PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 2.9.2011

What a busy week it has been this week! Something on every day of the week and heaps to keep all the children, parents and staff on their toes.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

The Book Character Dress Up parade was held today. Children dressed up as all sorts of book characters and went to a lot of trouble. Staff members did a great job in dressing up as characters also. Thanks to the parents and friends who came along to view all the magnificent outfits.
### Prep H
- **Ryan**
  - For showing her personal best when adding sums using a bead frame!

- **Michael**
  - For confidently and independently writing about his weekend! Well done for showing your ‘Personal Best’.

### 1/2A
- **Lydia**
  - For showing resilience when taking a nasty fall in our class game of kickball!

- **Ryan**
  - For listening well, trying everything and packing up other people’s mess!

### 1/2A Music
- **Josh**
  - For doing a brilliant job on Times Table Tuesday with his 2’s, 3’s, 5’s and 10 times tables!

### 3/4G
- **Jimmy**
  - For focusing well on his work, attentive listening and participating well in class.

### 3/4G Music
- **Daniela**
  - For working hard on your project and being well prepared!

- **P.E. Award**
  - **Kiana**
    - For showing personal best at Athletics activities despite a foot injury. A resilient approach shown.

### 5/6R
- **Marguerite**
  - For drawing a wonderful cover for Mrs Rowles’ camp book. Many thanks Marguerite. I love it!

### 5/6R Campers Forest Lodge
- For being such a great bunch of kids to take away. I had a lot of fun, and I loved the disco.

### BOOK FAIR
The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success for Book Week and National Literacy/Numeracy Week. At the Book Fair we sold over $1,100 worth of books and the school will now benefit to the tune of at least 20% for books in our school. Particular thanks to Sue C and Kay G for their terrific effort in preparing and selling the books, and Kristy B for organising the event. The children will benefit from some great books, the ones they bought as well as the new ones we can purchase for the school. Happy reading!

### HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS
The House Athletics Sports were held on Wednesday. It was a great day of competition. Final results regarding the winning House and individual age group/year level champions will be announced at Monday’s assembly. Thanks to our staff and many helpers who assisted greatly. Particular thanks to David M, Michelle My, Michelle Mo, Kristin S and Sue C for running particular events.

The School Team, for the District Athletics Sports to be held on Thursday 8th September, will also be known on Monday with permission notices being distributed then.

### FATHER’S DAY STALL
The Father’s Day Stall held today was a great occasion with the PA/Fundraising Committee selling items to all grades. The children have made some great purchases and hopefully there will be surprises in store. Thanks to the committee for their hard work. A reminder to all children to make Father’s Day this Sunday a special one for dads and grandfathers.
UPWEY KINDER PIRATE SHIP PLAY ETDMENT
The relocation of the Upwey Pre School Pirate Ship playground equipment is scheduled next week. The playground area retaining wall has been constructed in preparation and digging will occur this weekend. We are looking forward to the addition of this new playground item, possibly on Monday.

WORKING BEE
Major achievements were made at the working bee last Sunday.
Thanks to David & Michelle M (+ Joshua & Caitlin), Annette & Jeff D (+ Nathan) and Jenny & Eric S (+ Caitlin, Liam & Kyle) for such hard work. Thanks also to the Scout helpers who planted trees in the School Sanctuary.
The jobs completed were:
- Garden Shed completed: Yes it is finally ready to use! (Thanks Jeff for a magnificent finishing job!)
- Trees planted and gardens weeded. (Annette, Jenny & Michelle)
- Mowing (Caitlin, Liam)
- High pressure cleaning of mould/dirt on Admin building & Sanctuary planting (Eric)
- Paling People attached to the sandpit fence & Sandpit Toy box repair (Nathan)
- Playground retaining wall (David, Mr A with able assistance from Josh & Caitlin!)

SCHOOL REVIEW DAY
Our School Review will be held on Tuesday 6th September and will take up the whole day. Jan Lovett is our school reviewer. Tom Daly, our regional network leader, Jenny Staff, school council president and senior staff will also be involved during the day. Staff involved will be unavailable for contact during the day.

