**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 24.6.2011**

**CFA MOBILE EDUCATION VAN**

We had a visit from the CFA Van on **Monday 20th June**. All grades attended the van and completed a Fire Education Lesson.

Thanks to Fireman Ken for his presentation to all the grades, it was most entertaining and informative. It was a reminder to ensure that all families have a fire plan at home and remember fire safety in the home.

**ROAD SAFETY**

We were fortunate to have a visit from Constable Jeanette from the Belgrave Police Station to give a talk to all the children on community policing and road safety. She spoke to the Preps to Year 2 children together and the Year 3-6 children as a group. I thank her for her involvement and the information is a timely reminder about road safety with the school holidays coming up soon.

This visit is in connection with our Schools program for community involvement and the Restorative Practices project in the local area where the Shire and Police are playing a very proactive role.
PH Josh
For completing two Smart Words pages with confidence!
You’re a Star!

PH Dylan
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PH Music Award Ryen
For great contributions to discussions and tempo activities.

1/2A Gage
For sitting on the floor quietly and listening attentively to others during show and tell.

1/2A Holly
For her fantastic job at telling the time to the nearest hour and half hour. Well done Holly!

3/4G Music Award Joel
For great contributions to discussions and enthusiasm while singing.

3/4G Julian
For doing his personal best all day in Mrs Arvo’s class when Interschool sports were on.

3/4G Hooptime Class Award
For their outstanding effort and representing our school wonderfully.

5R Sian
For working well in class, for being cheerful and friendly and following the Tribe agreements.

6R P.E. Award Jake
For excellent effort and skill display in Hockey skills session.
Principals Award

HALFYEAR WRITTEN REPORTS – DISTRIBUTED TODAY!
The Half Year Reports have been completed by teachers and the reports in A4 envelopes are being distributed today Friday 24th June. The slip with the confirmed Interview Times will also be included in the report envelope for those parents who have returned the notification for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Interviews may still be organised for those who have not returned the preference notice at this stage but parents will need to fit in with the organised schedule for each classroom. Children will not be permitted to open the envelopes as they will be addressed to parents and guardians.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
These will be held next week. Preference forms have been sent home earlier this week. Interview times have been organised on a “first in – first served” basis. Tuesday evening is the time when all teachers will be available for evening interviews.
JSC FREE DRESS DAY – FIREFIGHTERS & FIRE COLOURS THEME
On the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July we will be holding a Free Dress Day to raise funds for the CFA as recommended by the Junior School Council. We will be having a “Firefighters & Fire Colours” theme dress. Children are encouraged to wear firefighters dress items or colours associated with fireman/fire (example. Red, Yellow, Orange, Black) and also bring a donation of a gold coin towards fundraising for the CFA. Your support will be very much appreciated.

The JSC has also organised a colouring competition for all grades with Grade Winners being determined by our expert judges.

END OF TERM 2 – ASSEMBLY
On the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July, we will be having a final assembly at 2:10 pm. During this assembly we will be having a short performance called the “5 Times Tables Song” from some children in Grade 1/2A. All parents are welcome. Please note that dismissal will be 2:30 pm for the last day of term.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2011
On the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July, I will be presenting some surprise Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this year. The staff has decided to introduce the concept in 2011 and present certificates to recognise the children with extremely high attendance, and minimal absences for the first semester of the year, and congratulate them on this fine record. (Absences and late attendance will affect attendance rates).

CARE GROUPS
We had great fun with our multi-age Tribes Care Groups today. (these are groups of children connecting up with another staff member other than their own teacher especially with Parachute Play – co-operative work with two or three groups together. We also had Community Circle (Circle Time) about Mutual Respect and an activity requiring imaginative interpretations of common objects.

WEATHER VISIT
Thanks to James M for his assistance in Grade 3/4G with their Weather Unit today. He attended to give a presentation about weather, making the understandings real with practical activities. It is great to be able to take advantage of parent skills in the classrooms.

BASC STAFF LEAVE
Sam (Our BASC Co-ordinator) will be taking leave for the beginning of Term 3. She will be absent for the first two weeks of Term 3. I will be organising a rotating replacement roster next week and already have several of the sessions covered. If you are able to assist or know of a suitably qualified person to complete sessions either before or after school could you please contact me. We wish Sam an enjoyable time in Vietnam and every success in the Kokoda Trek!

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The next meeting of the School Council will be held on Monday 18th July at 7:30 pm in the staffroom. (This is the first Monday back in Term 3 so School Council Members please be prepared.)

UPCOMING EVENTS
DIVISIONAL FINALS – TEE BALL
Congratulations again to our winning Tee Ball team who made the Divisional Finals during the recent Winter Round Robin Sports event. Tee Ball will most likely compete in the Divisional Finals during the first week back in Term 3. We are not sure about who we will be playing or where the match will be held at this stage. More information soon.

HAWTHORN FOOTBALL CLINIC:
GRADE 3/4G & 5R
This is now planned for Tuesday 28th June. All children in 3/4G will be involved and may wear football outfits during this involvement. Year 5 children have also been invited to attend, if they wish, and may also wear football outfits. Skills in the Hills!

