Calendar
Friday 25th November Pre School Transition - “Cool to Go to School”
Wednesday 30th November 2012 Prep Information Evening
Friday 2nd December Pre School Transition - “Cool to Go to School”
Friday 2nd December Working Bee 4pm-7pm
Tuesday 6th December Year 6 Transition Day

Friday 25th November, 2011

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 25.11.2011

DISCO- PA/FUNDRAISING EVENT
What a magnificent job the PA/Fundraising Committee did in preparing for the Disco. The decorations were fabulous and provided a great atmosphere for the dancing. The dance moves of the children were something to be seen, especially some of the younger children! The musical arrangements were excellent (Thanks Tennyson & Taylah) and overall it was a very successful event.
Thanks to all those who attended, and especially the members of the PA/Fundraising who assisted with decorating, preparing and supervising the extracurricular event.
Prep H P.E. Award
Dylan
For showing great effort and accuracy with hitting skills in the P.E. lesson.
Principals Award
Prep H Music
Laura
For singing beautifully and doing beautiful drawings
1/2A Class Award
1/2A Music
Imogen
For listening well and being a fantastic player in the pitch game.
3/4G Music
Rhiannon
For singing beautifully and writing fabulous music. Well done!
1/2A Class Award
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For doing their personal best at the Knox Basketball clinic and braving the hot and humid conditions.
3/4G Connor
For his hard work and effort during the Knox basketball day. Great effort!
3/4G Rhiannon
For singing beautifully and writing fabulous music.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM:
3rd Session
The Preps for 2012 had their latest classroom session today and are looking quite at home! The program for Prep enrolled students in 2012 concludes on Friday 2nd December with the final session to be held from 9:00 until 10:00 am. We anticipate the children will be meeting their buddy for 2012. Mrs Hickey has been organising the program in the Prep Classroom.

STUDENT TESTING AND REPORTING
We are continuing with testing and report writing over the next couple of weeks. It is important that children are present for these processes. Please ensure children are in attendance unless of course there are legitimate reasons, such as appointments or illness. (Remember-It's Not Okay To Be Away- unless ill!!) If there is a necessary absence please contact the school to indicate the reason to assist the class teachers with planning.

HELPERS NEEDED! BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
We are still looking for volunteers to assist us with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to be held on Sunday 11th December between 8 am and 4 pm. We would appreciate help for an hour or two in the day cooking sausages and selling from the stall. This is the final big fundraiser for the year so please support the PA/Fundraising Committee in this venture.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – FIRE DRILL
We completed a Fire Drill as part of our Emergency Management Procedures on Tuesday this week. The drill went extremely well and we are able to execute appropriate actions according the plan. We went to the Shelter In Place on this occasion.
Our next Emergency Management Procedure will be an offsite evacuation and this will be held before the end of the year. I would appreciate if parents could continue to support the children with an understanding of Fire Plans which are essential at this time of year.
This is a timely opportunity to remind parents that in a real emergency where the Emergency Management Plan is put into action the following are requirements of the plan for children being picked up from school:
• No child may be picked up by a sibling under the age of 18. Siblings attending would be invited to stay in our Shelter In Place (The Art Room)
• No child may be picked up by a parent/guardian of another child unless express notification is signed indicating this arrangement (Emergency Contact People are not given automatic permission)
We would stay in the Shelter in Place until Emergency Services (Police) provide further direction.
VISITOR'S BOOK- SIGN IN AND OUT
Completing the Fire Drill also gave us a reminder that all parents/visitors who attend the school for any reason (more than a quick 5 minute stay/drop off) need to sign the Visitors Book on arrival and departure so that we can be assured we know who is in the school at any one time.

SCHOOL START BONUS 2012
Year 6 and Prep 2012 parents need to ensure that current Health Care Card or EMA information is up to date as parents need to know whether they qualify for the School Start Bonus or not. Please contact Kay at the office if you have any questions regarding qualifying for the School Start Bonus which is provided to offset school expenses for Year 7 and Prep children in 2012.

CARE GROUPS – TRIBES ACTIVITY
In Care Groups today we completed activities about respect for others and building/restoring relationships so harm is repaired. These activities deal with many issues including careless mistakes and even bullying and how to make things better. The central theme is about making our friendships healthy.

UPCOMING EVENTS
PREP INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
The Prep Information Evening for parents of Prep enrolled students in 2012 will be held on Wednesday 30th November from 7:00 until 8:00 pm. Mr Aspinall and Mrs Hickey will run the program and parents are invited to bring their children to attend a special After School Program, if they wish, with our co-ordinator Sam Carey during this time. Please contact the office to book for the program. Separate invitations providing full details have been distributed.

