CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS - FAMILY PICNIC & CAROLS EVENING
We certainly had a fun evening with beautiful weather conditions prevailing. The appearance of Santa Claus was a highlight with the children. Carols singing was most entertaining and tuneful with our choir which was ever increasing in size and talent, leading the way superbly. (Not sure about some of the actions for the “Twelve Days of Christmas” but they were certainly charming!) Thanks to all the families who were able to attend and enjoy the relaxing time.

Wishing all of our Upwey P.S. families a happy & safe Christmas!
Prep H  Art Award
Ella
For always working to the best of your ability and for your positive attitude.

Prep H  Darby
For being a wonderful helper during Maths!
Fantastic

Prep H  Sage
For attentively focusing during our pasta Christmas activity!
Well done!

1/2E  Dylan
Dylan always has a go and tries hard with his Mathematics work.

1/2E  Regan
For working hard in class with his reading, becoming more confident with reading aloud.

1/2E Art Award  Molly
For always doing your best in Art and for having a positive attitude in class.

3/4/5G  Holly
For her beautiful looking History poster.
Great Work!

3/4/5G Art Award  Mary
For your positive approach and hard working attitude.

6R  Art Award  Sienna
For always being a kin, generous and helpful student. You are a great role model for your peers.

6R  Tiana
For being a mature, helpful student who follow the Tribes Agreements.

RED FACES 2012
Once again we were entertained by our children who completed Red Faces performances today. Mr G was the MC and our judges Sandra, Caroline, Hayley & Sue did a great job. The eventual winners of Red Faces 2012 were: Equal on 28 points:

Jack Tout with his scary story!
Sam Nicholson with Bob Dylan’s “Knocking on Heavens door”, accompanied by Chrissy D

CAMEO EXCURSION
Our Whole School Excursion to the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave to view the movie “Wreck it Ralph” (PG) on Tuesday 18th December went extremely well with lunch held at the outdoor theatre. Thanks to all the staff for ensuring a safe passage to and from the cinema and supervising the children at this enjoyable event. I hope all the children enjoyed the movie especially as it was an early viewing before the actual release date! Thanks to the Belgrave Cinema staff (Anne-Marie & Danielle) for organising this.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY AND CLASS PARTIES
Our Out of Uniform Free Dress day and Class Party day was held yesterday on Thursday 20th December. Donation were received for the Dandenong Ranges Fund for families in need over the Christmas holiday period. We raised a very respectable $130. Thanks to the Junior School Council for organising and running the fundraiser and to all the families who donated, some more than anticipated.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2012
Today, the last day of Term 4, I presented Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this term. Gold (100% attendance this term) and Silver (94 – 99% attendance this term) awards were presented. Congratulations to the children who received these awards that recognise those with outstanding attendance records.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 4
Today dismissal will occur at 1:30 pm with a lunch hour being eliminated. The final assembly for the year will be held at 1:15 pm and all parents are welcome to attend. The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn at this assembly. Please make sure that your child is picked up or organised for After School Care on the last day of school.
GRADUATION- YEAR 6 CLASS OF 2012

YEAR 6 GRADUATION- DINNER & PRESENTATIONS
The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations was held last night at Marybrooke Restaurant. This event was the culmination of their Primary School education. From the Year 6 Graduating Group we had 8 children who have attended Upwey Primary School since Prep.

Graduation Awards were presented to:

THE PRINCIPAL’S AWARD

Highest level of achievement in the Standardised Testing Program (English & Maths)
BILLY SPENCER & BERTIE SPENCER

General Academic Achievement
MAX SPARKMAN

Sporting Achievement
NATHAN DARE

Citizenship Award
LUKE MORTON & SIENNA NYARI

The Arts Achievement
MARGUERITE TADD, LIBBIE ELEY & JACK HOUSTON

Bendigo Bank- Education Scholarship award - $100 towards Year 7 Expenses
This was presented at Monday’s assembly by Luan Hanlen, the Manager of the Bendigo Community Bank at Upwey.

MAX SPARKMAN

La Trobe Student Leadership & Community Service Award.
This was presented at assembly on Monday 6th December by Laura Smyth, MHR for the Federal seat of La Trobe.

SIENNA NYARI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

“SUPERKIDS” – THE DVD – ARRIVED!
Production of the video is complete. Art Design Work has been completed and printed on the DVD/ Photos. Thanks once again to Alison Goodall for completing this work. Your art work/design is high quality and your time and effort are very much appreciated. Distribution of orders has proceeded this week.

REMINDER
STAFFING FOR 2013
Final staffing for 2013 is now organised.

New Staff –
Mrs Catherine Oxworth to the Music position in 2013
Danielle Croft – Prep/1 Class Teacher

Departing Staff:
Mr Greig Douglas has accepted another position and will not return for 2013. We wish him all the best for his increased time allotment at Carrum Downs SC and thank him for his terrific involvement this year with the Music program.