HOOP TIME- BASKETBALL – 5/6R
The Year 5 & Year 6 children will be participating in the McDonalds Hoop Time Basketball Competition scheduled for Wednesday 20th July. We will be having 2 Rookies and 1 Future Stars teams. Permission notices will be distributed this week as the event is being held on the first Wednesday in Term 3. The cost of train transport and entry will be $8. Parent assistance for scoring will be needed, so please volunteer if you are able to help out.

PLANETARIUM EXCURSION – 5/6R
The Year 5 & Year 6 children will be participating in an excursion to the Planetarium at Spotswood scheduled for Friday 22nd July. This will be a fitting conclusion to the Space Unit and transport will be by train. (It will be a busy week for our 5/6s!)
A permission form and details will be distributed next week.

PLANNING WEEK – Monday 27th to Thursday 30th June
There will be no scheduled Specialist Lessons for grades in Art/Craft, Music and Physical Education next week as this will be a Planning Week for teachers. During planning sessions grades will be taken by specialist teachers in their normal rooms but teachers may still have the children participating in art, music or PE activities.

Grade 1/2A and Prep H will be having planning time on Tuesday 27th June from 9am – 1 pm. Grade 1/2A – Mrs Slavnic, Prep H – Mrs Beer.
Grade 3/4G and Grade 5/6R will be having planning time on Wednesday 29th June from 9am – 1 pm. Grade 3/4A – Mrs Pergl, Grade 5/6R – Mrs Mitchell. Mrs Mitchell will have Art planning time on Wednesday afternoon.

PASSIONS 2011
Passions 2011 is in the very early planning stages. The program will run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons (depending on parent availability and preference and school commitments) from 2:00 – 3:30 (or 1:30 – 3:30 for some groups).
I am seeking assistance in running groups for the Term 3 program.
Please contact me if you are able to take a group for your own particular “passion”.
The likely dates will be the first, second, third and fourth weeks in August.
Next week we will gain some ideas on what the children would like to do during Tribes- Community Circle time.
REMINDERS

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE CAMP
The Year 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge Farm in Gippsland is booked for Monday 29th August until Friday 2nd September. Information relating to cost, deposit payment, clothing list, medical forms and final permission forms will be available soon and distributed at the beginning of Term 3. Please put these dates in your calendar.

END OF TERM 2 – EARLY DISMISSAL
On the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July, we will be having a final assembly at 2:10 pm and children will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. Parents and friends are welcome.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NSW TESTING
The Writing & Spelling Competitions were held on Tuesday 21st June for registered children.
The next competitions will be the English Competition on Tuesday 2nd August.

GRADE MUSIC PERFORMANCES
Mrs Beer is organising for all the grades to complete musical presentations to the school at School Assembly from 3:00 – 3:30 pm. These are anticipated with 3/4G, 1/2A & Prep H presenting on Monday 27th June.

JUST FOR FUN
A DEFINITION
10 rations = 1 decoration

On Monday at Assembly 5/6R sang to the whole school. Thanks to Mrs Beer for organising this performance.

P.A NEWS

Bookclub

Orders for the latest Catalogue are due

THURSDAY 30TH JUNE

STUDENT
SCHOOL BANKING
Every Monday

Please ask your child to give their passbook to their teacher

WALK+FUNRUN
CANBERRA MELBOURNE SYDNEY - SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2011
GET MOVING AND HELP US RAISE $1.1 MILLION FOR PEOPLE WITH MS

On the 5th of June, Mum, Teddy (my dog) and I set off for Albert Park Lake. We walked around the lake for five kilometres. We had lots of fun and Teddy was popular with his Fascinator. We raised $597 for the M.S Society. It was awesome.
By Stella
Holiday Activities for Kids

Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre

Creative Art with Bev Pergl
Led by a professional artist with an innate love of children and free creative expression.
For more information, and bookings contact 0449 664 343.
Monday 11 July (10:30am - 1:30pm)
Sock puppets and pop-up cards
$1.20 per session

School Holiday Pottery Program
Children work on projects that can be achieved in one or many sessions with tuition experienced in school holiday workshops.
Both hand building and pottery wheel classes are offered.
Monday to Friday (10-11:30am or 1-2:30pm)
4-15 July
$14 per session

Winter Chills School Holiday Program July 2011

Yarra Ranges Youth Services presents

WINTER CHILLS

4th BREAKDANCE FREE
5th MASTERCHEF
6th GO DANCE
7th ICE SKATING
8th POTTERY
9th RAMP IT
11th FENCING
12th FUN CALORE
13th SPLASHOUT
14th MAGIC
15th SNOW TRIP

Leather studded & techniques is breakdance, pottery, a high-flying dance with athletes from Skilled Play - Breakdance. Artwork inspired to Hip Hop. Hip Hop - Contemporary and splashing from the streets. Artwork inspired to Hip Hop. Hip Hop - Contemporary and splashing from the streets.

