**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 29.7.2011**

**TRIVIA NIGHT – TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

Don’t forget the PA/Fundraising is holding our *Trivia Night* this Saturday at 7:00 pm in the school hall (Howarth Hall). Please support this terrific fundraiser event. We anticipate a night of fun. There will be Silent Auctions and Prizes galore! (Over $5,000 worth in total!) 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. BYO Nibbles and drinks & glasses.
PH Ripley
For measuring classroom objects accurately using unifix!
SUPER!

PH Chelsea
For her deep thinking ideas when discussing the story ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’!

1/2A P.E Award Charlotte
For accurate bowling, a positive attitude to doing her best and accurate high jump landing.

1/2A Music Award Gage
For doing such a fantastic job with tuned-percussion, and having a great attitude!

1/2A Hannah
For helping tidy up the kitchens after cooking without being asked. Thank you Hannah!

1/2A Holly
For a fabulous job on her Goldilocks mobile and for teaching Goldilocks a thing or two about manners!

3/4G Music Award Julian
For researching effectively and efficiently on his music project.

5R Taylah
For writing a very good ‘snapshot’ of walking into a cinema.

6R Jayde
For writing a very descriptive ‘snapshot’ of being in a cinema.

5/6R Excursions
For wonderful enthusiasm and behaviour at Hoop-time and Science-works.

PASSIONS 2011- STARTING TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST
Passions 2011 has now been planned. The program will run on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:30 (or 1:30 – 3:30 for some groups).
Special thanks to staff, volunteers and parents who have agreed to run such a range of activity groups. The starting date will now be Tuesday 9th August.
The following groups have been organised:

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Children will make priority selections on Monday and groups will be organised by Thursday next week.
DIVISIONAL FINALS – TEE BALL
The Tee Ball Team competed in the Divisional Finals Competition last Friday. They played a round robin with two other teams but were defeated with Mt Dandenong PS winning the final. Congratulations to all the players for their great effort and persistence and, considering we had year 3, 4, 5 & 6 children involved competing against older opposition, the achievement was terrific. Thanks again to Sue (Team Manager) and Michelle M (umpire for all games) for their assistance with the team.

BASC STAFF RETURN
Sam (Our BASC Co-ordinator) will be back on deck next week returning to BASC duties on Monday 1st August. I trust she had a magnificent holiday. Thanks again to all the volunteers who assisted with running the program in her absence.

SELF EVALUATION FOR SCHOOL REVIEW
Teachers will be interviewing some parents briefly regarding the School Self Evaluation to gain a few insights and opinions in anticipation of our School Review later this term. I hope the parents who are selected, due to their availability (Namely being there at the time!), can spare a few minutes to assist us in this venture.

TRIBES AWARDS – COMING SOON
To encourage positive behaviours and following the Tribes Agreements, particularly during recess times, the teachers will be awarding certificates to children each week. The certificates will be placed in a draw for a special prize at each school assembly on Monday and a particular type of behaviour will be highlighted. Those children with awards in the draw will be presented with the certificates in the classroom to recognise their achievement.

UPCOMING EVENTS
PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION
Upwey Pre School will be visiting us on Monday 8th August from 9:15 to 10:15 am for a “Maths Activity & Using the Interactive Whiteboard”. Mrs Hickey will be taking the children and Mr A will be working with Prep H during this time.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING
The next competition will be the English Competition on Tuesday 2nd August. Results for the Computer Skills Competition were presented at School assembly on Monday.

INSTRUMENTAL GROUP PERFORMANCES
On Friday 5th August some of our children will be involved in an instrumental performance at BMW Edge Theatre at Federation Square at 7:30 pm. It is a free concert so if you are in the neighbourhood you are welcome to drop in. Andrew McAlister’s students Caitlin S and Luke M will be involved with the Junior Hills Band.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BURRINJA THEATRE
The official opening of the Burrinja Theatre will occur on Saturday 30th July (after a special opening event on Friday 29th July at 7:00 pm for dignitaries) with some of our children involved in musical items. Some of our ex-students will be involved with the presentation.

Hills band: 2:40pm with Liam and Kyle S, Bethany A and Keelan O.

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 we will have a huge range and display of books for purchase and parents/children will be able to buy the titles to heighten interest in books during this time. The anticipated arrival of the books for display is Thursday 25th August with purchases available the following week.

