**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 14.10.2011**

**Welcome back everyone. Another busy and exciting term beckons.**

**HOLIDAYS**

I hope that all children, parents and staff had an enjoyable holiday contending with some fairly mixed weather conditions. We look forward to a busy and exciting Term 4 with plenty happening! We have Swimming Program, Round Robin, Excursions/Incursions, End of Year testing and Graduation Events. Very importantly after a successful School Review we will be completing our new Strategic Plan 2012 – 2015 with directions for the coming 4 years.

**SOUPEES: FREE FEED FRIDAY FOR BREAKFAST**

The long anticipated first breakfast session was held today **Friday 14th October**. Breakfast will continue to be offered for all children from 8:30 am on each Friday during Term 4. Children will be offered a basic menu of Weet Bix, milk (soy, full cream, lite), toast (white, wholemeal) and jam/vegemite. We will need to know the approximate numbers for the breakfast so please let your child know if you intend for them to participate and we will do a weekly grade “poll” of children to determine approximate number for catering purposes. BASC children will be attending the breakfast automatically. Thanks to Gavin for his great work in organising the breakfasts as well as Linda and Chris for assisting in serving. We had a great turn up today and children were well fed (some more than others!!).
DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS SPORTS
Congratulations to our School Captain, Hailey M who competed for the Sherbrooke/Boronia District at the Divisional Athletics Championships on Wednesday. She competed in the 11 Girls 100 metres, coming a very creditable 4th (almost 3rd). We congratulate her on the effort and are extremely proud of her achievement.

UPWEY KINDER PIRATE SHIP
The new addition to our playground, courtesy of the generosity of Upwey Pre School, still proves to be a big hit with the children and supports the decision of the School Council to go ahead with the move! Thanks again to those who spread the mulch around the Pirate Ship playground equipment so that it could be open for business. More mulch will be required to “top up” the whole playground area so if you have a spare evening please feel welcome to come and move more of the pile in the car park into the playground.

SOMERS CAMP
13 children in Year 5/6 for 2012 have expressed an interest in attending the Somers School Camp at the beginning of 2012. We have been allocated 6 places (3 girls and 3 boys) so I will complete a draw in the near future as the fairest way to select our participants from those who expressed an interest by the advertised deadline.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2011
Congratulations to the many children who achieved Gold or Silver Attendance Awards at the end of Term 3. Qualifying for Term 4 awards began this week. Let’s see how many children can maintain high attendance and achieve awards at the end of Term 4! Notice in the news recently where research indicates that children with high attendance rates maintain higher academic standards.

NEW STUDENTS FOR TERM 4
A big welcome to our three new students who started this week. Twins Billy and Bertie S are in 5/6R (Year 5) and Jacob B is in Prep H. Please ensure that they, and their parents, are made to feel at home as it is not easy coming in at this stage of the year when so many things are already established.

SCHOOL HATS FOR TERM 4
During Term 4 all children will be required to follow School Rules with SunSmart guidelines coming into effect. Children are required to wear hats at all play times and at outdoor school activities during Term 4. Children without hats will be only permitted to remain in the courtyard area.

VISITING STAFF
Welcome to Miss Markham who is back with 5/6R to complete her final placement for teaching training. She will be at Upwey PS for 3 weeks.
We also welcome Rikki R (ex-student) who is having 10 days in Prep H for her Diploma of Children’s Services placement.
Finally we welcome students on Work Experience, Megan in the Art Room and Brittany in Prep H, each Wednesday for the next 4 weeks.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 17th October.

CONGRATULATIONS
BABY ADDITIONS
We are pleased to hear of the following births and additions to our families over the holiday period:
- On Saturday 1st October Louise H gave birth to a boy, Dylan - a brother for Sam M (2/3N). We have very proud parents Louise and James.
- On Thursday 6th October Rebecca M gave birth to a boy, Levi – a brother for Hailey (5/6R). We have more proud parents, Rebecca and Damien!
On behalf of the whole school community congratulations to both families.

