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**Friday 7th December 2012**

**Our 2013 Preps meet some of their buddies for next year!**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 7.12.2012**

**BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Saturday was extremely successful. We raised approximately $1,800 overall. What a magnificent effort! Thanks to all our helpers who have volunteered to assist. We had Sue C, Cheryl S, Mark D, Natalie O, Misty L & Mark L, Mrs Eeles, Kelly W, Sandy, Sara & Simon S, Lisa O, Michelle Mo, Cindy N, Kristy B, Michelle My, Kay G & Annette D working so hard to the benefit of our school and children. Thanks also to the PA/Fundraising Committee who organised the whole day and ensured that everything went smoothly.

**COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Prep children enrolled for 2013 participated in the final “Cool To Go to School” session today. Thanks again to Miss Croft for coming to today’s session. The children enjoyed meeting their buddies from the Year 4 children (Year 5s next year) today and checking out the toilets to ensure they are confident in finding their way around the school.
Prep H
Eva
For reading with more confidence and believing in herself!
SUPER WORK!

Prep H
Ripley
For using a range of skip counting strategies to find the total of a group of animals!
GREAT WORK

1/2E
Michael
For working hard and writing a reflection on his town planning design. I was impressed to see a farm with a safety fence.

1/2E
Michael
For working hard to improve his spelling with the Smartwords program.

3/4/5G
Micaela
For always following The Tribes Agreements. Micaela is a helpful and friendly member of 3/4/5G.

3/4/5G
Julian
For a consistently good approach to his journal writing.
FANTASTIC

3/4/5G P.E. Award
Caleb
For some fine hitting skills demonstrated during the P.E. lesson and during the game.

5R
Joel
For following Tribes agreements, for being a helpful student, and for working with good concentration.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER
The Prep Information Evening for parents of Prep enrolled students in 2013 was held on Wednesday and we had terrific turn up. Mrs Hickey, Ms Croft and I presented the evening with plenty of photos of Prep life this year and detailed important things to prepare for in order to be ready for Prep in 2013. I also introduced Sam Carey and our BASC program to the group. Thanks to all those who attended the evening and I hope it was informative and interesting. We certainly enjoyed meeting the parents, new and old!

LOCAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
The Upwey District Education Community held the Student Leadership Workshop on Tuesday this week. The workshop involved selected Year 5 children (Year 6 in 2013). The children met with children from other local schools (60 in all) and completed activities requiring use of leadership capabilities. Now the children will develop their own action plan for our school and particularly concentrate on one project.

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP CONCERT FOR CRE
All children involved in the CRE (Christian Religious Education) program attended the annual Christmas Concert/Break Up on Wednesday (not Thursday as Mr A had advertised). Luckily the teachers and children coped with the change and were extremely flexible. Thanks to the Syndal Baptist Youth Group and CRE staff for running the event. The final CRE lesson for the year will be next week on Wednesday 12th December.

TWILIGHT WORKING BEE
Our Twilight Working Bee was held on Tuesday under very mixed weather conditions. We really did not expect anyone to attend after the rain set in but we still had a group of workers who were not going to be deterred that easily. They came and helped the school with weeding (Misty L & Jacob), Ben R (brushcutting), David, Michelle, Caitlin & Josh M (Weeding, playing, installing the New Sandpit Toy Box). Thanks for your much appreciated help.

STUDENT DISCO – TONIGHT
Don't forget that tonight is the PA/Fundraising Committee organised Student Disco. This will be held in two sections as usual with Prep to Year 2 children invited to attend from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm and Year 3 – 6 children from 8:00 to 9:30 pm.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – CHANGE OF TIME
To accommodate a request from our Federal Member for LaTrobe, Laura Smyth, we will be having our school assembly on Monday 10th December at 9:00 am. Laura will present the LaTrobe Leadership & Community Service Award for 2012 to a nominated Year 6 student. Parents are invited to attend the assembly that will be held at the beginning of the day instead of at 3:00 pm as normal.
School Council Meeting – Monday 10th December

Our Final School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 10th December at 6:30 pm at the Belgrave Upwey RSL. We will be having the meeting at 6:30 pm followed by the Break Up Dinner at 7:30 pm. We will be located in the Board Room for meeting and dinner. Final staffing and structures will be presented and end of year finances presented. School councillors please let us know if you are unable to attend as we will need to let the RSL know how many are coming for dinner.

Reminder - AEU Industrial Action & Written Reports

Written Report Teacher Comments

There has been plenty of recent publicity about the End of Year – Semester 2 Written Reports and I am reminding you of what to expect at Upwey PS. The AEU Teachers’ Union remains in dispute with the government regarding a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and several forms of industrial action have been undertaken.

