Calendar
Tuesday 4th September
Wednesday 12th September
Friday 21st September

Friday 31st August 2012
Passions, Week 3, concludes Tuesday 11th September
Years 3 & 4 Camp to Log Cabin Ranch
Last Day for Term 3, 2.30pm finish.

HOUSE ATHLETICS
On your mark
Get set
GO

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 31.8.2012
HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS
Upwey Primary School held the annual House Athletics Sports on Tuesday and we witnessed some great efforts and competition with children focusing on Personal Best (Tribes/School Agreement). Children participated with plenty of energy and fortunately only rare injuries were noted; although there were some worn out children by lunch time! Unfortunately we ran out of time to complete the relay but all other events were completed as scheduled.
Thanks to those who ran or assisted with the events during the morning as we could not have completed the events without your great help. Thanks especially to Sandra H (Shot Put), Caroline (Discus), Michelle My & Kim G (Long Jump), Glenn D, David M & Nolene D (Sprints). The teachers did a great job of organising the grades to ensure the events went fluently.
Overall it was a terrific day with the weather being very kind to us.
The Final Results of the House Competition will be announced at the School assembly on Monday. This will include the overall Age Group Champion (12+, 11, 9/10) and Year Level Champion (Year 2, Year 1 and Prep)
The District Athletics Sports will be held at Knox Athletics Track on Friday 7th September. The team will be posted on display on Monday 3rd September. Permission notices will also be distributed on Monday so the time line for return will be short (payment may be organised the following week).
**Student Achievement Awards**

**PH Ben**
For spelling every word right in his Positive Thinking Book.

Miss Lofthouse

**PH Sage**
For writing three sentences all on his own during diary writing.

Miss Lofthouse

**PH Art Award Ripley**
For always working to the best of your ability. You’re a great role model for your peers.

**1/2A Art Award Sam**
I have really enjoyed having you in Art for the whole lesson lately. You’re doing a great job of settling down to work. Well done Sam!

**1/2A Gage**
For working hard to complete his homework tasks each week. Keep up the good work.

**3/4/5G Sienna**
For her wonderful effort and progressing 5 levels in the reading program.

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL**
Another successful Father’s Day Stall was held today. Thanks to the PA/Fundraising Committee and the many volunteers who manned the stall today, and to the children/parents for supporting the stall by making purchases. I am sure the fathers will enjoy receiving their surprise gifts on Father’s Day this Sunday. Have an enjoyable day dads!

(Hopefully the Swans will deliver a suitable gift for this father on the weekend! Sorry Cats!)

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**INDUSTRIAL ACTION – WEDNESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER**

I am informing the school community that some staff members at Upwey Primary School will be striking on **Wednesday 5th September** as part of AEU union industrial action relating to formulating a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for teachers.

The following grades will be affected and will not be operating on Wednesday 5th September:
Grade 5/6R – Mrs Rowles
Grade 3/4/5G – Mr Gallaher
Grade 1/2A – Mrs Eeles

Prep H will not be affected by the industrial action and will continue with business as usual.

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**“PASSIONS” – 2nd SESSION!**
Passions 2012 continued on Tuesday with children even more involved than before with many items taking shape, and even some jewellery already completed. **The next session for Passions 2012 will be 4th September.** The children continue for two more weeks with our extra-curricular activities program.
“CARE GROUPS”– SCHOOL TRIBES ACTIVITY – NEW ROOM SET UP

Last Friday for our Care Groups (Multi –age student groups connected to a particular staff member other than the child’s teacher) contributed ideas for a new room that we are setting up in the school (Interview room). The “Welfare Room” will be a comfortable room where students will be given the opportunity to discuss and deal with any welfare issues. Mrs Hickey will be collating the ideas and then we will decorate and furnish the room accordingly (Not sure about the 50” LCD TV ideal!). Looks like a great initiative! Financial support for this setting up has been requested from the PA/ Fundraising Committee.

UPWEY PRE SCHOOL VISIT POSTPONED

Upwey Pre School was to visit for a Classroom Session with Whiteboards and Mathematics on Wednesday 5th September but due to the Industrial Action on that day this will now be postponed until Wednesday 12th September.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 3rd September at 7:30 pm in the school staffroom.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ENROLMENTS NOW DUE! PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2013

We are currently accepting enrolment for Preps in 2013. Please complete enrolment forms obtained from the office if you have a child attending next year. Also mention to other friends who may be still deciding about enrolments that forms are due in this term and expected by Friday 31st August to secure places.

School tours are still available this term for those requiring further information.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

The Spelling and Writing Competition Awards were presented at the School Assembly on Monday. The following children received Participation Awards – Caitlin S (Spelling & Writing), Rhys O (Spelling), Julian D (Spelling) & Hannah B (Spelling).

REMINDERS

GOOD LANGUAGE AND NOT BAD LANGUAGE

There has been some incidence of bad language from some students and so I would like to reiterate a request for parents to support the drive for children to use appropriate language rather than swearing or similar disrespectful words. I would also encourage children to not respond to others who use such language and give offenders no attention (which is exactly what they deserve) as this is usually what they are craving.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Rehearsals have been continuing for our School Musical Production. Year 5 & 6 children in particular will continue with completing several rehearsals over the coming weeks. Children with lead roles don’t forget to learn your script and practise your expression!