REACH PROGRAM
The REACH program will continue for the Year 5 & 6 children with the next workshop to be held on Monday 5th September.
Rookys workshops focus on building resilience and self-belief in students. Using creative and engaging techniques the series of workshops encourage students to become aware of their behaviour and the impact this has on their environment. The workshops assist in the transition to secondary school by supporting students to explore concepts of self-confidence, coping skills and positive choice making.
A separate notice will be distributed to Grade 5/6R with the newsletter.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
Parent Opinion Surveys have been distributed on Monday last week.
Responses from the Parent Opinion Survey provide valuable evidence for school decisions and directions.
Thanks to those who have already returned the survey; your efforts are much appreciated.
For any that have not as yet returned surveys, they will still be accepted until Monday. Please return surveys and ensure we have an excellent return rate. A Freddo Frog or stationery item will be distributed next week in appreciation for returns.

PASSIONS 2011
Passions 2011 continues with the final session on Tuesday 13th September. (Tuesday 6th September is our School Review day so no Passions on that day.)

YEAR 5 & 6 FOREST LODGE FARM CAMP
The Year 5 & 6 children had a great week at camp. Thanks again to Mrs Rowles, Mr Gallaher and Sandra (& Miss Markham) for their terrific commitment and involvement.

The children’s behaviour and involvement was excellent and promoted the school in a positive light. We will look forward to follow up work, including viewing the DVD compiled by Mr G.

UPCOMING EVENTS
DISTRICT ATHLETICS SPORTS
These will be held on Thursday 8th August at the Knox Athletics Track using a different format from previous years. More details soon. The school team will be departing at 8:40 am so please be at school by 8:30 am.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
Results of the Spelling and Writing competitions were announced at the school assembly.

UPWEY HIGH TRANSITION EXPERIENCE
Grade 5/6R will be attending a Transition Experience session at Upwey High on Monday 12th September from 11:00 until about 12:40 with the children completing two lessons in the secondary classroom. They will complete a Home Economics lesson and a Science lesson with Upwey High staff.

CINDERELLA PUPPET SHOW INCURSION
Grade 1/2A and Grade Prep H will be having the Cinderella Puppet Show incursion on Monday 12th September between 11:30 and 1:00. This will be an activity relating to the thematic work “Fairy Tales” being completed in the grades during Term 3.

FOOTY DAY
We will be holding a Footy Dress Up and Activity Day on Tuesday 20th September. The PA/Fundraising Committee will also be organising a Footy Lunch for that day. All children will be encouraged to dress up in Footy colours and participate in some afternoon footy skill activities.

REMININDERS
TISSUES
There continues to be a spate of illness recently (even some teachers have been affected) and quite a few “sniffs and snivels” have been occurring. For this reason I am reminding parents to once again ensure that tissues are provided for your child. We have an emergency supply at school but this has been limited.

COLES VOUCHERS
Coles’ vouchers are now being collected as a result of our school being registered with the promotion program. The collection box is located in the Office Foyer.

WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS
Woolworths’ vouchers are now being collected as a result of our school being registered with the promotion program. The collection box is located in the Office Foyer.

TRIBES AWARD

AWARD WINNERS
Rhys O was the winner of the draw for last week.

JUST FOR FUN
RIDDLE
My life can be measured in hours, I serve by being devoured.
Thin, I am quick
Fat, I am slow
Wind is my foe.
What am I?

A FOOD RIDDLE
LAST WEEK
You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat? Corn
Wow, what a huge week!

House
Legacy is dedicated to caring for the families of deceased veterans. Today Legacy’s caring and compassionate service assists over 100,000 widows and 1900 children and dependants with a disability. Legacy is a voluntary organisation supported by veterans, servicemen and women, and volunteers drawn from all walks of life. Our support and services now extend to include the dependants of members of today’s Australian Defence Force who lose their lives as a result of their military service.

Please support Legacy by buying a badge, pen or wristband for our school office.
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Every Monday

Please ask your child to give their passbook to their teacher or drop it in at the office.