For all to enjoy, parents are reminded to stay nearby or put off your lunches to create a unique pottery experience and the learning day techniques @ Yarra Community Centre 10am - 12pm transport from YLL

Mooroolbark's new home for skate, BMX, scooter & inline. For all skill & experience levels incl different sized quarter, flat box, berms, jump & a ramp pit. Equipment available to hire 12 - 5pm transport from YLL

Learn now to move in the dynamic workshops at the Department of Education, in the holiday program and Pottery workshops, refining throwing,edging and the electric wheel. All day transport from YLL

An awesome day of events includes, including inflatable slide, water balloon fight & mini inflatables, save post and the tricks & turns of the water slide @ MELC All Day transport from YLL

Magic really does happen with Magic Guy! "Magical International" Kids bag of tricks! You get to learn all the tricks he shows you every year! The magic show is full of laughter and trick that will make you rethink magic. There is also a fun and exciting magic show that will make you laugh and have fun!

Mooroolbark Community Centre
http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Arts_Events/Mooroolbark_Community_Centre/

School Holiday Activities at Mooroolbark Community Centre
Have a look on the Shire of Yarra Ranges website for some great school Holiday Activities
http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Arts_Events/Mooroolbark_Community_Centre/

Student information Forms
have been sent home last week. Could they please be returned ASAP so we can update our records.
Some records have not been updated since 2009.
Thank you.

Please bring your old mobile phones and drop them in the yellow box in our front office.
Thank you for your support.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS ARE FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. ONLY $1.50.
Anaphylactic Allergy to Jack Jumper Ants

My name is Michelle Madden and I live in Ferntree Gully (SE Melbourne). My 5 year old son has an Anaphylactic Allergy to Jack Jumper Ants and I am currently trying to find other families/people with the same allergy to help in trying to get a desensitisation program running in Victoria (Eliminate the anaphylaxis reaction).

A successful desensitisation program is available in Hobart and was established nearly 10 years ago, but to date nothing is available on the mainland Australia.

I have been advised that these ants have been known to be found in your area and am wondering if any students in your school are affected by this allergy.

If you do have students who have anaphylaxis to these ants can you PLEASE pass this email on to their families.

I am trying to get the message out there about how dangerous and deadly these ants can be. Catalyst on the ABC will be running a program on them in August.

I have started a lobby group to help try and get a desensitisation program running here in Victoria, but I need people to register their details.

The email address for people to register their details is jack jumper an allergy@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,
Michelle Madden
(Just a mum trying to help her son)
mb: 0419 536 736
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Trivia Night

Saturday July 30th
Howarth Hall

Tickets on Sale

Monday

Book & pay at the office

$12 Per Person
Trivia Night News

Saturday 30th July

Where: Howarth Hall
Cost: $12 per person
Time: 7.30pm
Drinks: BYO
Prizes: Needed

RE-GIFTED/ RE-CYCLED DONATIONS NEEDED

We are requesting small gifts and other items to be donated from families. These will be used to make up prize packs and also as individual prizes on the night. Anything that you have at home that can be “RE-GIFTED” is what we are after.

Some ideas of items that you may like to donate are: ladies/mens creams, body wash etc... children’s colour-in books, textas, games etc... books, biscuits, chocolates, etc. If you would like to donate any wine or other alcohol could an adult please bring it in to the office.

For hygiene and safety reasons we can only accept brand new items.
We ask that you please check the use by dates on all items.

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY

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

Genesis - vouchers
Fisher & Paykel - folding chairs
Bonsai Bali - voucher
Brisbane Lions - merchandise
Bunnings - Karcher
Honda - watch
AMF Forest Hill - vouchers
Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre - vouchers
Melbourne Show - family pass
York on Lilydale - Bistro vouchers
New Belgrave Motors - free minor service
Lunar Drive In - vouchers
Cameo Theatre Belgrave - vouchers

Ashcombe Maze - family pass
Roller City - family pass
Chesterfield Farm - family pass
Hoyts Forest Hill - vouchers
Adventure Park Geelong - family pass
Myunna Farm - family pass
Cuckoo Restaurant - dinner for 2
Alfred’s - dinner voucher
Bell tavern - dinner voucher
Science Works - vouchers
Nikos Tavern - voucher
Christine’s Craft4Kids - Make & do packs
Bushy Park Fruit & Vegetable - vouchers
**Before & After School Care**

Hi all,

I have some great activities planned for the last week of Term in BASC.

- **Monday:** Key rings
- **Tuesday:** Indoor/Outdoor Games
- **Wednesday:** Snowflakes
- **Thursday:** Box city
- **Friday:** End of Term (Party food, games etc.)

In After School Care Term 3 we will be having a Masterchef Competition running for the duration of the term. Every Wednesday the students will have to cook a dish from a set recipe, then on the last Wednesday of term they will choose a dish from the recipes cooked and the best one will be the BASC Masterchef!

A reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm next Friday. If BASC is needed please make a booking ASAP

Have a great weekend

:) Sam
BIANCA BILBY