FAMILY PICNIC & CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING
The annual event will be held on Monday 19th December from 6:00 pm on the school oval. We would expect an appearance from Santa Claus at some time. All families are welcome to attend and have a relaxing time with some games and exercise for the children. Carol singing will be a feature of the evening at about 8:00 pm.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION- DINNER & PRESENTATIONS
The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations will be held on Wednesday 21st December at Marybrook beginning at about 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 pm. The formal part of the evening involving parents and family members for presentations and speeches will be held at about 8:30 pm.

ORIENTATION DAY- YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
Tuesday 13th December will be the Orientation Day for all Year 6 children to attend the secondary school of their choice in 2012. This will be a whole day program and the respective secondary schools will provide information the all students.

CAMEO EXCURSION
We are anticipating a Whole School Excursion to the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave to view the movie “Arthur Christmas 2D” on Tuesday 20th December from 10-12. We will be walking to the theatre along the bike track. We expect to have lunch at the outdoor theatre before returning. The cost will be $8.00. The notice and permission form will be distributed soon.

FINAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
This will be held on Monday 12th December from 6:30 pm at Honey Thai in Belgrave. The meeting will be followed by dinner at around 7:30 pm.

HELPING HAND
MOWING & BRUSHCUTTING
If any parents are available after school, or during the day to assist with mowing or brush cutting duties over the coming weeks this would be much appreciated. The current weather conditions have led to huge grass growth recently and with washed out Working Bees the problem has become exaggerated. Please contact me if you are available at any time.

REMINDERS
SOUPES: FREE FEED FRIDAY FOR BREAKFAST
The free breakfast session continues each Friday through Term 4. Children have been offered a choice of Weet Bix, milk (soy, full cream, lite), toast (white, wholemeal) and jam/vegemite. Apples are also available for all children. Gavin and helpers continue to do a great job so I hope that families are taking advantage of this opportunity.

JUST FOR FUN
PLAYING WITH WORDS
The star asked the sun why the moon was always up so late.
Sun responded that it was just a phase.

WORKING BEES
We are planning two twilight working bees in the coming weeks
Friday 2nd Dec & Friday 16th Dec
4pm-7pm
BBQ Dinner will be provided
OUR OWN MR G IS TAKING PART IN MOVEMBER FOR THE 2ND YEAR.
PLease support Mr G by sponsoring him, either by donating to the box at the office or online at www.movember.com/m/67184.
LAST YEAR MR G RAISED $300.00.
LET'S BEAT THAT THIS YEAR!

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATED MOPHOTOS IN THE COMING NEWSLETTERS.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS FOR MEN’S HEALTH?

- The average life expectancy for men is five years less than women (77 years compared to 82 years).
- 1 in 3 men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
- 1 in 9 men in Australia will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime.
- Each year close to 3,300 Australian men die of prostate cancer – this is equal to the number of women who die from breast cancer annually.
- 1 in 8 men will experience depression at some stage in their life.
- The suicide rate is 4 times higher for men than women.
- Each hour, over 5 men die prematurely from potentially preventable illnesses.
- One third of men have not seen a doctor in the past year. 10% have not seen a doctor for five years.
- As men are less likely to schedule doctor appointments and stay in touch with their doctors, they deny themselves the chance of early detection and effective treatment of common diseases.

Help me break last year’s total of $300. You can donate in the donations box at the office or visit http://www.movember.com/m/67184.
Grass Roots Community Market
9am - 2pm
SATURDAY 10th Dec 2011
It’s Christmas: Nativity Photos, Santa, Gifts, Tinsel
UPWEY VILLAGE GREEN

The Shire of Yarra Ranges
Giving Tree
Helping Kids in our Community

We need your support to ensure no child in the hills goes without a present at Christmas.
department store Giving Trees gifts are not distributed in the hills.

Here’s how you can help:
1. Give a gift for a child
Take a tag from the Giving Tree at the Millstreet Library, purchase a gift for the child described and return it under the tree by Thursday, 19th December 2011.

2. Make a tax deductible donation (over $2)
Cheques and cash donations can be forwarded directly to AUU. Please ensure DEDUCTION is noted on how to donate via direct debit or credit card.

Upwey High School will be hosting Kanae Sone a 15 year old Japanese girl in 2012, as part of a reciprocal Exchange Program conducted by AUU.

We are now in need of families to host Kanae for approximately one term on a volunteer basis. It is not necessary to have children of the same age as Kanae and younger students often enjoy and benefit from hosting our Japanese Exchange Students.

AUU exchange students are expected to pay for all their personal costs and to contribute to family life by assisting with chores and being involved in family routines. To show appreciation to our volunteer host families, AUU provides a non-taxable stipend to assist with the basic costs of hosting the student.

Host families are asked to provide a bed and meals and most importantly to accept the student as a member of their family. AUU students do not require their own room, however they may only share with a same gender host sibling.

In return host families benefit by learning about the Japanese culture and by making friends with a person from another country.

Kanae will attend Upwey High School and participate in all aspects of school life just as other students do. Host families and the student are provided with an AUU Support Officer for assistance with all aspects of hosting.

