PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 4.11.2011

APPRECIATING OUR RETIRED STAFF

This event is tonight, Friday 4th November at Burrinja Café from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. We will be holding a combined Retirement Function to recognise the services of Robyn Mitchell, Ursula Langdon and Glenys Martin to Upwey Primary School. All past, present staff and parents are welcome to attend the casual function. Finger food will be provided and drinks may be purchased at bar prices. There will be a short ceremony and presentation to the retired staff members to show appreciation for their long service to the school.

Please contact the office on 9754 2369 if you wish to attend. The event is for adults and not children.

Brrrrrr A cool start to our Swimming Program

But the students are having a great time!
Despite drizzle and cloudy conditions for the start of the Swimming Program children participated with plenty of energy. The extracurricular program will continue all next week until Friday 11th November for all year levels.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM DAILY TIMETABLE**

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**MULTI PURPOSE ROOM: NEW FLOOR COVERINGS**
The new flooring looks terrific! New vinyl and new carpet completes the presentation of the facility. The children participating in BASC, Music Lessons and Classroom Cooking in the Student Kitchens and will be able to take advantage of the upgraded flooring. Take a look in the coming weeks, if you get a chance.

**TWILIGHT WORKING BEE**
Again washed out last Friday but at least we made a start and managed to mow and cut some grass. Thanks especially to Mr G and Eric S for their persistence during wet and rainy conditions.

**SPECIALIST TIMETABLE CHANGES**
During the Swimming Program there will be several changes to the Specialist Timetable with Art, Music and PE being held at times to co-ordinate with the swimming timetable.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**
The next Meeting for the School Council will be held on Monday 14th November from 7:30 pm. Reports and meeting details will be distributed next week.

**SOMERS CAMP PAYMENT**
The Somers Camp Full Payment for those children attending will be due on Wednesday 16th November. All Camp forms have been distributed and will also be due to be returned by the same date.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CRE CONCERT**
This annual event will be held in the school hall on Friday 11th November from 2:00 - 3:00 pm for children who participate in the Christian Religious Education Program at school. Mrs Hicks will be co-ordinating the event.

**BIO DIVERSITY EXCURSION – Grade 5/6R**
Grade 5/6R will be attending an excursion to the Dandenong Ranges National Park at Upper Ferntree Gully including a visit to the Education Centre on Thursday 17th November. Permission notices have been distributed.

**WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION: KNOX RAIDERS BASKETBALL EXCURSION**
This annual event will be held on Friday 18th November for the whole school. We will be travelling by train to Boronia Stadium for the day of activity and fun. There will be a cost for the clinic this year and this will be added to the train fare, $5 in total. Permission notices will be distributed with this week's newsletter. I am expecting that all children will be involved in the program as no classes will be held at school on that day.

**DISCO-PA/FUNDRAISING EVENT**
This event will be held on Friday 18th November for the whole school. The Pre School children, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco will be held from 6:30 until 7:45 pm and the Year 3 to Year 6 Disco will be held from 8:00 until 9:30 pm.

**REMINDEERS**

**ED ALIVE COMPUTER SOFTWARE OFFER**
The new brochure for Ed Alive software will be distributed with the newsletter. If you are interested then you are welcome to make a purchase but do not feel obliged to do so.

**SOUPES: FREE FEED FRIDAY FOR BREAKFAST**
The free breakfast session continues each Friday through Term 4. Children have been offered a choice from Weet Bix, milk (soy, full cream, lite), toast (white, wholemeal) and jam/vegemite. Thanks again Gavin and helpers for assisting with our extracurricular activities.

**CO-OPERATIVE LOAN GROUP: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Our Annual General Meeting for the school Co-operative Loan Group (which gained us the funding for classroom air conditioners and the red & green playground equipment/shade sail) will be held on Monday 14th November from 6:45 pm for all members. Information has been distributed by mail to members.

**JUST FOR FUN**

**PLAYING WITH WORDS**
I just got back from a statistical probability conference. It was average.
Parents Association News

Next Meeting
Friday 25TH November

New members are always welcome and Toddlers are welcome too. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

What Busy Little Bees we had on Monday.
The Vegie Patch had a good weeding & clean up!

Look How long this weed is!!!!

Happy Birthday
For our students & staff
4th Nov— 11th Nov

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Auditory Processing and the Young Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Special Guest presenter Lesley Tan (MSc, Med, DipEd, DipAEd) from Listening Works will present this information evening.

The ability to process speech accurately and process it correctly, so that it can be followed and understood involves Auditory Processing. The abilities involved develop throughout childhood. Delays in its development are common, but are often not recognised or misinterpreted, and often underestimated in ASD children. They contribute to learning and behaviour problems, increasing the effects of weak language or poor social skills.

Special Guest presenter Lesley Tan (MSc, Med, DipEd, DipAEd) from Listening Works will present this information evening. Lesley is a Clinical Pediatric Audiologist with many years of experience helping children who have hearing and language difficulties that affect learning and behaviour. She has Special Education qualifications and has taught in kindergarten, school, teacher’s college and university.

Lesley will talk about how Auditory Processing delay affects children on the autism spectrum and how these children can be helped, giving strategies that are effective and practical at home and at school.

In general, an understanding of Auditory Processing issues is important for helping children who:

- have difficulties with language communication and social skills
- do not pay attention well
- can’t settle down or are easily distracted
- can’t follow instructions and/or forget what you told them
- are not working at their potential in learning situations

Leslie established LISTENING WORKS in order to work with teachers, parents and other professionals and thus to help more children with communication and learning difficulties (see www.listeningworks.com.au). Leslie has published four little booklets about Auditory Processing for parents and teachers. They will be available on the night. They are:

- Behavioural Communication and Auditory Processing ($4.50),
- Auditory Processing at Home ($4.50),
- Auditory Processing ($3.00),
- Auditory Processing and the Under Sides ($10.00).

Set of four booklets is $28.00.

ON: 15th November 2011
VENUE: St Crispin Anglican Church
199 Baywater Road
Baywater 3153

TIME: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Cost: $5.00 per person, please contact reception on 9720 1100 to place your bookings.

No refund will be given if cancellation notice is less than 24 hours prior to this workshop. Payment for workshop is required prior to attending.

RSL POPPY APPEAL

Poppy Appeals now and help us improve the lives of those who’ve given so much in service to their country.

Please support our Upwey RSL.

We have available at the School Office:

- Poppy Badges: $2 & $5
- Bracelets: $3
- Temporary Tattoos: $2

Remembrance Day Friday 11/11/11

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To book call 13 14 95 or email dpailen@redcrossblood.org.au

Roll up your sleeves and give blood.
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Hi all.

What’s on at BASC next week?

Monday - Button People
Tuesday - Bath Bombs (apologies for the other week, I have finally found witch hazel so we can do them now!)
Wednesday - Games in the hall, or outside weather permitting.
Thursday - Forest collage
Friday - Leadlight pictures

Remember, if you are coming to BASC don’t forget to bring your hat!

Have a great weekend all & will see you on Monday.

Sam :}

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**Before & After School Care**

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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...**

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**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.

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