PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 20.5.2011

“SPECIAL PERSON” DAY TO CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK
This was held on Monday. We had plenty of visitors and I thank the children for making sure so many came to look at the classrooms and be involved in the “Old Times Games” – even if we did not have too many “old-timers” attending... they all looked too young! But seriously it was a terrific day and we enjoyed hosting the visitors. I hope they enjoyed their experiences as I know there were planned activities in the classroom.
PH Music Award Joshua
For being such a helpful, respectful and responsible student in Music today.
From: Miss A

PH Laura
For being very helpful when we were creating our toy posters.
From: Miss A

PH Ryan
For always using lovely manners when speaking to teachers and children.
From: Miss A

1/2A P.E. Award Charlotte
For some great catching and teamwork shown during our P.E. game of “Poison Ball Against the Wall!”

1/2A Music Award Leeson
For being respectful, helpful and willing to have a go in music today.

1/2A Kurtis
For his wonderful job at putting together the net of a pyramid and labelling it’s corners, edges and faces!

1/2A Sienna Q
For her accuracy and creativity in her symmetrical picture using dot paper. Well done Sienna!

3/4G Tyler
For doing his personal best and never giving up during the NAPLAN testing.

5R Sienna N
For doing very well in the dictation, and for being a helpful, friendly class member.

5R Josh
For making a huge attempt to improve his handwriting, and for being a happy, friendly class member.
From: Miss Bannon

6R Jayden
For being warm and welcoming, and always a pleasure to teach.

OPEN EVENING
We had many children and visitors for our Open Evening on Wednesday where we completed most of the finishing touches to our Lyre Bird Diorama. It looks sensational! Thanks to all those who assisted and especially Mrs Mitchell who did such a great job in orchestrating the process. Thanks also to the many staff members who attended to assist with the evening; it showed the typical level of commitment that I very much appreciate. The Lyre Bird Diorama will appear in the Foyer just as soon as all the finishing touches are completed. Stay tuned!

UPWEY PRE SCHOOL VISIT: SCIENCE ACTIVITIES
The children from Upwey Pre School visited yesterday to have a go at some Science activities. I am sure they had a fun visit and enjoyed their activity with Mrs Hickey. Thanks to Michelle M and all her helpers for bringing the Kinder children to be involved at our school and to Mrs H, Caroline and Laura for such a great job of assisting to ensure a hectic program was run superbly.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
Starts this Monday 23rd May
Please ask your child to give their pass-book to their teacher
The House Cross Country Sports were held on Tuesday 24th May. Thanks to all the children who participated so well, either by running or walking. Children who finished in the top four received placegetter ribbons to recognise their fine efforts. Thanks also to our helpers Annette D & Sue C (and our staff members) who ran the event or completed timing and placegetter duties. The results will be published in next week’s newsletter. The winning house will be announced at School Assembly next week.

I hope many children were able to Walk Safely To School today for the National Day - Children were encouraged to walk to school from their house or be dropped off at a distance from school, if transported by car, so that a good deal of walking exercise occurred.

We have had reported several instances of children with the symptoms of various types of gastro recently. I wish to provide a warning that I have had a case of Giardia also reported which has similar appearance to common gastro problems but requires medication prescribed by a doctor. Please be on the watch out and take appropriate action!

Giardia is caused by a parasite called Giardia Lamblia which enters the body and lives in the intestines. People can pick up the parasite in contaminated food and water, and from infected people. People carry giardia parasites in their poo, and, if they don’t wash their hands after using the bathroom, they can spread the infection to other people.

Permission for the Yarrabee Yesterday’s World Excursion for Prep H and 1/2 A have been distributed to children. The excursion will take place on Thursday 2nd June. Please continue to make payments over the coming weeks or pay the complete amount ASAP.

Upwey Primary School’s display board has been set up at Knox City Shopping Centre. If you are in the vicinity please drop in and have a look. Many schools will be represented to advertise their achievements and school highlights in the Education Week Display. The display is on the top level not far from Rebel. The display will remain until Sunday 22nd May.

A very important evening Parent Forum on Monday 30th May from 7-8:30 pm in the school library has been organised for parents to provide ideas and input about our School Self Evaluation.

Please attend to have your say on the elements of school life that affect our community.

Some parents have recently received accounts for unpaid school expenses (BASC, Book Lists, Excursions, and Voluntary Contributions etc) for 2011. Please attend to these as a matter of urgency.

Thanks to Kristy B for her fine efforts, and considerable time spent, when completing our new Promotions Brochures for Pre School Parents who are looking at sending their children to primary school in 2012. The brochure details what Upwey Primary School offers and provides transition to primary school information.

Thanks to Mrs Hickey and Mrs Arvanitis for attending the ABC Expo at Belgrave Heights to promote and inform visitors about Upwey Primary School. This was a great effort after a late evening on Wednesday for Open Evening also. Our teachers efforts to promote the school are very much appreciated.