UPCOMING EVENTS
DISTRICT SUMMER ROUND ROBIN
This event will be held on Monday 17th October with children from 3/4G and 5/6R
Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to transport children.
- Belgrave South PS (Bat Tennis – Boys)
- Dandenong Stadium (Basketball – Girls & Boys)
- Gilbert Park (Rounders)
- Tecoma PS (Volleystars - Girls) – children will be walking Permission notices have been distributed and are due to be returned by today.

DREAM FACTORY EXCURSION
The Year 6 children will be attending an excursion to the Dream Factory in Collingwood as part of the Reach Program involvement and transition preparation on Tuesday 18th October. They will be departing at 8:45am so please remember to be on time. Mrs Rowles, Miss Markham and Sue will attend with the children. The Year 5 children will continue a normal program with a relieving teacher.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
This program for Prep enrolled students in 2012 will begin next week with Pre School children attending the first Prep Classroom orientation session on Friday 21st October from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Mrs Hickey will take the children for the program.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2011
This is scheduled from Wednesday 2nd until Friday 11th November for all year levels. The program is run at Belgrave outdoor pool with the anticipated cost being $90. Thanks to those who replied to the survey. Permission forms and beginning payments will be organised next week with a deposit payment of $40 required.

REMINDERS
NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2012
Now is the time to be ensuring Prep, and any other year level, enrolments for 2012 have been arranged. If you are aware of any possible enrolment for next year please contact the office with details.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
An information evening for parents in our network will be offered on the topic of Restorative Practices. The evening is planned for Wednesday 26th October from 6:30 until 7:30 pm and will be held at the Aurora Centre, Upwey High. There only a few positions available for each of the 8 schools involved so please let me know if you are interested and I will provide you with the information flyer.

TWILIGHT WORKING BEE
Our next Twilight Working Bee will be held on Friday 21st October from 4:30pm with tea provided. We will have a substantial amount of mulch moving, mowing, brushing etc. Please come and assist in preparing our grounds for Term 4.

NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER
Just letting all parents and children know that the Burrinja Café will be unable to provide lunch orders on Monday 31st October (the day before Cup Day). Cut lunches will be the order of the day.

JUST FOR FUN
PLAYING WITH WORDS
Two silk worms had a race.
They ended up in a tie.
Prep H had great fun in Art this week, creating some masterpieces in ART.

Our Kitchen Garden Club did a spot of weeding this week!
Parents Association News

Issue 6 Bookclub has been sent home today. Order forms are due back Friday 28th October.
*Please mark if they are presents to be held at the office.

Our Coles and Woolies Voucher Fundraiser finishes next week. Please drop any vouchers into the office ASAP. Thank you for your support.

Next Meeting
Friday 28th October
New members are always welcome and Toddlers are welcome too.
Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Upwey Primary School will be hosting Clean up our Catchments as part of National Water Week. The event will take place in the slope and sanctuary areas on Friday 21st October. Ben Gallaher encourages all of our School Community to get involved on this day. The Clean up our Catchments event begins at 2pm and the site is located at Upwey Primary School on the Slope and sanctuary areas.

National Water Week 2011 will see hundreds of events take place on a local, regional and national scale– and this year aims to be bigger than ever!

Being held from 16-22 October, National Water Week 2011 will unite community, school, environmental and industry groups holding events that encourage community participation in water protection and conservation. National Water Week is an annual awareness week that aims to raise public awareness and improve understanding of water issues in Australia. National Water Week is the only event in Australia that provides a national focus for water issues.

“National Water Week is a great opportunity for our community to take actions that help protect and conserve our most precious resource – water,” says Ben.

For more information or to get involved contact Ben Gallaher 3/4G class teacher on 9754 2369
Is your child or teenager suffering from stress or anxiety?
Not sure what to try next?

FREE Information session on how Reiki may help.
Monday 24th of October at 10-11am
Selby Community House,
Minak Reserve, Selby.

Topics to be discussed:
Common symptoms and causes of anxiety and stress.
What Reiki is.
How Reiki can help in treating and managing the physical and emotional symptoms of stress and anxiety.