REMINDERS
PERSONAL BEST
“Personal Best” is one of our five Tribes Agreements (Values and Philosophies central to our School Culture) and the one that I will be highlighting for special consideration at the beginning of this term. We will be encouraging children to be the best they can and work hard at improving their standard of work. I would very much appreciate your support in also encouraging this approach over the coming weeks.

NUT ALLERGIES - ANAPHYLAXIS
Please be reminded that nut products (particularly peanut butter, nuts and Nutella) are not allowed at school in 3/4G and 5/6R due to children in our school having allergies to nut products that could cause Anaphylaxis. We also discourage children in other grades from bringing nut products to school in order to further minimise risks. This is a timely opportunity to remind all children and parents, particularly our new families who might not be aware of the risks to some of our children. Your support and assistance in this matter are much appreciated.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE CAMP
The Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm in Gippsland is booked for Monday 22nd August to Friday 26th August but a final decision is pending on support from families before we can go ahead with planning. The cost will be $380 (a trip to Wilson’s Promontory is included) and survey results are due today.

ARRIVE ON TIME
It is important that children are at school on time by 9:00 am so that they can be included in the full day’s program and not have interruptions to the grade and their own educational involvement.

I have become aware of some children who have been late for no real reason and the disturbance on entry to the classroom is becoming quite frustrating so I am now going to introduce penalties to consistently late offenders as a strategy to discourage this practice.

If your child is late for a legitimate reason please sign in at the office or provide a written note to avoid your child being listed as late for no reason.

HEAD LICE
Once again we have reported cases of head lice. Notices have been distributed regarding this pest and parents are asked to be vigilant in checking and treating cases.

JUST FOR FUN
RIDDLE
What always runs but never walks, often murmurs, never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats?

LAST WEEK
What is black and white and red all over? (Actually “read” all over.)
**SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION**

On Thursday we were going to Science works and we caught the train to there. We got off in the city to get on a different train to get there. So when we got there at Spotswood we had to walk down the street to find it.

When we got inside we went to the exhibition, there was some really cool stuff there that I found interesting. These are some things I found cool like the whirlpool and the magnets where you had to angle them and they both had different weight and they would move up and down for ever. And the sport section was fun and the game where you had to race each other in a wheel chair and it showed me how hard it would be to be in a wheel chair.

In the Planetarium it was really fun to watch it and I found out more about Captain Cook and I never knew that he was a navigator, and that he had tools to navigate and that there is a Latitude and a Longitude and that they didn’t know how to measure it. But one day Captain Cook had a builder make it for him but it was his idea and I learned that birds use the stars as well to find where they need to go.

Then we went to Coolstuff in a room. The guy who was showing us Alex, showed us what liquid nitrogen does and how it effects certain things like balloons, rubber balls and bananas and blue tack. It was amazing when he put the liquid nitrogen on the balloon, it made the air cold and then it took less space in the balloon so it got smaller. But then Taylah and Oliver blew on the balloon and it got big again because the hotter it gets the air takes up more space.

By Bryce

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**SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION**

On Thursday my class went to Scienceworks.

Our class went by train from Upwey to Flinders Street Station, then we swapped trains to go to Spotswood station. Then we had to walk a long way.

When we got there we put our bags in a locker.

After we put our bags away we went to the Garden and home exhibition. I played a bee game and I was a bee and had to collect nectar. My best second is five. The house was funny and was weird but it was fun.

After lunch we went to the Planetarium and watched guiding lights. It was very interesting. I did not know that it was possible to find your way by the stars and find your way back home. I learned that stars help people.

After we came out we went to the science stage and watched cool stuff. It was all about liquid nitrogen. The persons name who did it was Alex. Alex showed us that liquid nitrogen is so cold that it makes air smaller and when it is heated up it expands.

By Luke

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**E.M.A.**

SECOND SEMESTER DUE NEXT WEEK

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.