Mr Douglas has been working on the songs during music lessons and will continue for the whole term. He will also work on Wednesday afternoons until the end of term to assist children with the musical production.

Our production is Bushfire Press’ “Superkids”. The actual date of the production is Thursday 18th October at the Burrinja Theatre.

YEAR 3/4 LOG CABIN RANCH CAMP

This is a reminder for those attending the Year 3 & 4 Log Cabin Ranch Camp to return permission forms. These are due today. Instalment payments may be made at any time with the final payment due on Friday 7th September – that’s next week! The camp is to be held from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th September. The 3 day and 2-night camp will cost $200. Final permission notices and clothing list have been distributed. Please contact the office if anything has been misplaced.

Malcolm Aspinall - Principal

MAGNIFICENT LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Thanks to Jenny M for her magnificent effort in creating such great displays in the library again. Don’t forget to try and view the quality displays.
**Working Bee**

**Sunday 9th September**

**10am**

We have many areas around the school that need some TLC
If you can spare an hour or so, please join us!

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**Fundraising garage sale**

Saturday 15th September
6 Morris Rd, Upwey

A few of Upwey’s local resident are embarking on a 200km bike ride to raise money for “The Pete MacCallum Cancer Centre”. They are Rebecca Weiske, Ana Prosky, Clr Noel Cluff and Darren Cluckie. They call themselves “The Hillbillies” to take part the need to raise at least $2000 each.

Noel and Darren have smashing targets but we need to get the girls there, and time is running out!

So if you can help on the day, help with donations or just come and buy... please contact Steven on 0411 174 962.

Also on the 15th at 6:30 pm at the Metro Cinemas in Boronia is a fundraising screening of the movie “The Watcher” and the tickets are $15.99.

A new vehicle is being raffled off amongst the garage sale.

This Garage Sale is being organised by one of our Upwey P.S. families. Please help support him to help support the “Hillbillies”.

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**Tibetan Buddhist Rime Institute**

**Yoga Classes - Beginners**

Hatha yoga classes combining yoga postures, breathing exercises, relaxation and meditation

- Monday - 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- 7:45pm - 9pm
- Friday - 10am - 11:15am

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**Invitation**

**An insight into Autism Spectrum Disorder**

An insight session for families or carers of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder

Care Connect in association with Spectrum Connections is holding a session entitled “An insight into Autism Spectrum Disorder”.

The session aims to provide families and carers with a realistic understanding of the difficulties of raising a child or adult with Autism. James Wicks, key speaker and author of "Finding the Actor", will present an informed account of the experiences of a parent and the often difficult path to acceptance that a child living with autism must face.

The session will include a presentation by Dawn Stevenson. Dawn is the ASQ Case Coordinator for Autism Australia, a not-for-profit organisation and peak body for Autism Spectrum Disorder in the State of Victoria. Dawn will present information about social inclusion and community involvement in both mainstream and disability recreational groups.

Spectrum Connections is proudly funded by Care Connect and the Knox City Council.

**Insight session details**

- **Date:** Saturday 1st September, 2012
- **Time:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- **Address:** St Joseph's Church Hall
  341 Flaxton Street and Warrigal Avenue, Ringwood
- **Cost:** Gold coin donation

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UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL IS REGISTERED for National Nude Food Day 2012!

Now there’s even greater ways to get involved and earn sports equipment for your school.

This is our unique code NFD12D3325 for our school community to use online at Bonzoo.com.au/nudefoodday

This code is extra special as it takes 10% off the Nude Food Movers Rubbish Free Lunch Box and Cool Skins!

PLUS

Your school will earn $2 in Smash Gear vouchers for every Rubbish Free Lunch Box or Cool Skin sold under that code

PLUS

Nude Food Movers will donate $1 to Nutrition Australia...it’s a win win!

Rubbish Free Lunch Box ready for Nude Food Day on October 17!

Check out Bonzoo.com.au/nudefoodday for all the details!
**P.A. News**

**Next Meeting:**

**Bookclub**

Orders are due back the latest on Monday

**Upcoming events**

Living Fundraisers were distributed two weeks ago, All money raised and the left over bags are due back **NEXT WEEK.** Thank you for supporting the school with this wonderful edible fundraiser.

**Shopping Tour** – 10th November

**Bunnings BBQ** – 1st December

*PA is a great way to meet some more parents and become involved within the school community. Parents and toddlers are more than welcome to come along.*

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**BEECHWORTH CAMP**

**DVD WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK FOR $2**

**PLEASE SEE MR G IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**TO OUR STAFF & STUDENTS**

**31ST AUG - 7TH SEPT**

**JIMMY**

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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Hi all,

Here's what's on at BASC next week.

**MONDAY- Stress balls**

**TUESDAY- Coloured sand jars**

**WEDNESDAY- Games in the hall**

**THURSDAY- Cooking**

**FRIDAY- Boomerangs, weather permitting.**