Happy Birthday

For our students

2nd Sept – 9th Sept

Jimmy & Kay G

BELEZA SCHOOL UNIFORMS
SHOP 5 Mt. Gate Shopping Centre
FERNTREE GULLY
Ph: 9753 5788
Hours: Mon—Fri 9am—5pm

SALE 20% OFF
(INCLUDES CLUB & PREP DISC)
Last Days!
TODAY & TOMORROW ONLY
No lay-by
Excludes Clearance Items

Please note there will be no V.I.P Sale in December.

Dandenong Ranges Tourism

VOLUNTEERS WANTED
DO YOU LIVE IN THE DANDENONG’S
The Dandenong Ranges Tourism Office in Upper Ferntree Gully is looking for dedicated part time volunteers to help man the information centre.

The centre is independently run and staffed by experienced volunteers. We need your help to give out comprehensive information on unique local attractions and events, assist in booking boutique B&B’s, cottages, private retreats or romantic hideaways, and generally help our visitors to have an experience they’ll remember!

CONTACT: THE DANDENONG RANGES TOURISM OFFICE ON 9758 7522

Sensory Friendly Screening of the New Kids Movie Smurf Movie 2D

Looking for September school holiday entertainment that the whole family can enjoy?!

When: Sunday 25 September, 2011
9.45am for a 10am start
Where: Village Cinemas, Century City Walk, 285 Springvale Road Glen Waverley

Ticket Prices $10 per ticket

Enhancing the lives of children and families challenged by an Autism Spectrum Disorder

Communicating with your A.S.D. child—How Visuals can help

An Information Session Communicating with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder—How Visuals can help

In this introductory session for Parents, Kinder teachers, and Aides the following topics will be discussed:

• What is visual communication
• Why we use visual communication with children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder
• Specific types of visual communication
• A practical activity on how to use visual communication with YOUR child
• Where to access visual communication aids.

This information session will be presented by Chipo Junu, Speech Pathologists.

ON TUESDAY 6th September, 2011
From: 9:30am—11:15am
At: Irbina Childhood Autism Services
193 Bayswater Road
Bayswater 3153

Cost: $10 for Irbina families including families waiting for service
$30 for external families
$50 for professionals

Please contact Irbina to place your booking on 9720 1118

Light refreshments provided.

Sensory Friendly
No Pre Movie Ads
House Lights Up 30% Reduced Volume
Upwey Primary School is also taking part in the Coles ‘Sports for Schools’. Please collect your vouchers and drop them into the box at the office. Thank you for your support.

Foster Carers URGENTLY NEEDED

Anchor Foster Care is currently recruiting new foster carers. We provide home-based care for children and young people aged 0 – 18 years who are unable to live at home. Our carers receive support, training and financial assistance.

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, please phone Anchor Foster Care on 9801 1999 or email janet.halsall@anchor.org.au
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**Preschool Transition**
**School Council**

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University NSW Maths Comp

**Gardening club**

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**BOOK WEEK**
Theme "One World many Stories"

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**Student Banking**
**BOOK FAIR**
**Gardening club**
**PASSIONS**

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**Student Banking**
**FOOTY DAY**
**LUNCH**

**Parents Association News**

**Book Fair**
Today is the last day for Book Week. Our Book Fair was a great hit and many children and parents popped into the library and purchased some wonderful books. This has also helped our school to raise money for more books in the classroom and library.

**Book Club News**
Issue 6 books have now been ordered, thank you to all of the families who have participated, not only are you getting some great bargain books but you are also helping our school with fundraising.

**Earn and Learn—Woolworths**
Thank you to everyone who has dropped in vouchers. Please keep it up, the more vouchers the more our school will benefit.

**Coles Sports for School**
Our Primary School is also participating in the Coles sports for Schools. Please drop off any Coles vouchers to the Primary School office at anytime.

**Fathers Day stall**
Today the P.A. held it’s annual Father’s Day stall. The children selected some wonderful gifts for their Fathers. We hope that all our Dads have a great Father’s Day on Sunday and thank you to all who participated.

**Next Meeting**
September 6th 9.00am staffroom.
We need more members please.
Toddlers welcome. Come and join us for a cuppa and a chat.