For further information, please phone AUU Support Officer Michelle Levin on 03 9758 4356 or 0448 176 153

Rubbish / Wrapper
Free Lunch
Every Wednesday

Christmas Decorations for Children
FERNTREE GULLY LIBRARY
6-12 year olds
Thurs 1st Dec - 4.15-5.45pm
Felt Stocking Decorations
Miniature Santas, Angels & Cards

Thurs 8th Dec - 4.15-5.45pm
Decorated Boxes
Miniature Santas, Angels & Cards

Sat 4th Dec - 10.00 - 11.30am
Decorated Glass Candle Holders
Necklaces or Miniature Santas & Cards

Cost $16.00

Bookings
Bev 0449 654 343
Classes run by a VT registered & trained teacher

Don’t Miss
Macey’s Massive Car Boot Sale!
New & Used Items

$1 per item on ALL clothing for ONE DAY ONLY!
Lots of other bargains on books, toys, manchester, shoes, bags etc
9am - 11pm Thursday 1 December 2011
The Hope Centre Op Shop 101 Manchester Road, Morwell

ENGAGING COOPERATION FATHERS WORKSHOP
Do you want to stay connected to your child’s development?
Do you feel that you communicate effectively?
Are your children coming to competitions? The way to involve children is to be responsible without stressing and speaking.
Come and share your ideas: skills, techniques and techniques and get some new insights to help with building relationships.

When: Men’s, Dads and Carers of children aged 5-12 years
When: Monday 9 December 2011
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Meeting fee included
Where:👈Ararat Community Centre,
Cost: Child Care Cheque (Bookings essential).
Contact: Ararat Community Centre,
Alfreda Drive, North Burrow, M. 9294 7534

Mountain Conveyancing
Buying or selling? First home owner? Investment property? Transferring ownership of your Title?
Whatever it may be you will need someone to do your conveyancing. Conveyancing is described as the transfer of the legal ownership of a property from one person to another.

Our practice is headed by Michelle and Mei who have been practicing conveyancing for a number of years in various law firms throughout Melbourne.

We specialise in residential sale and purchase conveyancing transactions as well as the transfer of titles. We service all areas of Victoria, but specifically the Yarra Ranges and Corinna area.

We aim to offer high quality services to our clients at a competitive price for a sale or purchase transaction.

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**Look what we made with Mr A in Technology**
We need volunteers to help run a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Scoresby on **Sunday 11th December** this is one of our major fundraiser **PLEASE HELP**. We will need a number of volunteers between 8am and 4pm. If you could spare an hour or two please fill in the form with the time that suits you. It won’t cost you anything, just some of your free time.

If you are interested please complete the slip below and return it to the office.  
**SIGN UP NOW...HELP, HELP, HELP, HELP...**

Bunnings Scoresby, Ferntree Gully Rd. 8am to 4pm. Sunday 11th December.

I/We,  
…………………………………………………………………………………………...
would like to volunteer at the sausage sizzle to be held at Scoresby Bunnings.

Signed: …………………………

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Thank you for your support and time. Please tick a box when you are available to help.
White Christmas slice recipe

This recipe skips the traditional ingredients for White Christmas and uses white chocolate to hold together the things we really like! Leave it on the buffet in tiny squares to nibble on, or cut it into large squares and bag it in clear cellophane to give as gifts.

Ingredients:
- 500g white chocolate buttons
- 1 1/2 cups of Rice Bubbles
- 100g red glace cherries
- 160g almonds, roasted and roughly chopped
- 160g sultanas
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Method:

Line a slice tin with baking paper and set aside.

Place the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl and melt in the microwave for 1 minute and stir well. Then 30 seconds and stir again. When it is melted stir in the rest of the ingredients.

Using a large metal spoon, press the mixture into the slice tin and press it down firmly.

Refrigerate to set. Cut into squares and drizzle with melted chocolate for decoration.

Notes
- These cute little squares make great gifts. Bag them in clear cellophane and tie with pretty ribbons to give away.

Reindeer cupcakes recipe

These cute little reindeers will be loved by all the kids and grown ups alike.

They are chocolate-y good and cute to boot.

Give them as gifts in cupcake sized boxes or make a platter to take along to a party.

They will disappear fast!

Ingredients:
- 1 pkt Betty Crocker Mud cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 tub of Betty Crocker chocolate icing
- 1 pkt Jaffas Smarties or M&M’s candy coated choc chips or cachous
- 1 pkt pretzels

Method:

Preheat oven to 200°C. Place silver foil patty pans in a 12 cup tray.

Prepare cake mix as directed and place 1/3rd cup measures in each patty pan and bake for 20 minutes. Leave to cool on a wire rack.

When cooled take the icing and give each cupcake a generous coating.

Place Jaffas on each one for the nose and smarties etc for the eyes.

Cut the pretzels to make the antler shapes and push into cupcake.