Impact on Written Reports

AEU industrial action includes a ban on teachers completing written comments on the December Report. I am reminding you that our staff have decided to support this action and as such there will be no written comments on the Student December (Semester 2 – 2012) Written Reports. All other areas including Progression Points and letter grading will be completed as normal but the overall look of the reports will be quite bare in comparison to previous semester reports. As a way of providing detailed feedback on progress to parents the teachers are still willing to provide parents access to student portfolios and work before the end of the year and have agreed to welcome parents by arrangement, immediately after school or at a mutually convenient time. Please take the opportunity to meet with the teacher and be informed if you are interested/available before the end of the year. This may include specialist teachers in Music, Art/Craft and Physical Education.

For Your Information

Congratulations to Jenny M who was drawn as the winner of the patchwork quilt donated by Kelly W. I believe Mr G but I am glad to see the end of the mo!!

“Superkids” – The DVD has Arrived!

Production of the video is complete. We are now completing Art Design Work to be printed on the DVD/Photos. The DVD of Superkids as performed by Upwey Primary School with a CD of photos from the performance can now be ordered. The order form is accompanying the newsletter today. The cost of the DVD and Photo CD collection is $20. Distribution will occur once the order has been processed.

Library Books – Final Reminder

Please make sure all Library Books are returned to the library so that Jenny M can complete a Library Stocktake.

Coming Events

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Invitations have been distributed to parents who have assisted with school activities for our Special Morning Tea for school helpers/volunteers. This event will be held on Monday 10th December from 11:00 am in the staff room. Please put this date in your diary if you have assisted with any school activity during the year. Children will have a slightly extended play time on Monday.

Orientation Day – Year 6 Transition Day

Tuesday 11th December will be the Orientation Day for all Year 6 children attending a chosen public secondary school of their choice in 2013. This will be a whole day program and the respective secondary schools will provide information to students.

Christmas in the Hills - Family Picnic & Carol Evening

The annual event will be held on Tuesday 18th December from 6:00 pm on the school oval. Please put this date in your calendar/diary. We would expect an appearance from Santa Claus at some time. All families are welcome to attend and have a relaxing time with some games and exercise for the children. Carol singing will be the closing feature of the evening at about 8:00 pm. A separate flyer advertising the event will be distributed with the newsletter.

Cameo Excursion

We are planning a Whole School Excursion to the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave to view the movie “Wreck it Ralph” (PG) on Tuesday 18th December from 10-12. We will be walking to the theatre along the bike track. We expect to have lunch at the outdoor theatre (weather permitting) before returning. The cost will be $8.00. The notice and permission form will be distributed with this week’s newsletter. Any children with detention forms to return will need to ensure they are brought to Mrs Rowles (or the office) to ensure permission to attend the excursion.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner & Presentations

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations will be held on Thursday 20th December at Marybrooke with arrival at about 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. The formal part of the evening involving presentation with parents and family members will be held at about 8:30 pm.

End of Year Planning

Written Reports – End of the Year

It is anticipated that Semester 2 (December) Written Reports will be distributed on Friday 14th December. Again I am insisting that report envelopes only be opened by parents or in the presence of a parent. Please complete the Parent Comment page and return the page for photocopying for us to complete our records. I thank the teachers for their completion of the reports and their undertaking to see parents and present portfolio work if requested.
WORKING BEE ATTENDANCE 2012
Please remember that anyone who has paid the Buildings & Grounds Levy for 2012 may request a refund of $40 or for the amount to be paid towards next year’s school fees. Any parents whose children are not returning in 2013 may request the refund from the school office. A draw will also be made for the end of year Working Bee Prize with names of those attending during the year being put in a draw for prizes at our final assembly.

RED FACES 2012
Practice sessions will be the order of the day! The annual, and highly regarded, Red Faces event will be held on the last day of school, Friday 21st December. Children will need to be prepared and rehearse in readiness for their performances. A list will circulate the grades at the beginning of the last week of term for children to register their act. Priority will be given to single involvement for children before any multiple acts will be considered (Children encouraged to perform only once-individually or with a group). Parents will be welcome to attend the event. Start time is anticipated to be 9:30 am and acts will continue until about 11:00 am.

CLASSROOM KRIS KRINGLE
The staff has again decided to support a Kris Kringle activity for the last day of school this year. All children will be invited to participate within each grade and bring a small gift for another child in the grade (no food items thanks). A separate notice will be distributed in regard to this matter. It is a choice activity - not compulsory for children to participate. The value of the gift is requested to be between $5 to $8 dollars.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 4
On Friday 21st December 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.

FRIDAY FUNNY
Puns- Punography - wordplay to make you smile---clever and funny
They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type-O.
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;
learn Self Defence & Awareness; improves Fitness & Co-ordination; boost Confidence.
*** Pay As You Go or Monthly or School Term.
*** No Contract to sign.