Ratio of an igloo’s circumference to its diameter – Eskimo Pi

The University of NSW Computer Skills Testing Competition will be held on Tuesday 24th May for those children who have put in an entry form. This is only for Year 3 to 6 children who have already completed application forms during Term 1.

Although it has been postponed a couple of times due to bad weather the tree lopping should go ahead over the next week. I am therefore anticipating some extra mulch and tree logs that would be available to any families. If you are interested please let us know...you will just have to organise the pick up.

The University of NSW

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

Grafitti Education Program

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Hello Upwey PS Community!

We’ve had a great start to music this term - it’s been absolutely wonderful meeting all the lovely students and getting to know their musical interests.

Thank you to all for sharing with me. This term we will be focussing on beat, rhythm, percussion and singing; and hopefully making a lot of noise with the fantastic musical percussion resources that Upwey PS enjoys.

I’d love our students to explore and “have a go” at playing guitars, keyboards and other melodic instruments; however we are quite limited in our options for this at present. If you have any unused (working) musical instruments that need a new home, please consider donating them to the music program at Upwey Primary School. I’m looking forward to becoming part of the Upwey community and enjoying more of the Dandenong Ranges culture. My husband and I live in Monbulk and have loved introducing our 14-month-old little man, Jasper, to the beauty of the hills in Autumn this year.

I look forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses.

Erin Beer

SCHOOL PHOTOS
MONDAY 30TH MAY

OUR STUDENT PACKS HAVE NOT ARRIVED AS YET, WE WILL FORWARD THEM A.S.A.P.
YOU CAN PAY ON THE DAY OR VIA SCHOOL PIX WEBSITE AT A LATER DATE

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Student Information Forms

A reminder to all parents and carers that the Student Information Forms need to be returned to the School office. If you require another copy please contact Kay or Cindy.

Some of our records are up to 3 years old, it is very important that we can update all the students details in case of an emergency. Thank you.
Host Families and Exchange Students

There are eager exchange students from Italy, Belgium, Germany, Brazil, France, Austria, Japan, Holland, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden hoping to become a member of a host family like yours, so if you are at all interested in and can afford having an additional 15-17 or even 18 year old girl or boy at the dinner table for ½, 1 or 2 semesters, please call Klaus Schumann on (03)97584279 for further information.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann

“Every Child’s an Artist”
Come with your Child

An introduction to painting and drawing using acrylic paint, pastels, pencils and charcoal. Structured drawing and experimental approaches.

Mandala Magic Studio,
Morris Rd. Upwey.
Monday May 16th 4.15 – 5.45pm
(6 wks ‘no class June 13)

Cost $14 first session, then $60
*All materials supplied

Bev - 0449 654 343
bevpergl@hotmail.com
VIT Registered Art Teacher

2011 belgrave lantern parade

Celebrate Diversity

Winter Solstice
Saturday 18th June
5.00pm onwards

Make sure you have your own beacon of light on the night!
For more information about lantern making and other exciting activities visit our website www.belgravelanterns.org.au

Irabina would like to invite parents and carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and any other special people connected to your family, to join us for an information evening

Wednesday 25th May, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Sonia Street, Psychologist will be presenting:

What is Autism?
And what can I do to help?

A family will also share their personal account of living with autism

Irabina welcomes your family and extended family and friends to join us for the evening.

Question time will follow the presentation.

Please RSVP to Reception on 9720 1118 or autism@irabina.com

Message from Irabina Executive Officer Dawn Boyd

It is important for parents and families to recognize that the introduction of FaHCSIA funding has allowed Irabina to offer programs to provide additional much needed services and programs such as:

Social Worker
Social Worker Assistant
Subsidized Children
Family Counselling
Extended Family Night
Sibling Support Program
Parent Education Program

We encourage all of our families to take advantage of these additional services and programs, and please ask your Family Services Coordinator for more details.

Currently we are looking for parents to come onto our board and assist us when looking at making decisions such as these. Our board is made up of a spread of current and past parents and professionals from outside our organization. While we have had quite a lot of interest from outside our organization in full board vacancies recently, we believe that having parents on the board is integral to understand what we need to be delivering. So if you are interested please either contact myself or Roger Legendant our President on 0437 776 433.

On the school holidays we hold our second sibling support program where groups of siblings discussed actions and how it impacts on them. This was done in a fun and supportive environment with a Psychologist and Occupational Therapist. The children explored their feelings towards their sibling and family and discussed how all Siblings were different. If you are interested in attending this program in the next holidays, please keep a look out for our flyer.

Have a great summer and I hope Mothers Day was all you wished for.

Dawn Boyd
Counselling Irabina

May 2011
## Term 2, 2011 - Upwey Primary School Family Calendar

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**Before & After School Care**

**Monday** – Baking Cookies
**Tuesday** – Glitter Jars
**Wednesday** – Climbing Critters
**Thursday** – Games Afternoon
**Friday** – Popcorn and Movie Night