An updated anticipated class structures and staff list has been included in the Student Written Report envelope for parents.

SCHOOL RETURN DATES FOR 2013
Staff will be returning to school for the start of the 2013 school year on Tuesday 29th January.
Children will be returning to school on Thursday 31st January.
We will look forward to welcoming our new Prep children for 2013 on Thursday 31st January also.

WRITTEN REPORTS- END OF THE YEAR
December Written Reports for Semester 2 were distributed last Friday 14th December. I hope all parents appreciated the reports even though written comments were not included this year. Please complete the Parent Comment page and return the page for photocopying for us to complete our records.

SCHOOL FEES & BOOKLIST PRICES FOR 2013
School Fees for 2013 will be $265 for the first child and $215 for the second child (This includes a $40 B & G levy REFUNDABLE on attending a working bee.) The Booklist component of the school fees will be $125.

The information sheets have already been distributed to all families. Please see the office if you have misplaced your copy.

The minimum payment anticipated will be $125 (booklist section) and will be due during the hours indicated on the booklist. Payments may alternatively be made before the end of the year or at the beginning of 2013.

Direct Deposit is available.

PARENT ACCOUNTS & BASC ACCOUNTS
A reminder to please make prompt payment when you have received your final account for the year. We are in the process of completing payments for many activities for which some parents have not yet paid. Contact the office for assistance if required. Year 6 parents need to pay careful attention to accounts and finalise payments before attending the Graduation Evening and departing at the end of the year.

THANKS

SIGNATURE BEARS- YEAR 6 CHILDREN
A special thanks to Kay Goodall for her great assistance in organising and sewing the Signature Bears for the Year 6 children. The unbelievable time and effort she puts in indicates her commitment to the school and the children and this contribution is very much appreciated. I hope the Year 6 children give her a big cuddle and thank you to show their appreciation.

BRUSH CUTTING
Thanks heaps to the Scouts, organised via Eric S, for completing a huge amount of brush cutting near our Amphitheatre and on the slope area recently. Your work is very much appreciated.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY TIME
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all children and parents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I certainly hope the children have an exciting Christmas and holiday period. To the parents- thanks for your wonderful support and enjoy the time with your children. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period and looks forward to a great year in 2013.

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL STAFF
Thank you to all the staff for your continued support and wonderful effort during 2012. It has been another busy, eventful and exciting year with everyone contributing strongly to Upwey PS. The production this term was certainly a highlight and a reflection on the amazing effort that the staff display for the benefit of the children. Our school ethos is well supported by all staff. Have a relaxing and extremely well-deserved holiday break and be ready for the challenges 2013 will offer.
FRIDAY FUNNY

Puns - Punography - wordplay to make you smile---clever and funny

All the toilets in the local police station have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.

Malcolm Aspinall - Principal

KARATE CLASSES HERE
AT UPWEY P.S.
(Loong Fu Pai Martial Arts Academy – established since 1981)

*** Weekly Karate & Kickboxing Classes at THIS SCHOOL
*** KARATE (All Ages) on Friday 7.00pm
KICKBOXING (12 years & Above) on Monday 7.30pm
*** Karate teaches Strong Discipline of Body & Mind;
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*** Pay As You Go or Monthly or School Term.
*** No Contract to sign.

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We’re on the way to becoming eSmart

Earlier we advised that our school had registered with eSmart – a comprehensive approach for managing cybersafety and dealing with bullying and cyberbullying in school communities.

We’re pleased to let you know that we have completed the first phase of our eSmart journey.

We have planned many activities in line with the eSmart Schools Framework, and are now progressing with implementation.

Expect to hear a lot more in the coming months about our efforts to promote the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology.

We hope you will also take part in some of the opportunities to learn more about being eSmart.

For more information visit www.esmart.org.au

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1st Belgrave South Joey Mob now has vacancies for girls and boys aged 5 to 8 to join us for fun and adventures in 2013. Our older sections will also have some vacancies at the start of the New Year.

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Hi all.
It's been a wonderful year in BASC. To all the grade 6 students, good luck in High School, I'm sure you will all achieve amazing things.
It's also been great to see how much the preps have grown & learnt over the school year, it's been a pleasure for me to be involved in that.
I hope you all have a very merry Christmas & all the best to every one of you in the new year.
See you all back at school on 31st January.
Sam :)

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**B E F O R E & A F T E R S C H O O L C A R E**

3/4/5G ENJOYED
BRINGING THEIR PETS ALONG TO SCHOOL

**Happy Birthday***

To our
Staff & students
21st Dec - 1st Feb
Chelsea, Emily, Dee, Kanye, Joshua M, Connor, Rhiaine, Deborah & Jai,