PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 21.10.2011

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
This program for Prep enrolled students in 2012 began today with Pre School children attending the first Prep Classroom orientation session on Friday 21st October from 9:00 – 10:00 am. They had a taste of school live in the Prep classroom with Mrs Hickey. The 2nd session will be held on Friday 28th October.

CARE GROUPS: THANKS UPWEY KINDER
During our Care Groups (part of our Tribes activities) the children completed a hand tracing activity with decoration and message of thanks to Upwey Kinder for donating their Pirate Ship playground equipment to us. The hand prints have been attached to a banner with a photo of some children on the Pirate Ship and this will be presented to the preschool representative on Monday at School Assembly as a thank you and to show our Appreciation.
Prep H Chelsea
For skip counting out loud in front of the class!

Prep H Lila
For independently adding coins together using her skip counting knowledge!

Prep H Music Ash
For writing and performing a song using musical notations and doing it perfectly!

1/2A Sam
For his persistence and patience when making our very difficult world globes. Well done Sam!

1/2A Sienna
For doing her personal best to make sure that her letters are written the correct way in handwriting!

1/2A P.E. Award Jeremy
For trying to do his best in all P.E. activities.

5/6R Jack
For working extremely well on his personal development poster and for creating effective drawings of faces.

Miss Markham

6R Music Award Ruth
For being consistently diligent, thoughtful and prepared to give everything a go. Well done!

6R Hailey
For running a great race at the Divisional Athletics Championships and for great presentation of Leichhardt’s explorations.

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DISTRICT SUMMER ROUND ROBIN
This event was held on Monday 17th October with children from 3/4G and 5/6R competing in a variety of sports for the day.

Thanks to the parents, Annette D, Carolyn M, Michelle M and staff members, who volunteered to transport children. It was a very successful competition with children showing very good participation and sportsmanship during the day.

Bat Tennis – Boys Team finished 4th overall with the number one doubles pair winning all 7 matches.

Basketball – Girls & Boys – both lost all matches but competed very well and did not give up.

Rounders – Won 2 matches, had 2 draws and lost 1. They finished a very creditable 3rd overall after only losing one match, to the eventual champions.

Volleystars – Girls – the team was much depleted but they managed to draw one match. An extremely good effort considering they competed with three or four fewer players than other teams.

Although teams were depleted by illness and other setbacks those who participated did so displaying resilience and determination to such a large degree and we are extremely proud of their efforts.

DREAM FACTORY EXCURSION
The Year 6 children attended the Dream Factory in Collingwood as part of the Reach Program involvement and transition preparation on Tuesday this week. They had a very interesting day with plenty of activities in which to become involved.
TWILIGHT WORKING BEE - TONIGHT
Due to the inclement weather we have decided to cancel tonight’s working bee. We will reschedule to another time and will inform you next week.

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.

MULTI PURPOSE ROOM: FLOOR COVERINGS
The School Council has approved the replacement of the floor coverings in the Multi Purpose Room (BASC/Music/Student Kitchens building) to enable a satisfactory conclusion to the project of improvement. New vinyl has been laid this week and next Friday carpet will be laid to complete the new floor coverings. Take a look in the coming weeks if you get a chance.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT: RECOGNITION OF RETIRED STAFF
We will be holding a combined Retirement Function to recognise the services, over such a long period of time, 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 on Friday 4th November at Burrinja Café from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. Finger food will be provided and drinks for purchase at bar prices. Everyone is welcome. There will be a short 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 so we are able to gain attendance numbers.

UPCOMING EVENTS
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 cost being $90. Permission forms have been distributed this week and payments are required by Thursday 27th October to confirm participation, with a deposit payment of $40 required. Those who have indicated non-involvement do not need to return the permission form but may change their minds and become involved if numbers allow.

REMINDERS
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 just 6 places (3 girls and 3 boys) so I will complete a draw next week. Camp forms will then be distributed with payment due by mid November. If anyone wishes to withdraw from the draw please let me know on Monday.