For details about our organization, please log onto
www.LFP.com.au
(First lesson is absolutely free)
If you need further details, please call 9759.7187 or 0418.809808

BELGRAVE

Town Centre Directory

RETAILERS
Belgrave Book Barn 9752.5404
Belgrave Meats 9754.2371
Belgrave Community Op. Shop 9752.2439
Cheese A8 9754.1195
Duncan’s Belgrave Cellars 9752.6444
Fancy Stuff 9480.0190
Harrison Community Op Shop 9754.5621
Hugs for Kids 9754.1122
Linencare 8289.1263
Little White Box 4148.367.538
London Art Company 9754.6399
Mad About Price 9754.5779
MM’s Gifts 9754.1491
Safeway 9754.3554
The Confectionary 9752.5842
The Petal and Pot 9754.8898
The Sewing Studio 9752.6099
The Silver Compact 2406.930.377
Through the Looking Glass – Second Hand Bookshop 0408.352.970
Walk In Wardrobe 0418.389.370
The Wicked Lady 9754.3863

ART & ENTERTAINMENT
The Bell Tavern 9754.2222
Camio Cinema 9754.7844
Oscar’s Aile House 9754.602
Puffing Billy 9757.0700
Ruby’s Lounge & Bar 9754.7445
Scarecrow 9754.2614
tiffany bishop COLLECTIVE 0414.620.637

FOOD and DINING
A Star Bakery 0470.033.196
Belgrave Bakery 9754.2507
Belgrave Fish and Chips 9754.6665
Belgrave Fresh Noodle 9754.6666
Belgrave Pizza House 9754.7003
Bell Tavern 9754.2222
Benson’s 0430.556.443
Café Green Bean 9754.1195
Chocolate Sensations 9754.1174
Earthly Plesasures Restaurant 9754.7849
Honey Thai Restaurant 9752.5244
Indie Gai Indonesian Restaurant 9756.1622
Jade Valley Chinese Restaurant 9754.6663
Jean Claude Restaurant & Coffee Shop 9752.5122
La Collina Pizzeria 9752.5470
The Lytton 9754.2197
Master Ming Chinese Takeaway 9752.5422
Puffing Billy Café 9754.6115
Real Café 9754.1055
Savvy Organico Pizza 9754.9592
Subway Belgrave 9752.6612
Sushi Express 9754.8283
The Petal and Pot 9754.6888

GENERAL SERVICES
Belgrave Community Bank 9752.6936
Belgrave Automotive Electrical & Air Conditioning Service 9754.300
Belgrave Drycleaners 9754.3515
Belgrave Laundry 9754.2021
Belgrave Library 9754.7296
Belgrave Newsagency – & Licensed Post Office 9754.6480
Belgrave Trade Association 9754.1027
Centrelink 132.850
Commonwealth Bank 9754.6753
Golden Cobra Martial Arts 9754.7682
Hillside Music 9752.5772
Inkation Tattoo 9754.6948
James Merino MP 9754.5401
Jetset Belgrave 9754.109
KukANO Enterprises 9754.4587
New Belgrave Motors 9754.3048
Saagull Press 9754.3196
Starzone 9752.6815
Tabbo Tattoo 9754.6648
The Sewing Studio 9752.6099
Victoria Police – Belgrave 9754.6667

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Armstrong Rose Solicitors 9754.7100
Attractive Accounting 9752.5962
Aure Vala Financial Services 9017.5300
Belgraphik Building Design 9754.7640
Bell Real Estate 9754.6868
Business Lynx 9754.5321
H & R Block 132.325
Irontex
Marketing Connecting Networking 1300.856.626
Rengas First National Real Estate 9754.6111
SCAD Design 9754.7178
Stevenson’s Tax Consulting 9752.5952
Unified Lending Services PL 9017.5984

shop local
this Christmas
Hi all.

Remember that the last day of the year is coming upon us fast. There is an extra early school finish time of 1:30, so if after school care is needed please book ASAP.

Also a reminder to children attending BASC, No Hat, No outside play. With the sun still very hot after 3:30 this is strictly enforced.

What’s on next week.

**MONDAY**
- Popcorn Christmas decorations

**TUESDAY**
- Baubles

**WEDNESDAY**
- Construction

**THURSDAY**
- Cooking - White Christmas treats
- Christmas movie extravaganza

Have a great weekend & see you on Monday. 
Sam :)

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**P.A. News**

**Upcoming events:**

**DISCO TONIGHT**

**Preps - Grade 2:** 6pm - 7.30

**Grade 3 - 6:** 8pm - 9.30

**Book Club:** Our last issue will hopefully arrive next week. Thanks for supporting us with the Book club orders, our library does benefit from your orders!

**Bunnings BBQ** – 1st December,

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time. It was a great fundraiser for our school.

Rosters will be sent out with this newsletter