PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 9.9.2011

Another busy week! Arrival of the Pirate Ship Playground equipment, School Review Meeting, Reach workshop for 5/6R and the District Athletics Sports.

CHAMPIONS! DISTRICT ATHLETICS SPORTS - RESULTS 2011

Our District Athletics Sports were held yesterday. Congratulations to all our team members who tried their very best. The good news was that we won the Handicap Shield for the highest proportional score on the day. This was an excellent effort as we were able to field a competitor in most events.
Prep H Nathan
For his super neat handwriting! Wonderful effort!

Prep H Darby
For listening attentively and correctly answering take-away sums quickly during our class dice game!

1/2A Imogen
For trying her personal best at Athletics day and for her encouragement towards her classmates.

1/2A Music Leeson
For his fantastic use of expression during our class Readers Theatre. Well done Leeson, very entertaining!

1/2A P.E. Award Sam
For excellent effort with netball goal shooting - great accuracy shown.

PRINCIPALS AWARD
3/4G Holly
For her continued effort and wonderful improvement in Mathematics as demonstrated in her diagnostic review results.

3/4G Music Award Tiger
For being incredibly helpful in music and assisting his classmates in the computer room.

6R House Aths Bryce
For an outstanding effort in U.P.S. Athletics, particularly in the 200 and 800m sprints.

THE PIRATE SHIP HAS DOCKED

Some great individual performances came from Hailey M (2nd in 100 metre heat, 3rd overall in High Jump and 1st Relay heat & 3rd overall) Renee D, Taylah V & Tiana H (1st Relay heat & 3rd overall). The 11Year Girls Relay Team just missed on qualifying for the Divisional Athletics Championships. Well done girls! Thanks also to Mrs Rowles (school marshalling) and Mr Gallaher (starter) who completed their duties so well. Not even one false start from Mr G!

The final results were:
Proportional Handicap Shield

1st UPWEY PS
2nd St Thomas More’s
3rd Belgrave South
4th St John’s
5th Upwey South
6th Belgrave Hts
7th FTCG North
8th Tecom
9th UFTG

The overall results for the Aggregate Shield were:

1st BELGRAVE SOUTH
2nd Upwey South
3rd St John’s
4th Ferntree Gully North
5th St Thomas More’s
6th Tecom
7th Belgrave Hts
8th Upper Ferntree Gully
9th Upwey
HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS
Our House Athletics Sports were held on Wednesday 31st August. Congratulations to Lowan for winning the sports. The team for the District Athletics Sports was selected on performances at the sports.

The final results for the House Shield were:
LOWAN 501 Points
Corella 487 Points
Moonah 422 points
Bogong 411 Points

Individual awards for the best overall performances (Age Group Champion) in all events were won by:
Prep- Josh M and Dylan C (15 points) & Laura G (27 points)
Year 1- Kurtis H (18 points) & Charlotte M (25 points)
Year 2- Josh C-C (19 points) & Imogen M (25 points)
Year 3- Jimmy H (33 points) & Holly N (36)
Year 4- Marshall B (43 points) & Daniela G and Margaret T (30 points)
Year 5- Year Age Group- Oliver G (44 points) & Renee D (39 points)
Year 6- Year Age Group- Bryce M (46 points) & Jayde T (42 points)

Well done to these competitors for their overall achievement. The House Athletics Sports Shield was presented to the Lowan Captain (Declan) & Vice Captain (Tiana) at assembly on Monday and will now be engraved to recognize the win.

ACCOUNTS
Quite a few accounts have been distributed this week and most have fairly small amounts owing to the school but overall they add up to around $2,700 at the moment. Please attend to these payments to assist the school in funding according to our plans so that the children will not miss out on the benefits of our planning.

UPWEY KINDER PIRATE SHIP PLAY EQUIPMENT
The relocation of the Upwey Pre School Pirate Ship playground equipment occurred early this week. The ship and playground area still need some final preparations before the official opening of the playground. We hope this will be before the end of term. I am anticipating a load of mulch next week and I will request help immediately after school to spread it around the new playground area before it can be used safely. I will keep you informed. A big thank you goes to Steve Collins (son Alex is an ex-student) for his earthmoving skills, digging out the area for the Pirate Ship.

REACH PROGRAM
A REACH program workshop for the Year 5 & 6 children was held on Monday 5th September
The Rooky workshop focused on building resilience and self-belief in students. Thanks to Jade and Rochelle for running the program and Mrs Rowles for her support.

SOMERS CAMP
Children in Years 5 & 6 will be offered the opportunity to attend the Somers School Camp at the beginning of 2012. This is a total of 160 student places for our network. The cost of the 9 day program is $150 which is heavily subsidised. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 next year and you would consider them attending then please contact me for more information. More details are available at www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au. The camp dates are Tuesday 7th to Thursday 15th February. (This is the first and second weeks back at school in 2012)

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
An information evening for parents in our network will be offered on the topic of Restorative Practices. We have a large commitment to this approach in the school as do many other schools in the local cluster and therefore we will be combining with the Shire of Yarra Ranges SFYS, Belgrave Police and local schools to provide the information session. This will be a great opportunity to find out about the approach from very experienced staff who provide the training for school staff members.

