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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 25.3.2011

"THE MAGIC FLUTE"- MELBOURNE OPERA EXCURSION

The Year 3-6 children from 3/4G and 5/6R (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the Playhouse, Arts Centre with the live production of “The Magic Flute”. It was a positive experience and real education to be present in a professional environment and appreciate the acting and singing talents of the performers. They also had a great time in the city after the performance.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BILLY CART GRAND PRIX

This annual event is to be held next week on Tuesday 29th March from 9-11. We will also hold a presentation ceremony to recognise the fastest drivers. Don’t forget to get those entry forms in now.

The times and order of events is approximately:

Prep H- 9:10- 9:40
1/2A- 9:40-10:10
3/4G- 10:10- 10:30
5/6R- 10:30 – 11:00

The PA/Fundraising Committee is also holding a Hot Dog Lunch with hotdog, cinnamon doughnut and a drink box. Orders need to be in today.

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PH Darby
For tyring his very best to bounce the basketball during the basketball session!
Super Job!

PH Lila
For her increased concentration when reading!
Way to go!

1/2A Music Award Charlotte
For a fantastic in beat keeping and creative movements. Great Work!

1/2A Sienna
For her wonderful job on our Maths Mini Test. Well done Sienna, keep up the great work!

1/2A Imogen
For being a responsible, kind and friendly member of our class. Keep it up Imogen!

PH P.E Award Josh
For concentrating hard and doing all activities to the best of his ability.

5R Alec
For always being up to date in his work and for striving to improve his handwriting and bookwork.

5R Art Award Marguerite
For ART ability shining through in all your tasks. I love the effort and enthusiasm you show.

6R Jayden
For a fantastic Home Reading Journal, working with diligence on his project, and for always following the Tribes Agreements.

UP AND COMING EVENTS AT UPWEY P.S
• Mon 2nd May: Responsible Pet Ownership
• Fri 13th May: Market Fresh Fruit Presentation
• Mon 30th May: School Photo Day
• Fri 17th June: Curriculum Day
• Sat 30th July: Trivia Night
• Mon 29th Aug: Years 5 & 6 Camp to Forest Lodge,

SPECIAL EVENT: FINAL CHANCE - attention year 5 & 6 parents
“Manage The Move”- Transition to Secondary - confronting the challenges
Held in the UPWEY PS Library - A RARE OPPORTUNITY
Presentation by Psychologist Sally-Anne McCormack - All welcome
Monday 28th March 2011 - 7:00 – 8:30 pm
This special event is coming very close indeed. It has been organised specifically for our Year 5 & 6 Parents in relation to Transition but we have also opened the evening to other members of the local community to benefit from this opportunity, especially with such a highly credentialed presenter. Our parents have priority to attend but must still book at the school office because we have limited spaces. Nibbles will be provided during the evening.
I encourage all Year 5 & 6 parents to attend. Please book into this event as it will be a very worthwhile evening for parents. External bookings have already been received as many other schools have also advertised the event. An information flyer was distributed last week but is available at the office if you are seeking more detail.
NEW KITCHENS IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
Good to see the new kitchens getting a good work out again this week. Preps working together with their Year 5/6 Buddies on Friday to create yummy food.

UPWEY COMMUNITY BANK - BENDIGO BANK - PIGGY ACCOUNTS
Luan Hanlen, the Bendigo Bank Upwey Branch Manager presented information to each class today regarding the introduction of school banking to Upwey Primary School (Piggy Bank Passbook Account). Information will be distributed to children today and parents can then make the choice whether to have their children involved or not. We also have extra forms available for siblings. Please contact the office in you are interested.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILY AT UPS
Please make welcome our new family to Upwey Primary School. Nathan Prep H, Deborah 1/2A and Joel 3/4G. The children have settled extremely well in their grades.

GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY MARKET IN UPWEY - Saturday 26th March
The Grassroots Community Market is being held on Saturday 26th March off Main Street Upwey between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Upwey Primary School will be holding a Sausage Sizzle as a fundraising activity at the market. Please come and support the local event and enjoy a sausage from our stall.

TAKE CARE

STRANGER DANGER REMINDER
Leading up to the school holidays it is opportune to remind children to take care when going to and leaving school each day. Children walking to and from school may need to be reminded by parents to not be involved with strangers and use appropriate strategies to ensure safety during these times.

COMPETITION OFFER - FINAL CHANCE
UNIVERSITY OF NSW - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2011
Application forms with associated costs are now available for parents if you wish for your child to be involved in the ICAS University of New South Wales Testing Program. The order form for these competitions was distributed with the newsletter last week and will also be available at the office. Please return with payment by today, Friday 25th March if you are interested in your child participating in any of these competitions.

I am encouraging children to participate in the UNSW - ICAS Competitions for 2011 but it is only for children in Years 3- 6.

The schedule for each competition is as follows:
Science - Wednesday 8th June
Spelling and Writing - Tuesday 21st June
Mathematics - Tuesday 16th August
English - Tuesday 2nd August
Computer Skills - Tuesday 24th May

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
SCHOOL SELF ASSESSMENT & REVIEW
All schools complete Self Assessment and Reviews every 4 years and this year is our year. Information will be provided for parents to contribute to this process which will lead to a new School Strategic Plan being produced for our directions in the coming 4 years. Staff have been provided with the initial information and will also have input into what is most important for our school goals over the next 4 years. Self Assessment will be in Term 2 and the review will take place in Term 3.

STAXAFUN FETE
A reminder that the Belgrave South Primary School Fete is to be held this weekend if you are at a loose end on Saturday 26th March (after attending the Grassroots Market and our Sausage Sizzle!).

STUDENT ATTENDANCE
IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY - UNLESS ILL!
I wish to stress the importance of being present at school and being on time to class. To ensure participation in all activities and continuity with student learning it is vital that children have maximum attendance and are only absent for illness and appointments. I will continue with more information on this topic in coming weeks and provide details about strategies to address the situation and maybe even organise positive recognition of those with high attendance rates. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that in 2010 we had two children who did not miss a school day and 51 children who had less than 10 days absence for the year. That is a marvellous effort. I am hoping that we can even improve on that this year. Parents please provide a note for student absence or phone the office to give information so that staff are aware.

On Monday at our Gardening club we harvested a huge bowl of tomatoes, about six egg plants, and a bunch of beans. We also made honey suckle tea. It was sweet and yummy.
Guess what we made today????

We picked spring onion, tomatoes, parsley and beans from our vegie patch.

We chopped and chopped and chopped.

Then we fried and stirred and fried and stirred more.

And then we got to eat our yummy fried rice!
The Magic Flute by Sienna

Yesterday we went to the city to see “The Magic Flute”. The scenery was cool. I loved how the scenery moved in and moved out.

The costumes were fantastic. I loved Pamina and the Queen of the Nights dresses.

The monster was really good. I liked how the people made it move with out being seen from the audience.

My favourite characters were Pamina and Papagena.

The theatre was very nice. All the theatre staff were nice. The orchestra was amazing. It was funny when Papagena was playing the magic bells and the man on the piano was making it sound for the flute but the lady who was in the orchestra was playing the flute.

The Magic Flute by Jake

Yesterday we went to the city to see the Opera. The play was called The Magic Flute and when we got there I was sitting next to Bryce and Kingsley. At the start the snake that came out was pretty cool but I want to know why he fainted or what happened to him.

I thought when the guy was keeping her on that chair, I thought he was quite disgusting, I thought that bit was a bit rude.

When the guy named Tamino played the flute then he wasn’t even playing, it was just a pipe with holes in it. The girl in the orchestra was the one that was playing it.

I thought it was funny when she said ‘You’re not my daughter anymore”, and when she kept repeating the same sound.

