PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 20.4.2012
A GREAT START TO TERM 2
I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and Easter Break. We certainly did have some good weather for most of the holi-
days which allowed the opportunity to experience outdoor activities. (I enjoyed visiting Jells Park and Abbotsford Convent).
Now it is into work again as we gear up for a busy and exciting term. We have Education Week, NAPLAN testing, cross
country, a Science Incursion, school photos, Special Person’s Day, and of course Written Reports and Parent/Teacher In-
terviews coming up at the end of the term.
The Bulb orders are due back on Monday 23rd April, the orders will arrive in time for Mothers Day. They will make a fantastic present that will last a lot longer than chocolate. Please ask your friends and family if they would like to order some bulbs.

Book club Issue 3 will be going out today, orders will be due back Friday 4th May

Mothers Day: 11th May, stall coming up, items are between $1—$5

Meeting next week: Friday 27th April, 9am in the staffroom

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### ANZAC CEREMONY FOR GRADE 5/6R

Grade 5/6 R children represented the school at the Legacy Anzac Ceremony for local schools on **Wednesday this week**. The ceremony was held at the Ferntree Gully National Park. The grade walked to and from the ceremony where they laid a wreath in memory of those who have lost their lives in Wars. Thanks to Sandra for making the wreath from local flowers and plants and to Hayley for accompanying the class. Although running a little late the ceremony was very touching and the involvement of local schools was an important memorial to those affected by wars.

### YEAR 6 WINDCHEATERS – LOOKING GREAT!

These have now arrived and those children who have provided payment may pick them up today, just in time for the cooler weather. They look terrific with a great design on the back. We will certainly be able to notice our Year 6 children for 2012. Children will be offered a printed polo tee shirt in the bottle green colour with the same design as the windcheater, for a small extra charge. This is the first time that such an offer has been available and the response will help determine if this idea could continue in future years. Details will be distributed with the Year 6 children today.

### ART LESSONS DURING TERM 2

Due to commitments for Mrs Mitchell during this term (she will be relieving the art teacher at another school during the term) we will be having all Art/Craft lessons on a Friday in Term 2. The Art/Craft timetable from Tuesdays will be transferred directly to Friday afternoons. Today was the first lesson of Art for the term and all adjusted to the new date.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS ANDREWS

Congratulations to Miss Andrews on her Graduation after attending the official Graduation Ceremony at Deakin University Geelong on Wednesday this week. She will hold the Bachelor of Education (Primary). Looking forward to seeing some great photos of her in her gown and mortar board (Do they still do that?!)

### ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This year the ANZAC Day public holiday will be held on Wednesday 25th April. This will mean that no Music lessons will be held next week.

### SPECIAL VISITORS – DANDELONG RANGES PRINCIPALS

On Tuesday 24th April we will be hosting the Dandenong Ranges Principal’s Meeting for the day. We will welcome all the principals to our school for the first time during my time as Principal and I will be looking forward to showing off our school. The meeting will be held in the Library so no library lessons will be held next Tuesday. Jenny Mathews has kindly offered to attend on Monday to assist with

### BACK TO KINDER

On Tuesday 24th April Upwey Pre School will be hosting a visit by our Prep grade. Mrs Hickey and Prep H will be attending the kinder from 9:15 until 10:00. This will be a terrific visit to show the kinder children what it will be like for them in the future and for our Preps to remember what kinder was like. It will be particularly great for the children who attended Upwey Kindergarten to remember the “old times” and for staff to renew acquaintances!
BIODIVERSITY AUDIT – GRADE 5/6R
As part of the school’s involvement in sustainability, particularly working with CERES in the AuSSi Vic Sustainability program we will be completing a Biodiversity Audit with a Habitat Enhancement Plan involving our school grounds. This will be completed by Grade 5/6R on Monday 23rd April with an educator Lorna Pettifer guiding the groups. We have several volunteers assisting in this process and look forward to the children being more involved with understanding and planning for sustainability within the school grounds.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7th May.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LESSONS
CRE for Grade 3/4/5G on Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1:00 with Mrs Martin.
CRE for Grade 1/2A on Wednesdays from 12:30 -1:00 with Mrs Hickingbottom (Mrs Hicks).
CRE for Grade 5/6R on Wednesdays from 11:30 -12:00 with Mrs Simpson.
CRE for Preps on Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1:00 with Mrs Dzioba.
I will have two volunteer staff members, Mrs Little and Mrs Forde assisting those not-attending classes for Grade 5/6R and 1/2A.
Forms for inclusion in the program or exclusion from the program are available from the office if required.

ANZAC FUNDRAISING
We have Anzac fundraising items for sale at the office. Our Junior School Council has supported the sale of a variety of items to support the ANZAC Fundraising effort. Wrist Bands ($3), Badges ($1, $2, $5 & $10) and Temporary Tattoos ($1) are available for sale until Tuesday next week.

THANKS
WORKING BEE WORK/MOWING & BRUSHCUTTING
Thanks to David M and Mr Gallaher for such great work on the last Wednesday of the holidays in cutting up the large branch that had fallen near the oval and was hanging precariously. They managed to also complete some brushcutting and mowing to make the place look tidier for the beginning of Term 2.

REMINDEERS
HEADLICE
There are still several cases of head lice in the school at the moment so please be on the lookout and treat your child/ren as required.

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS
The latest information, offers and order forms are being distributed to families today.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY- SUNSMART POLICY
School hats are not required to be worn during Term 2 and Term 3.