The evening is planned for Wednesday 26th October at 7:00 pm and will probably be held at Upwey High. More information soon.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Mrs Hickey and I will be attending a professional development workshop on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th September so we will be away from the school for the two days. Mrs Mitchell will be taking the Prep grade and I am hoping Mrs Kittredge will take the PE on Thursday.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 19th September from 7:30 pm. Our School Reviewer Jan Lovett will be attending to give her School Review Report to school council members at this meeting. Parents are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS
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 attending 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.

FINAL PASSIONS 2011 SESSION
The final Passions extracurricular activity will be held on Tuesday 13th September from 2 until 3:30. Please be prepared to finish the program on a high note.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 3
The final assembly for Term 3 will be held at 2:15 pm on Friday 23rd September. The Bollywood Dance group from Passions (Mrs Arvo’s group) will be performing for us at the assembly for our entertainment.

Please note that an early dismissal time of 2:30 pm will apply on this day.

REMINDERS
ATTENDANCE
Children are expected to arrive at school between 8:45 and 9:00 am. If your child needs to arrive earlier we have BASC and children attending unaccompanied too early will be sent to Sam at this care program and parents charged accordingly. Please ensure your child does not attend too early without organising a Before School Care booking as supervision by teachers is not provided before 8:45 am.
FAREWELL
TWINS LEAVING 1/2A
Dylan and Tristan M leave us today to go and live with their father in Tasmania. They will be attending Bellerive PS from next term. We will miss them at Upwey PS, in particular 1/2A will miss their cheerful attitude. Good luck Tristan and Dylan, we hope the move is smooth and that you keep in touch with the grade.

TRIBES AWARD
AWARD WINNERS
The following child received an award last week and was the lucky winner of the draw. Congratulations to: Leeson T (1/2A).

JUST FOR FUN
RIDDLE
My sides are firmly laced about,
Yet nothing have I within.
You'll find my head is strange indeed
'Tis nothing else but skin.
What am I?

LAST WEEK’S 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 Candle

This week 1/2A explored the Mathematical topic of Capacity. We used different shaped containers to estimate then measure the capacity of each container.
S16R's Awesome Camp to Forest Lodge
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
9th Sept - 17th Sept
Charlotte
Holly
Sienna N

The Market at Twilight.

Upwey the beautiful.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

Upwey Village Green,

behind the shops in Upwey

WHEN

Sat 10 Sept,
4-8pm

WHAT

The fourth market to come to Upwey will be at twilight. Bring a torch to add to the atmosphere! There will be live music, food, shopping, and that community spirit everyone enjoys.

There will be activities for young ones, seats for older ones, and entertainment for everyone. Get a start on your Christmas shopping, or find a birthday present that has been **made locally**.

St Johns Tecoma Juniors
Come and Try Day

WHEN: Thursday, 22nd September 2011

WHERE: Talaskia Reserve, next to Upper Ferntree Gully PS and Angliss Hospital

TIME: 3.45pm – 5.30pm

EVENTS: Free Sausage Sizzle, Jumping Castle, Balloons & Games / Activities!

CONTACT FOR DETAILS:
Kyle Chandler,
Junior Co-ordinator
0413 829 281

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(INCLUDES CLUB & PREP DISC)
Last Day
TOMORROW SAT 10TH SEPT
No lay-by
Excludes Clearance Items

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

Melbourne Playgrounds
Melbourne Playgrounds is a free on-line guide to thousands of Melbourne activities for the entire family! Activities cover playgrounds (more than 2500 reviewed with photos), Play Centres, Aquatic Centres, Skate Parks, BMX tracks, miniature train rides, sport and recreation, nature activities, museum & science, educational pursuits, indoor activities, hobbies and cultural activities such as music and dance. Melbourne Playgrounds is unique in that it provides reviews, ratings and photos of activities.

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Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2012 for a stay of one or two semesters.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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Hi all.
Firstly, I would like to wish Dylan & Tristan all the best. They are leaving us and we will miss you guys heaps!

Next week in BASC
- **MONDAY** - Salt Painting
- **TUESDAY** - Paper Helicopters
- **WEDNESDAY** - Masterchef Peppermint Biscuits
- **THURSDAY** - Grass Heads
- **FRIDAY** - Popcorn & Movie afternoon

Hope you all have a great weekend. Go Saints!

Sam :)

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### Before & After School Care

- **FOOTY DAY**
- **LUNCH**
- **Last Day**
- **New Year**
- **LUNCH**
- **Last Day**
- **2.30 finish**

- **Cool to go to School”**
- **Pre school Transition”**
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