I noticed that Papagino went to our old school but in another play but he played someone else and he looked the same. He played a guy in the circus with dumb bells. (I thought the play was boring but the piano was pretty cool too).

The Magic Flute by Jayden

I thought that the scenery in the back ground was really well done and high-tech. I also thought they did a very good job controlling the monster and the grass and all the other bits that moved. I liked their costumes and the way they looked and characters did well to perform so well. I thought that their props were ok but could have been better. The orchestra were excellent. They sounded really, really good. The music that the orchestra played sounded excellent. I thought the singing was weird because it was in German. The theatre looked so good! The carpet looked like red velvet. The walls were completely red except for some spots. The only thing that I didn’t like was the story. I got confused and couldn’t follow it properly but everything else was pretty good.

The Magic Flute by Kingsley

I thought the costumes were pretty good and matched the story. I thought the scenery was okay though I didn’t think it was very interesting. I thought the monster was really good how they controlled it and left it there so then they used it again to see if it was dead.

I thought the characters acted well and sang clearly. I thought the orchestra was really good and played really good music.

The lighting was really well done and setup well to match what was happening.

I liked the theatre and seating which all set up well and the theatre was really big.

UPWEY PRIMARY’S LORRAINE LEA LINEN FUNDRAISER!

Come along for a coffee on Thursday 7th April from 8:30 – 10 am. If you can’t make it then you can pop in after school from 3 – 4:15 pm to have a look at some gorgeous new designs to suit all the rooms in your home! Just before mother’s day great idea for presents or why not purchase a gift voucher?

10% of all sales and $10 per party looking will go to the school to secure raffle items for the TRVIA night coming up.

There will be a big catalogue available at the office for about a week before (as we are trying to save the environment) and a few smaller brand new catalogues will also be available. So if you can’t make it you can still help by placing an order or book a party. Visit our website www.linenpapergift.com. Let your friends know and they can also place an order too. Payment date we can make for 3 weeks which will be cash to Kay in the office or you can pay by cash or credit card when you place your order. Delivery will be 10 days from when the order is paid in.

You can fill in an order form that Kay will have at the office or call Samantha directly on 9417 8120/17 or email nmeganmail@bigpond.com.

Hope to see you all there to support this fundraiser!
Happy Birthday
For our students & staff
25th Mar—1st Apr
Aidan
Josh C
Michael H

Babysitter
Mature, fun, reliable secondary student, great with kids, First Aid trained
After school
Evenings
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$10 an hour
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### Sensory Friendly Screening of Children’s Movie “Rio” to celebrate Autism Month

As part of Autism Month celebrations Irabina Childhood Autism Services will be conducting a Sensory Friendly Screening of the new children’s movie “Rio”.

- **When:** Sunday 17th April
- **Time:** 9.45am for a 10am start
- **Venue:** Village Cinemas Century City Walk 285 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

Irabina Childhood Autism Services is hosting its first ever sensory friendly screening of the new children’s movie “Rio” for children with an ASD and their families and friends. This event is being held during the school holidays to celebrate Autism Awareness Month. Village Cinemas have partnered with Irabina to host this movie in a safe and accepting environment which will involve turning the volume of the movie down and having the house lights up slightly. This movie will be shown in a relaxed family orientated environment.

**All funds raised from the event will go to Irabina Childhood Autism Services to establish a new Toy Library.**

Seats are limited so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

For further information please call Lisa Lawler on 9720 1118
Word Search

The names of 16 playthings are hidden in this puzzle. The words go up and down, across and back and on a slant, but they don't bend.

When you find a word make sure you cross it off the list of playthings. (Answers on last page.)

One plaything has been found for you: YO YO

TDOIANDPI
ZRCUBBYGFS
PAAXDOLLW
XOMMTQYPVI
EBNNPVOQQN
AEESZOXSTG
RTOPHLLLAB
MARBLESISI
UKLAAZEDNK
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