER.
YOUR HEALTH CARE CARD MUST BE VALID FOR THE 1ST DAY OF TERM 3 (18TH JULY)
ANYONE APPLYING FOR THE FIRST TIME WILL NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.
Dear Parents/Carers

If you are able to volunteer your time and expertise to assist with our PASSIONS 2011 activities, please fill in the return slip below. We are confident that it is going to be a most interesting and enjoyable experience for all involved. We anticipate 4 sessions starting at the beginning of August from 2:00 – 3:30. Please specify day(s) that you are available. Your assistance will be much appreciated by children and the school.

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On Thursday 5/6R had a fun filled day at Scienceworks and the Planetarium

*Warriors came 3rd in the Future Stars Competition. Our two Rookie teams all played extremely well. Another fun day of Basketball at McDonalds Hooptime. Congratulations to all of the students who participated, we are very proud of you. :) Sue
UPWEY MOBILE UNIT
Upwey – Tecoma Bowls Club
Chosen Avenue, Upwey

Monday 8 August 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 9 August 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 10 August 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 11 August 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday 12 August 9:30am – 3:30pm

Appointments essential. New donors welcome
Call 13 14 95 or email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au
Roll up your sleeves and give blood.
Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

UWPEY & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB
Meets at
Blue Hills Senior Citizens Hall, Upwey
(rear of shops)
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7.30 pm
Visitors and new members always very welcome.
Come and join our friendly group.
Speakers, show bench (flowers, foliage and produce from members’ gardens)
supper.
Contact Jenny on 9758 5367
www.upweygardenclub.com.au

“Soft Light & Retrospect”
July 2011
Exhibition by Danielle Purmay
Have Ya Bean Cafe, 12 Main Street, Upwey

“Every Child’s An Artist”
Empowering children creatively through exploration
Respecting children’s individual needs, featuring open-ended activities
* Funny Clown Faces
* Paint textures, for landscapes
* Moving Figures
* Creative Animal Drawings

*Mandala Magic*, Morris Rd, Upwey
Mon 25th July 4.15-5.45pm
6 wks $88 *All materials provided
Bev Ph 0449 654 343
bevperrl@hotmail.com VIT Registered Teacher

“Happy Birthday”
For our students & staff,
21st July – 29th July
Kingsley

“My son was born 14 weeks premature and it nearly cost both of us our lives. I now donate blood regularly because I want to do my bit for other families in the same situation.”
Peta, 33
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 docket.

All you need to do is save those docket 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!

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE TECHNIQUE, STAMINA & SPEED IN A
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We are looking for swimmers aged 7-20 years

Come along for a FREE 2 WEEK TRIAL

Training MON-FRI from 6pm at Monbulk Aquatic centre

Fees start from as little as $5 per session

For more information email or phone
MAC’s Head coach Brad Gibbs
b_1_gibbs@hotmail.com
0401 193 092
We will be attending the Upwey Primary School's Trivia Night

Saturdays July 30th
Howarth Hall
Hall opens 7pm for a 7.30 start
Get your tickets now!

Don't have a table?
Don't worry - You can join a table!!

$12 per person

Invite your friends, family & neighbours!

Trivia Night 2011
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Name: ____________________________ Tickets required ____________________

Would you like to join a table? ______ Would you like to book a table for up to 10? _______

Payment enclosed:  [ ] Yes  [ ] No  Amount ______________________________
Trivia Night Sponsors
Saturday 30th July

Get your Tickets now!

So far we have received some fabulous donations from the following companies. Please support them as they have supported us.

Adventure Park Geelong – family pass
Alfred’s – dinner voucher
AMF Forest Hill – vouchers
Ashcombe Maze – family pass
Bakers Delight Ferntree Plaza – voucher
Beaver Swim School – 4 free lessons
Bev Pergl – gift cards and gift packs
Belgrave Book Barn – books
Belgrave Images – voucher
Bell Tavern – dinner voucher
Bendigo Bank – donation
Blue Illusion – vouchers
Bonsai Bali – voucher
Brisbane Lions – merchandise
Bunnings – Karcher
Bushy Park Fruit & Vegetable – vouchers
Cameo Theatre Belgrave – vouchers
Carribean Rollerama – vouchers
Chesterfield Farm – family pass
Christine’s Craft 4 Kids – make & do packs
Collingwood Footy Club – children back pack
Crayola – art/craft supplies
Cuckoo Restaurant – dinner for 2
Curiouser Photography – voucher
De Bertoli – 2 bottles wine
Dia Oro Jewellers – Sterling silver bracelet
DQ Attractions – jewellery
Ferntree Gully Hotel – vouchers
Fisher & Paykel – folding chairs
Genesis – vouchers
Good Housekeeping – goods
Hogs Breath Cafe Knox – vouchers
Honda – watch
Hoyts Forest Hill – vouchers
Kaya Hairdressing – Voucher
Knox Bottle-O – bottle wine
Knox Leisureworks – 5 family passes
Knox Raiders – signed basketball
Last Frontiers Tattoos – voucher
Lifetime book distributors – books
Limerence Belgrave – voucher
Louise Slavnic – Mary Kay skin care pack
Lunar Drive In – vouchers
Maxi Foods – voucher
Melbourne Show – family pass
Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre – vouchers
Myunna Farm – family pass
New Belgrave Motors – free minor service
Nikos Tavern – voucher
Omega Automotive – 2 Service Vouchers
Posh Gully – 2 x vouchers
Puffing Billy – Family pass
QT café Upwey – vouchers
Red Cargo – mugs
Roller City – family pass
Ryndges Hotel – 1 night accommodation in Queen spa room
Science Works – vouchers
School Pix – 1 free Premier pack 2012 photos
Starburst – lollies
Starshots photography – 2 x family sittings
Tesselar – vouchers
Trees Adventure Belgrave – 2 children’s passes
UFTG Charcoal Chicken – donation
UFTG Newsagency – Magazines
Upwey Music – Harmonica
Upwey Village pies and cakes – voucher
Upwey Chiropractor – voucher
Upwey Garden Centre – voucher
Upwey Post Office
Upwey Pharmacy – makeup hamper
Upwey Bargain shop – Photoframe clock
Upwey Barber – Haircut
Wild – Photo frame
Tupperware – gift pack
Woolworths – vouchers
York on Lilydale – Bistro vouchers
Your Surprise – Wall plaque
ZOZO’s Hairdressing – voucher

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Parents Association News

Trivia Night

The night is almost upon us. We have been working very hard to secure some fantastic prizes for our major fundraiser. It is going to be a fabulous fun night and a great way to meet and get to know other members of our school community. If you haven’t already done so, book and pay for your tickets now. Payment before the night would be appreciated.

We do need some helpers on Tuesday morning from 9am to help wrap some prizes. If you can assist even for an hour or so, it would be greatly appreciated.

Book Club News

Issue 5 brochures were sent home today also. These are due back by Thursday 4th August. As we are in the second half of the year, many parents are starting to purchase for Christmas. If you require your books to be held at the office, please mark this on your order form.

Earn and Learn—Woolworths

We are participating in this program. All we ask is for your Woolworths dockets to be brought in to the office. Ask your family, friends and neighbours if they shop at Woolies, and if you can collect their dockets! We can redeem the dockets for library books, art supplies and other resources for our school! There is more information in this newsletter.