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**SCHOOLPIX**

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

Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

INFORMATION SESSION
Understanding Auditory Processing
Cost $20
Tuesday 16th August 2011  7.00pm – 8.30pm
At: The Remedy Group  1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lyndale

We help children with:
- Concentration and short attention span
- Development and language delay
- Learning and reading difficulties
- ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, Sensory Integration
- Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

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Bookings essential
Please contact Blue Horizon on 5987 2335

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Drinks, glasses & nibbles

Tomorrow night is the night! If you haven’t had a chance to book a ticket, you can still come along! We will have some spare tables available, so please come along to enjoy a fun night. The more the merrier!

We have SO many fantastic prizes. You are bound to get a bargain on the silent auction items and every straw will be a winner. Straw prizes range from 50c to $100.

Some of the silent auction items include: Gold class tickets with dinner voucher, Rydges accommodation for 1 night, hand made mohair teddy bear, Family activity prize pack, ladies pamper packs, girls and boys toy packs, Honda watch, Karcher pressure cleaner, Photography vouchers, worm farm and shovel, and many others.

EFTPOS is available on the night for these items too.

We have included our VERY large sponsor list. Please support them as they have supported us. If you get a chance, thank them personally on behalf of our school also. I’m sure they would love to hear how fantastic they are!

See you there
Parents Auxiliary
Thank you to our sponsors, who have generously donated for our Trivia Night. 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
Bad Rep Tattoos – voucher
Bakers Delight Ferntree Plaza – voucher
Beaver Swim School – 4 free lessons
Beggars Boutique – bag
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
Café grounded – vouchers
Café have ya bean – vouchers
Cameo Theatre Belgrave – vouchers
Carribean Rollerama – vouchers
Chesterfield Farm – family pass
Christine’s Craft4Kids – Make & do packs
Collingwood Footy Club – Children back pack
Crayola – art/craft supplies
Cuckoo Restaurant – dinner for 2
Curiouser Photography – voucher
De Bortoli – 2 bottles wine
Dia Oro Jewellers – Sterling silver bracelet
DQ Attractions – jewellery
Essendon Footy Club – poster
Ferntree Gully Hotel – vouchers
Fisher & Paykel – folding chairs
Genesis – vouchers
Good Housekeeping – goods
Hawkes Pharmacy – donation
Hogs Breath Cafe Knox – vouchers
Honda – watch
Hoyts Forest Hill – vouchers
John Allen Retravision – microwave rice cookers
Kay Goodall – hand made teddy bear
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
Lindens Meats UFTG – meat tray
Louise Slavnic – Mary Kay skin care pack
Lunar Drive In – vouchers
Mantra Well being – Pamper pack
Maxi Foods – voucher
McDonalds – voucher
Melbourne Show – family pass
Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre – vouchers
Myunna Farm – family pass
New Belgrave Motors – free minor service
Nikos Tavern – voucher
Posh Gully – 2 x vouchers
Puffing Billy – Family vouchers
QT café Upwey – vouchers
RACV – donation
Red Cargo – mugs
Roller City – family pass
Rydes Hotel – 1 night accommodation
Science Works – vouchers
School Pix – 1 free Premier pack 2012 photos
Sexyland – pack
Starburst – lollies
St. George Knox – drinkbottles, bags, yo yo’s
Tesselaar – vouchers
Toy world – misc toys
Trees Adventure Belgrave – 2 children’s passes
Tupperware – gift pack
UFTG Charcoal Chicken – donation
UFTG Newsagency – Magazines
Upwey Bargain shop – Photo frame clock
Upwey Barber – Haircut
Upwey Chiropractor – donation
Upwey Garden Centre – shovel & fork
Upwey Hardware
Upwey Music – Harmonica
Upwey Pharmacy – makeup hamper
Upwey Post office – photo album, incense
Upwey Village pies and cakes – voucher
Wild – Photo frame
Woolworths – vouchers
Yarra Ranges fitness Centre – vouchers
Yarra Ranges Shire – worm farm and worms
York on Lilydale – Bistro vouchers
Your Surprise – Wall plaque
Zo ZO’s – Hair cut
Parents Association News

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One day to go,
Please come and join us in what will be a fantastic memorable night with some truly great people!!!!!!!!!!!

We can’t believe how many wonderful prizes have been donated for this night. Gotta be in it to win it!!!

Book Club News

Issue 5 is 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 docket to be brought in to the office. Ask your family, friends and neighbours if they shop at Woolies, and if you can collect their docket! We can redeem the docket for library books, art supplies and other resources for our school! There is more information in this newsletter.