SOUPPES: FREE FEED FRIDAY FOR BREAKFAST
The free breakfast session began last Friday 14th October and will continue each Friday through Term 4. Children will be 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.

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 school 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. Please contact me if there is a problem concerning ability to wear a school hat.

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 held on the topic of Restorative Practices. The evening is Wednesday 26th October from 6:00 until 7:30 pm and will be held at the Aurora Centre, Upwey High. There are only very limited places available for each of the 8 schools involved. Thanks to those who have already enrolled with me.

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.

YEAR 12 FINAL DAY
Please be aware that Year 12 children at Upwey High will be finishing next Thursday with their annual dress up event. It is likely they will be attending in all sorts of amazing costumes and participate in “muck up” activities during the morning.

CONGRATULATIONS
RUBBISH FREE LUNCH – “NUDE FOOD”
Congratulations to Taylah V for winning the lunch box prize. All children who have come with rubbish free lunches on Wednesdays over the last month were entered in a draw for the lunch box prize. We will continue to encourage rubbish free lunches on Wednesdays to cut down on our waste disposal costs and support greater environmental sustainability and care. All grades are completing a classroom Unit of Work on Sustainability during Term 4.

HEALTH ISSUES
ILLNESS
There have been several cases of illness, particularly in the Preps to Year 2, so please be on the watch with your children. Most symptoms include headaches, tiredness and vomiting.

HEADLICE
There are still a few cases of head lice so please be on the lookout and treat your child/ren as required.

THANKS TO UPWEY PS
YARRA VALLEY LEGACY GROUP
I have received a letter of appreciation from the Yarra Valley Legacy Group for our efforts in selling badges for Legacy Day and I am passing on thanks to the school community for support that was given. These are very worthwhile charities that we support.

JUST FOR FUN
PLAYING WITH WORDS
Sleeping comes so naturally to me, I could do it with my eyes closed.
1/2A made a very sweet science experiment

On Tuesday we made Candy Crystals. We put food dye in it. Then the water will evaporate because we left them in a sunny place.
By Hannah

We made Candy Crystals. We mixed sugar and food dye and water. It took one of us two times to get it right. Some people have lots of sugary water, some had little sugary water. Over time the sugar will turn into crystals and the water will dissolve. By Sam M

We made Candy Crystals. We put half a cup of water and sugar. We put foil on a plastic plate and wrote our names on the plates and I put pink food dye in it and you can eat them once the water evaporates. By Deborah

On Tuesday we made Candy Crystals. We need it to evaporate for 2 to 3 days before we eat them. I think they are tasty. By Micaela

We made some very creative Sculptures in Art

5/6R

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Parents Association News

Issue 6 Bookclub has been sent home last week. 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.

CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!
On the weekend of Fri. 27th January - Sun. 29th January 2012 $55 Full Fee*

This January 2012 camp is a camp for kids who’ve never been to a Kids of Gold camp before (Level One). Ring for a booking, which will give you 21 days to formally register. See www.kidsofgold.org.au for further info.

WHAT IS IT? A camp designed especially to build confidence and self esteem for Primary Kids in Grades 4-6. Students going into Year 7 in 2012 are still eligible.

There are 3 Levels that kids can ultimately do if they continue to come! Overcoming issues like shyness, bullying and inability to make friends are some of the areas that parents have seen their kids “winning through” on through this camp. Fun games, low rope and initiative activities, wall climbing, drama etc are all in the program.

WHERE IS IT? In the Yarra Valley at the safe and attractive setting of the Lyrebird Park Camp, 510 Bannock Rd Yellingbo. It is found in Melways Map 309 K13, and is marked as 1.1km further along Bannock Road.

FEEDBACK COMMENTS:

‘I couldn’t believe how much of a change I saw in her in just a weekend!’ ‘Both my daughters have been to KOG, one has been there twice, and they love it!’ ‘He had a ball. ‘Come and meet my new friend, his name is Kondoti!’ was the first thing he said when we saw him at the end of camp. He has always been a bit shy to start with, but after having some initial hesitation on the first night, he wants to go back again! His highlights were meeting a new friend!’

