ANZAC CEREMONY 5/6R
On Wednesday 4th of May our Years 5 & 6 students took part in the Anzac Ceremony held at Dandenong Ranges National Park in Upper Ferntree Gully. It is run by a local Legacy group and gives the children the opportunity to hear about Legacy, the ANZACS and other military groups. It is a moving ceremony with a choir, a band, a bugler and a man who plays the Bagpipes.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP
We had a special presentation for all grades on Responsible Pet Ownership on Monday. Eva attended with her greyhound Marley and presented information to children on correct processes and considerations for being a responsible pet owner. She used interactive multi-media to assist and was extremely pleased with the responses of children. She thoroughly enjoyed her visit to Upwey PS and commented very positively about all aspects of her visit. The program was another great success!
PH Ripley
For being a super listener and for following instructions with confidence!
Super Effort!

PH Chelsea
For reading all our cloud words with confidence!
Super Effort!

1/2A Ariel
For her beautiful manners and friendliness towards her new class mates.
Thank you Ariel!

1/2A Imogen
For being a responsible member of our class and always remembering to follow the Tribes Agreements!
Keep it up!

3/4G Jay
For an excellent start with his persuasive writing.

5R Nathan
For completing his natural disasters project on time, and with all activities done to a very good standard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARKET FRESH PROGRAM
We will again be having a visit from the Melbourne Market Authority for the Market Fresh Schools Program. Children will be involved in a Fresh Food information program and be able to sample fresh market produce as part of the program. The program for the whole school will be on Friday 13th May.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
The House Cross Country Sports will be held on Tuesday 17th May from 10:00 am. Children will be able to attend in House Colours to show their allegiance. All children will be required to attend unless excused for reasons provided in a parent letter. Children will be running over appropriate distances according to their age level with the Year 5 & 6 children running over 2-3 kilometres. The course will be on the school oval and across Upwey High and the Upwey Reserve. Children may walk the event which is part of our PE and Sports Program in the school.

The results will assist in determining the school team for the District Cross Country Sports.

The District Cross Country Sports will be held on Friday 27th May at Crystalbrooke Park, Cardinia Reservoir (Melway 126B11) from 12:2-30 pm.

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

NEW STAFF-
Our new teachers have begun well and will take a few days to find their way around the school. Mrs Mitchell began Art lessons last week and completed her second lesson this week and is getting to know the children already. Mrs Beer attended the school assembly this week and completed her first Music lesson this week.

VISITING TEACHERS
Over the next couple of weeks we will be fortunate to have two visiting student teachers from Deakin University. Ms Bannan will be with 5/6R and Mrs Rowles. Ms Adcock will be with Prep H and Mrs Hickey.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY PLACEMENT FORMS
A reminder for all Year 6 children that placement forms for Year 7 secondary school placement in 2012 need to be returned by Friday 20th May.

NAPLAN TESTING- NEXT WEEK
The National Standardised Testing Program for Year 3 and Year 5 children will be held on Tuesday 10th May (Language Conventions- i.e. Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, as well as Writing), Wednesday 11th May (Reading)) and Thursday 12th May (Numeracy- Mathematics). I am encouraging all parents to ensure that their children are well rested, well organised and at school on time during the testing period.
EDUCATION WEEK- 16-20TH MAY
Education Week will be held during the Week of 16th – 20th May. We have a host of activities planned with a promotional flyer attached to this week’s newsletter. Some of the events to put in your diary are:
**Monday 16th May- Special Person’s Day**  (Invitations have been given to children to present to their Special Person for a school visit from 11.30 – 1:00 for some special events.)
**Wednesday 18th May- Open Evening- Art Theme**- Children and parents come and help create a special mural/diorama. Children will work on the centre piece during Art lessons during that day.
**Thursday 19th May- Upwey Pre School Visit- Science Activities**  2.00 – 3.00 pm
**Friday 20th May- Walk Safely To School Day**- Children encouraged to walk to school from their house or be dropped off at a distance from school if transported by car so that an amount of walking may still occur.
**KNOX CITY SHOPPING CENTRE- EDUCATION WEEK DISPLAY- 16-20TH MAY**
Education Week will kick off with the Upwey Primary School display board being decorated at Knox City Shopping Centre. The board will be positioned between the National bank and Rebel at the East end of the 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.

**SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION & REVIEW**
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, in particular the children, in order to assess what is going well, what we are not doing so well, where the school should direct resources and how/where we can make improvements.
Please put this date in your diary and have direct input into your child’s education.

**SCHOOL BANKING- BENDIGO BANK**
The school banking system with the Bendigo Bank- Upwey Branch- Piggy Bank Accounts for children will begin on Monday 16th May. Any parents wishing to have their children included and begin new accounts will need to complete an application form. Those children who are already account holders with Bendigo Bank do not need an application but can make deposits to their existing passbook account through the school banking system.
School banking will operate on Mondays.

**CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**
The boxes of fundraiser chocolates will be distributed to children on Monday 9th May. I ask that families sell the chocolates to friends, family members etc if possible to assist the PA/Fundraising Committee in their efforts to raise funds for the school. Some families have requested not to receive the box and so the children will not receive the fundraising chocolates. If you still wish to be included on this list please contact the office by Monday 9th May. If your child does not receive the box and you do wish to sell chocolates please contact the office also. All money raised or unsold chocolates will need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 31st May. Thanks in anticipation of your co-operation.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
Our Mother’s Day Stall was held today with children choosing very carefully from a wide range of items and merchandise. I am sure they will have made wise choices for their mums.
I also hope all the mums enjoy a very happy Mother’s Day on Sunday. I am sure the children will have some wonderful gifts/ideas to make the day special. I thank all the Upwey Primary School Community mums for their great work and wish you all a wonderful and well-deserved relaxing day.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**
The May School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 9th May at 7:30 pm in the staffroom.

**FUNDRAISER- READING MATERIAL**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**
The PA/Fundraising has supported the introduction of the Scholastic Book Club offers this year in order to support/encourage reading for our children.
The offer provides a very good range of reading material at reasonable prices. Notices have been distributed this week after not being included on Friday as anticipated.
*This first order will be due by Monday 16th May- No late orders will be accepted.* The orders will be collated at school and sent to Scholastic and the books will then be delivered to the school for distribution to the children to take home.
The school will receive free books and/or teaching resources from Book Clubs as a result of orders collected.

**DONATIONS CONTACTS REQUESTED-TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER**
We are still seeking donations or contacts for donations that any families might have for our major fundraising Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 30th July. Please contact me or the office if you are able to assist or have any ideas on prospective companies etc.
The PA/Fundraising have already sought a large amount of contacts and been successful with many but I am keen to reach as far and wide as possible.

**JUST FOR FUN**

**A DEFINITION**

**HALF OF A LARGE INTESTINE = 1 SEMICOLON**

McDonalds in Tecoma??????

McDonald’s are proposing to build a take-away/restaurant in Tecoma, open 24/7!
Is this the thin end of the wedge?
Come and join the “No McDonald’s” in the Dandenong Ranges” campaign.

**TONIGHT**

Public Meeting
7:30 pm Friday 6th May 2011
Tecoma Primary School Hall
Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome to the Upwey School Community. I’ve really enjoyed meeting our lovely students. They are full of ideas, enthusiasm and talent; a great mixture! I’m really excited about the new Art projects, which are underway this term. Prep class and Year 1/2A are doing a project on 'Fairytales', looking at character illustration, past and present. So, if you have a book of 'Fairytales' with some great illustrations, bring it in and share it with the class. Our Y3-6 students are learning about 'Puppetry' this term. They have already designed some weird and wacky creatures to make. It'd be great if they could bring in empty cereal boxes to help construct their puppets; so start collecting! Also, during these cooler and wetter months, students are welcome to come in to the Art room during the first part of lunchtime, to continue working on their class project, or to do some Art from home that they'd like to work on; details of this will be available soon.

Angela Mitchell

MARKET FRESH SCHOOLS PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Friday 13th May
11.00am: Fruit and Vegetable preparation—parent assistance required
12.00-1.00pm: Presentation in Howarth Hall

The program is designed to achieve a number of objectives:
• Expose children to new varieties and types of fruit and vegetables
• Increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables as a part of a healthy, well balanced diet
• Make learning about fruit and vegetables fun
• Create new opportunities for learning at school and at home
• Highlight the fresh produce supply chain (paddock to plate) here in Victoria
• Stimulate interest and create awareness to those parents who attend.

A treat for 1/2A
On Thursday 1/2A were lucky enough to listen to and see a gramophone from the early 1900’s. They had a lovely time listening to olden day records and dancing to early music like the Waltz. It was really special.
‘FIT KIDS CLUB’ IS CATCHING ON IN MONBULK…

‘Fit Kids Club’ aims to encourage children to enjoy exercise in a non competitive environment while fostering exercise and movement as a life long habit. ‘Fit Kids Club’ is a fun fitness based activity program for 8-12 year olds.

‘Fit Kids Club’ originally a joint initiative of the Yarra Centre in Yarra Junction and Access for All Abilities Yarra Ranges, has caught on and is now being offered at Monbulk Aquatic Centre in Monbulk. The ‘Fit Kids Club’ program has been developed to ensure the inclusion of all children of all abilities hence providing the ideal environment to include children who have a disability.

For information and enrolment or contact the Monbulk Aquatic Centre on Phone 9756 6227 or visit the web at www.monbulkaquatic.com.au
Before & After School care

Hi All,
What’s on for BASC next week?

**MONDAY** - COOKING SCONES AND MAKING OUR OWN BUTTER
**TUESDAY** - GAMES OUTSIDE OR IN THE HALL (DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER)
**WEDNESDAY** - AUTUMN LEAF COLLAGES
**THURSDAY** - EGG HEADS
**FRIDAY** - PICASSO MIRRORS

A reminder that parents must sign their children in and out of Before and After school care. This is a requirement of DEEWR and also a licensing requirement.

Hope you all have a great weekend and see you on Monday.
Sam :)

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**Term 2, 2011 - Upwey Primary School Family Calendar**

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