ANZAC SLICE
INGREDIENTS:
1 1/4 cups plain flour
1 1/4 cups rolled oats
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup shredded coconut
150g butter, chopped
2 tablespoons golden syrup
1/2 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
2 tablespoons boiling water

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease and line a 3cm-deep, 19cm x 29cm (base) slice pan with baking paper, allowing a 2cm overhang at long ends.

Combine flour, oats, sugar and coconut in a large bowl. Make a well in the centre.

Place butter and syrup in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until smooth. Combine bicarbonate of soda and boiling water in a jug. Remove butter mixture from heat. Stir in bicarbonate of soda mixture. Add to flour mixture. Stir to combine.

Transfer to prepared pan. Using the back of a spoon, press mixture evenly into pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden. Cool in pan. Cut into squares.
Rainbow Soul Creative

“Every Child’s An Artist”


Ferntree Gully
Community Centre

* Autumn Leaf Rubbings & Dyes
* Colourful Spiral Patterns
* 3D Creative Characters College
* Tonal painting and rearranging shapes
* Decorative Boxes for Mothers’ Day

Ways to draw Australian Animals, pencil & pastel

Thurs – 26th April – 31st May,
4.15-5.45pm, 6 wks $90

Bev Ph 0449 654 343
bevpergl@hotmail.com * New Students welcome $14, one class

All classes run by VIT Registered teacher * All materials provided

Mini-Beasts Festival

Freaky, fun & free!!

Sunday, 29th April 2012 from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Birdsland Environmental Education Centre
(Melways ref: 84C1) park in the carpark and follow the signs up the gravel road.

A family day to celebrate Birdsland Reserve and Mounbilk Creek. The Nursery will be open from 9am to 2pm – Free plant for every visitor.

- Learn what lives in our creek
- Become a citizen scientist and test the water
- Have a guided tour of the heritage orchard
- Story lent for the littlies
- Go on a bird walk
- Games for all the family with the local scouts
- Plant a couple of trees to help the platypus

For more information call Jackie Glen on 9754 - 1342
clancy@bellsnet.com.au

BECOME A WEP HOST FAMILY

Open your door to an international exchange student and expand your knowledge of other countries, cultures, languages and customs!

A place to call home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2012. Our students from Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Meet Our Students

“I think it would be a magical experience to share our cultures and each other. I’m very curious to discover, to see a “new world” – Enrico, France

“I see this as a once-in-a-lifetime experience, I hope to find a loving family that can teach me a lot of Australia and show me the way people live down under” – Tom, Belgium

“I would like to come to Australia because it is my dream to see your beautiful country, to know lots of new things and to learn a new kind of life. From here we see Australia as the best place in terms of education, welfare and style of life: it is two years that I try to spare my money for this experience.” – Umberto, Italy

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Chartered Woods
Inbound Exchange Administrator
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: wep@yvsg.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!
Crafts 4 Kids

Please support the people who support us!
We have a huge range of craft packs in our display cabinet at the front office. Pop in and have a look and maybe pick up a few of these wonderful craft packs. They will make a fantastic present.
To see more, please visit the website: www.craftpacks4kids.com.au

Building Great Families

A group offering skills for your parenting tool kit

* Do you wonder why your kids aren’t listening to you?
* Are you confused about how to deal with their behaviour?
* Do you want better ways to deal with your anger and them?
* Would you like more peace and harmony in your home?

Come and share your frustrations and successes and come away with new skills to help you deal with your parenting issues.

Who: Mums, dads and carers of children aged 3-12 years.
Where: Connections, 185 Mt Dandenong Rd, Croydon
When: 12:30-2:30pm, Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th of May and 7th, 14th of June.
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Rima at Connections on 9875 4222

CAR BOOT SALE

STALL HOLDERS WANTED
Sunday April 22nd
9am - 2pm
Menzies Creek Hall
Belgrave Gembrough Rd
Run by 1st Selby Scout Group
All Enquiries to
Marija 0411 605 109

Save Lives Together

UPWEY MOBILE UNIT
Upwey – Tecona Bowls Club
Chosen Avenue, Upwey.
Monday 7 May 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 8 May 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday 9 May 1:30pm - 7:30pm
Appointments essential, new donors welcome.
Call 13 14 95 or email dpallen@redcrossblood.org.au

Building Great Families

Girls’ Group

An integrated Counselling Service group program for girls aged 8-11 years, who appear to worry excessively, feel anxious, constantly need reassurance, and who avoid activities that worry them.

When: A 7 week program commencing Term 2
Tuesdays 10th April to Tuesdays 28th June

For further information or to book contact the Integrated Counselling Service on 03 9739 4202 or email ics@chestnutree.org.au

Kalaroma CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

Sunday 6 May 2012
Mt. Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalaroma. (Mel 120 B9)
www.chestnutsfxvl.com.au
Roasted Chestnuts Hot Food
Rides Face Painting
Market stalls Live Music
and much more!

“The Biggest Event in the Dandenong Ranges”
 Proudly supporting Mt. Dandenong Preschool
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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all,

It's been a great week back at BASC, lovely to see everyone again.

Here's what's in for next week

- **MONDAY** Making city skylines
- **TUESDAY** Chocolate making
- **WEDNESDAY** Games in the hall
- **THURSDAY** Paper Pelicans
- **FRIDAY** Minute to win it mini games

Thanks to Caitlin S & Hayley R for their suggestions on activities this term.

Hope you all have a great weekend & see you all Monday.

Sam :)

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**Happy Birthday**

To our students 20th Apr-27th Apr

Mary Leeson
Holly N
Nathan D