Come along and have a cuppa and a chat afterwards in this informal setting.
A great opportunity to meet with other parents in the same situation and share ideas.
For more information, please call Amanda Freeman on 0438 668 688 or email at healingforyou@optusnet.com.au

Join Curves for Free

10% of all income is contributed to breast cancer research.

Monday 3 November 7:00pm-8:30pm
Cost: $15.00

Upcycle your Wardrobe

Melbourne fashion designer and fashion blogger
Browyn Bowerman will be hosting a 4-week workshop teaching how to revamp and recycle your old clothes.

Where?
Ferntree Gully Community Arts Centre
1101 Burring Road, Ferntree Gully

When: Sundays 30th October - 19th November
Time: 1pm - 3pm

For more information, please call Amanda Freeman on 0438 668 688 or email at healingforyou@optusnet.com.au

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Aspektism for Kids
This information evening is designed for the general public to gain insight of how Aspektor Syndrome affects the lives of those individuals who have the disorder. Kurrin will share her own unique experiences with Aspektor Syndrome and how to manage your child’s symptoms and deal with them effectively, as well as helping families accept their child with the disorder and other family members also. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion amongst the group.

Thursday 3 November
7:00pm-8:30pm
Cost: $15.00
Bookings Essential

Ph: 9294 7530
Email: info@ktalk.org.au
Website: www.ktalk.org.au


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Parent News
Parentzone – EASTERN NEWSLETTER
Parenting News and Information for the Eastern Region
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EASTERN REGIONAL PARENTING SERVICE
Anglicare Victoria
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Bayswater 3153
Phone: 9731 2464
Fax: 9737 5074

E-mail: parentzone@anglicare.vic.au
Website: www.anglicare.vic.au
Click on NEWSLETTER from PARENTZONE.

PARENTLINE Ph: 13 22 89
For emergency assistance available Week - Mon to Fri: 12:00am to 6:00pm
Weekends: 7:00am to 6:00pm

Our preschool is excited about the changes happening around us and
making preparations for 2012. We are currently taking enrollments for 3yr and 4yr old kinder for 2012. We
invite you to give us a call and to come for a visit.
Enquiries: Upwey Kinder - 9754 5604
or
Glenn Crambie - 0432 165 507


Ktalk

Triathlon Kids

NTC Duathlons (run/duathlon) on Sunday 23rd October at Metec Bayswater North.
Entries only are $15 for the Events on www.ntcduathlons.com and free for the active kids duathlons on www.activekids.vic.gov.au.
There will be limited entries on the day with latter entry on
Sunday 22nd of Mayo at Metec 112 Orchard Road, Bayswater North 3121
4 from NTC Duathlon Events/All Schools Events: 12m/18m/30m/45m (must be 12 or older)

Ipswich Triathlon Kids
Up to 3 Duathlons (run/duathlon) on Sunday 22nd of October
4m/6m Active fee kids Under 7 Duathlon 12m/18m/30m/45m (Under 7)
6m/8m Active fee kids 7-9 Duathlon 30m/45mi/60m (7-9)
6m/8m Active fee kids 10-15 Duathlon 12m/18m/30m/45m (10-15)

For further information please email Max Bennett, max@ipswichtriathlon.org.au or visit one of their
sites www.pinkbike.com or www.tramallids.com.au


Ktalk

Let the Kids Join in the Fun

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Sunday 27th November
Puffing Billy Railway Station Gembrook

Children aged 12 years and under get the chance to run with Thomas the Tank Engine and Puffing Billy

For more information and entry form go to: www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au
Hi all.
First week back has been great. Lots of fun with bombardment, some beading and dress ups.
We will be running a program on Thursday afternoons, giving children who don’t normally attend BASC a chance to come in and see what we do.
I am really looking forward to this as it gives me a chance to meet some more families + children from Upwey Primary.
We will be doing this program by grades, starting with preps and inviting different grades on a weekly basis, so keep your eye out for the invitations!
This week in BASC
MONDAY- Paper Mâché
TUESDAY- Bath Bombs
WEDNESDAY- Outdoor Games
THURSDAY- Plaster fun, with some special guests from Prep H
FRIDAY- Plasticine figurines
I hope you all have a great weekend and see you Monday
Sam :)

Before & After School Care

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