COST? $55 per child ( $45 for Health Card Holders). There are full sponsorship available to those on a pension ( $35 in only 40% of the full price), and will be met through subsidies received through fundraising efforts and Kids of Gold sponsors. Bendigo Bank, Buntings and the Shire of Yarra Ranges support our cause as much as they are able.

CONTACT - Enquiries/posting to ‘Kids of Gold’ on 0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 or 0415 527 906 (Gary)

KIDS OF GOLD, 510 MONKIL RD SILVAN VIC 3794
ABN 97 527 231 43

Happy Birthday
For our students & staff
21st Oct – 28th Oct

Sage
&
Mr G

“Mummy calls the blood
I get ‘happy juice’, as each
time I took it I started
smiling again, I just loved
it because now I can go to
school with my friends.”

Alexandra, 5

UPWEY MOBILE UNIT
Upwey - Tecoma Bowls Club
Chosen Avenue, Upwey

Monday 24 Oct
1:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 25 Oct
1:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 26 Oct
1:30pm – 7:30pm

New donors welcome. Appointments essential.
To book call 13 14 95 or email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au

Do something special. Give blood.
Call 13 14 95 or visit donatetoblood.com.au

Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

Help Beat Breast Cancer.
Join Curves for Free.*

At Curves, keeping you healthy is our business. Reducing your risk of breast cancer through exercise is quick and easy without work out. Curves through training for women is a great way to help you while body fat takes just 31 minutes, I train a week. This October, join fund raising breast cancer when you join for free with proof of a recent mammogram donation to a Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Organised by

SAGE & MR G

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

Let the Kids Join in the Fun
Sunday 27th
November 2011
Puffing Billy Railway
Stations Gembrook

Habitat for Humanity

Add some Habitat to your December.

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Help Beat Breast Cancer.
Join Curves for Free.*
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
Before & After School Care

Hi all.

Just a quick reminder for all students who attend BASC, please remember to bring your hats.

No hats, no outside play.

**MONDAY:** Continuing Paper Mâché

**TUESDAY:** Bath Crystals

**WEDNESDAY:** Games in the hall

**THURSDAY:** Pot decorating with special guests from 1/2 N

**FRIDAY:** Collages

I hope you all enjoy your weekend

Sam :)

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‘Cool to go to School’
Pre School Transition

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Grade 6
Graduation Photo

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Asthma Action Plans

What is an Asthma Action Plan?
An Asthma Action Plan (AAP) is a form that is filled out by people with asthma in consultation with their physician, general practitioner (GP) or respiratory specialist. The AAP will outline asthma triggers, symptoms, medications and the correct procedure to follow when asthma symptoms occur. The AAP will also outline instructions for administering first aid when asthma symptoms worsen or if an asthma attack occurs.

AAP’s are beneficial to everyone with asthma and play a very important role in the long and short term management of asthma. AAP’s are reviewed annually and are an excellent way of keeping track of asthma management, as more severe asthma can be detected and treated early and medication information can be adjusted according to individual and personal needs.

Asthma Action Plans in Schools and Preschools
Schools and Preschools in Victoria require parents and carers of students with asthma to return an AAP signed by a doctor at least once a year. AAP’s reduce the chance of students being sent home unnecessarily, as they enable school staff to treat early symptoms of asthma and to recognise early warning signs of an asthma attack. AAP’s also enable school staff to prevent or minimise the student’s exposure to the asthma triggers documented on the AAP.

AAP’s are important as they inform school staff not only on triggers for students with asthma, but also what medication the students may be taking on a regular basis to manage their asthma. AAP’S contain instructions to school staff to follow in the event of an asthma attack, and can allow for individualised first aid response for students with asthma.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria has many FREE resources available to parents, carers and students, including:

General Asthma information
Asthma Management Information
Asthma Action Plans
Asthma Action Plans for school camp settings

Please visit the ‘Resources’ section of our website: www.asthma.org.au/resources/brochures

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au