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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 27.4.2012

YEAR 6 WINDCHEATERS & TEE SHIRT
The windcheaters arrived at the right time with the advent of some rather cooler weather. I believe all have been picked up after payment. Now the decision required will be for parents/children to decide if you want to order a printed polo tee shirt in the bottle green colour with the same design as the windcheater, for $5 more. This is a special offer so please get your order in if required. Notices were distributed this week.

OUR GRADE 6’S ARE JUMPING FOR JOY!!

15 Darling Avenue, Upwey 3158 Vic  Ph: (03) 9754 2369 Fax: (03) 9754 8148
Email: upwey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Website: www.upweyps.vic.edu.au
SPECIAL VISITORS – DANDENONG RANGES PRINCIPALS

On Tuesday 24th April we had the Dandenong Ranges Principal’s Meeting for the day and all went extremely well. Thanks to those who assisted and to those who were able to make the principals feel welcome. We worked hard and had an enjoyable day. I was very pleased with the positive (and unsolicited) comments made about the school from many principals.

BACK TO KINDER – TO BE RE-SCHEDULED

Due to the poor weather conditions on Tuesday the visit to Upwey Pre School was postponed. Prep H will now visit on Wednesday 2nd May. Upwey Pre School will be hosting the visit by our Prep grade. Mrs Hickey and Prep H will attend the kinder from 9:15 until 10:00. Hopefully the weather will be fine this time! We anticipate a terrific visit to show the kinder children what it will be like for them in the future and for our Prep's to remember what kinder was like. It will be particularly great for the children who attended Upwey Kinder to remember the “old times” and for staff to renew acquaintances!

BIODIVERSITY AUDIT – GRADE 5/6R – TO BE RE-SCHEDULED

Lorna did not attend this audit on Monday as a result of a mix up. We will re-schedule for another date. Thanks to the parents who volunteered to assist in the audit and attended, to no avail and apologies for the mix up! We hope you are able to attend the re-scheduled date which will be organised ASAP.

NEWSLETTER – EMAIL, HARD COPY OR BOTH?

A survey will be distributed soon to seek consideration from parents as to how you wish to receive the newsletter in future. Parents will be able to receive the normal paper copy, email copy or both. We are considering minimising the production of the paper copies in an effort to be more environmentally considerate and ask parents to consider receiving the electronic copy, if able, in preference to the paper copy.

STUDENT TEACHER ROUNDS

Next week we will be welcoming student teachers from Deakin University to Grade 5/6R and Prep H. They will attend over the coming three weeks.

ROUGH BEHAVIOUR

There has been a recent spate of play fighting and wrestling amongst a small group of children and as a result of one incident the ambulance was called as a precautionary measure. Fortunately the child concerned did not have a fracture as suspected but rather bruising/strained muscles. I would like to make it very clear to all that such rough behaviour is banned at school. Children are not allowed to participate in play fighting, fighting, wrestling or tackling at school. Although only a small number of children have been breaking this rule I am requesting that parents support the school by reinforcing the message that this sort of physical contact is not acceptable at school.

TRIBUTE TO PETA SPARKMAN

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Peta Sparkman (grandmother to Max, Dee and Molly) and mum to Steven. We have placed a Tribute Wall to Peta at the front of the school today in her memory as the funeral was held today. Peta was our Crossing Supervisor before Cheryl, from 1994 to 2005. She was a parent at the school from 1973 to 1989 and has been a grandparent at the school over the last few years. Peta had a long connection with the school and her involvement has been very much appreciated. She will certainly be missed. Peta fought a brave battle against cancer and is now at peace. I would like to pass on the sympathy of the school community to Steve and the family and hope they receive great support during this difficult time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5 CHILDREN

The annual NAPLAN Testing program is coming up soon for our Year 3 & 5 children according to the following timetable:

Tuesday 15th May – Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday 16th May – Reading
Thursday 17th May – Numeracy

Please ensure that your child is well prepared during that week with plenty of rest, good diet and attitude to complete “Personal Best”.

EDUCATION WEEK- 21st -25th MAY

Education Week will be held during the Week of 21st – 25th May. We have a host of activities planned with a promotional flyer being distributed next week. Some of the events to put in your diary are:

Monday 21st May- Science Incursion – “Silly Science” All Grades (9:30 – 11:00 & 11:30 – 1:00)
Monday 21st May - Special Person’s Day
(Invitations will be given to children to present to their Special Person for a school visit from 1:30 – 3:30 for some special book activities.)

Wednesday 23rd May- Open Evening- Book Theme- Children and parents come and help create an interpretation of a special story, one chapter at a time. 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Wednesday 23rd May - Upwey Pre School Visit- Reading & Book Sharing
Activities 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Wednesday 23rd May- Prep Information Sessions – 9:00 – 9:45 am or 7:00 – 7:30 pm. Parents considering prospective Prep enrolments for 2013 receive information about Upwey Primary School.

Friday 25th May- Prep Information Session – 9:15 – 10:00 am. Parents considering prospective Prep enrolments for 2013 receive information about Upwey Primary School.
Thank you to everyone who ordered bulbs. We have raised an amazing $391. The bulbs will arrive in time for Mothers Day.

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Mothers Day: 11th May, stall coming up, items are between $1—$5
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P.A. Fundraising, Term 2

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STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Piggy bank Passbook Account
The Fun way to save!
If you would like to open an account for your child/ren please pick up a form from the office

Banking is every Monday

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

Host Families Needed
For New Exchange Students
Girls and boys aged 15-18 from Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Japan, Brazil, Sweden and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year but need a willing volunteer family to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03)97584279 and let me know of your interest.

Yours sincerely
Klaus Schumann
WEP Community Coordinator

Sunday 6 May 2012

KALORAMA
CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

Kalorama Oval, 10am - 4pm.
Mt. Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalorama. (Mel 120 B9)
www.chestnutfestival.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

UPWEY MOBILE UNIT
Upwey – Tecoma 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

Dance Club with Miss Andrews
Every Friday at 2nd Bell,
Learn a great dance to perform at End of Term Assembly

PREP H
BACK TO KINDER HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR

WED 2ND MAY
9.15 - 9.50

PLEASE BRING YOUR RAINCOAT
JUST IN CASE!
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
bevypergl@hotmail.com *New Students welcome $46, 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 Monbulk Creek. The Nursery will be open from 9am to 2pm – Free plant for every visitor.

Bring a picnic or buy a snack or vege burger at our barbeque. Good coffee will be available too!

Learn what lives in our creek
Become a citizen scientist and test the water
Have a guided tour of the heritage orchard
Story tent 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
ranc09@bigpond.net.au

Mothers Day Gift

Motives Makeup and 2 hour Makeup Lesson $45

A group makeup lesson conducted by Sally Esser - Director of Motives Training. A hands on, fun workshop, available in different locations, then mum can choose her favourite product/s.

Motives is a hypoallergenic, high quality brand used by makeup artists, celebrities and salons.

Contact: Noeline 0468 904 921 for your Gift Certificate valid for 6 mths

Text the word ‘motives’ to the number above to go in the draw to win a free makeup lesson for mum!
Hi all.

Here is what is on this week in BASC
MONDAY Autumn leaves in wax paper
TUESDAY Beading
WEDNESDAY Sock puppets
THURSDAY Bombardment in the hall
FRIDAY Movie & Popcorn afternoon

I hope you all have a great weekend and see you on Monday

Sam :)

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**To our students 27th Apr - 4th May**

**Nathan D & Jacob**

**Happy Birthday**

**Before & After School Care**