PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 24.2.2012

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

The District Swimming Sports were held on Wednesday 22nd February at Belgrave Pool. Thanks to Michelle Mo who completed a marvellous job as the school’s timer for all the individual events. Thanks also to the many parents/relatives who came to encourage and support the children during the day. We had a few illnesses that led to a smaller team than usual representing the school but our competitors did a remarkable job and several filled in for events beyond their normal requirements. Thanks to all the children who competed and put in the best effort possible; we are very proud of your efforts as members of the school team.

We finished a very close 2nd for the Handicap Shield.

St Thomas Mores won both the Handicap Shield and the Aggregate Shield. Quite an amazing performance!

On Wednesday we swam at Belgrave Pool in the District Swimming Sports for Upwey P.S. We both swam really fast in the relay. There were lots of other schools. It was fun. By Kurtis and Sam M, 1/2A

Congratulations go to our swimmers, Runners up in the District Swimming Handicap Shield

Calendar
Sunday 26th February
Thursday 1st March
Friday 2nd March
Monday 5th March
Monday 5th March
Wednesday 7th March
Friday 30th March

Friday 24th February, 2012
UPWEY BILLY CART RACES, in the Main Street
Prep’s First Full day. Finish time 3.30pm
“Free Feed Friday” Soupy’s Breakfast; 8.30am
“Official Opening of the School Year 2012” 2.30pm
School Council AGM 7pm, and School Council Meeting 7.30pm
‘What’s Happening Hour’ & Sausage sizzle
Last day for Term 1

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### Student Achievement Awards

**3/4/5G**
- **Imogen**
  - For finishing Levels on Reading.
  - Great job!

**3/4/5G**
- **Michaela**
  - For finishing Levels.
  - Great job!

**3/4/5G**
- **Mary**
  - For finishing Levels.
  - Great job!

**3/4/5G P.E.Award**
- **Caitlin**
  - For displaying outstanding effort and achievement at the House Swimming Sports.
  - PRINCIPALS AWARD

**5R**
- **Jasmin**
  - For being a fabulous member of 5/6R, and for working so well.
  - An asset to Upwey P.S.

**6R P.E. Award**
- **Nathan**
  - For displaying outstanding effort and achievement at the House Swimming Sports.
  - PRINCIPALS AWARD

**6R**
- **Laura**
  - For being a fabulous class member for 5/6R, and for working so well.
  - An asset to Upwey P.S.

- **Libby**
  - For being a fabulous class member for 5/6R, and for working so well.
  - An asset to Upwey P.S.

- **Max**
  - For being a fabulous class member for 5/6R, and for working so well.
  - An asset to Upwey P.S.

### HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Our House Swimming Sports were held on **Friday 17th February at Belgrave Swimming Pool.**

The results were announced at assembly on Monday.

The results for the House Competition are:
- 1st – Corella - 143 Points
- 2nd – Bogong - 106 Points
- 3rd – Lowan - 86 points
- 4th – Moonah - 78 Points

Congratulations to Corella who have now won the shield for three years in a row.

Congratulations also to all children who received place ribbons and particularly Caitlin S and Nathan D who received a 1st place ribbon in three events. Outstanding effort!

### TWILIGHT WORKING BEE TONIGHT

Our Twilight Working Bee will be held **tonight Friday 24th February from 4-6 pm.** Considerable brushcutting, weeding and pruning will be necessary. Please come along and bring the whole family to help out. Mr Gallaher will be in charge and assign jobs so please see him on arrival.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**‘WHAT’S HAPPENING HOUR’ & SAUSAGE SIZZLE- DONT MISS IT!**

All children and parents are invited to attend our Information Sessions for the beginning of the year. The event will be held on **Wednesday 7th March from 7:00 -8 pm.** We will be starting the evening with a **Free Sausage Sizzle for children and parents from 6:30-7 pm** and then everyone (children and parents) will move into the grades to be provided with the “What’s Happening Hour” grade information for classroom routines.

### PREP PRACTICUM

A big welcome this week to Mrs Terjesen who has been working with Mrs Hickey in Prep H. She will continue on Teaching Rounds in Prep H and grade 5/6R for next week as part of her teaching course.

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2012

The Official Opening of the School Year will be held on **Monday 5th March from 2:30 to 3:30.**

This is a very special ceremony where the School Captains/Vice Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council representatives will be invested. Parents are invited and welcome to attend this formal occasion. Make sure you bring your camera, especially if your child is being invested in a position of responsibility. An afternoon tea for parents, relatives, guests and visitors will be held at the conclusion of presentations. We are fortunate to have Mr Tom Daly (Upwey High School Principal) attending with our 2011 School Captains, Jayden C & Hailey M. I will look forward to seeing as many visitors as possible.

### WELCOME TO OUR STUDENT

A special welcome to the latest addition to our school Marley R who will be in PrepH. Marley started today. Please welcome him if you have the opportunity.
CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The CRE Program is due to begin for children who are permitted to attend lessons from next week.
Prep H children – Wednesdays from 12:30 – 1:00 pm (Julie Dzioba)
Grade 3/4/5 G children- Wednesdays from 11:30 – 12:00 or 12:30 - 1. (Staff member to be decided)
Although we have trained Access Ministries staff available at this stage we will be unable to provide lessons for Grade 5/6R and Grade 1/2A due to staffing issues and provision for children not attending CRE. Planning is still occurring in an attempt to solve this issue.
This is a final reminder for any parents wishing to change their CRE preference to contact the office.

EXTRA ASSISTANCE
Due to Kay G’s illness this week we have required extra assistance in the office. Thanks to Cindy and Caroline who have taken on the extra duties during the week. We wish Kay a speedy recovery and hope to have her back on deck next week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2012
The first School Council Meeting for 2012 will be held on Monday 5th March. AGM at 7:00 pm and Ordinary School Council Meeting at 7:30 pm
All current councillors are reminded to please attend the AGM beginning at 7:00 pm.
The parents and staff duly elected/continuing after completion of the nomination process are:
Newly elected: Andrew Gannon, Kim Gray, Louise Hartley, David Myers, Jenny Staff.
Continuing positions: Nanette Anderson, Annette Dare, Sue Comello.
Staff- Cindy Nyari, Lauren Hickey, Kay Rowles & Malcolm Aspinal
We will have the opportunity to co-opt other members as required.
Congratulations to all members as we look forward to another busy and productive year.
A folder with School Council Matters (Agenda, Minutes, Reports etc) will be sent to each parent by email and hard copy in a folder.

SPORT
KNOX RAIDERS BASKETBALL CLINICS
On Friday 16th March we will be completing basketball clinics at school. Coaches from Knox Raiders will be running the clinics for all grades on this day.

REMINDERS
PREP EARLY FINISH
The early finish time of 2:00 pm for Preps will be continuing until Wednesday 29th February next week. The Prep children will be having their first full day of school on Thursday 1st March and full school days will apply from that time onwards. Prep H will be attending the Official Opening of the School Ceremony for 2012 on Monday 5th March.

UPWEY BILLY CART RACES
Remember to visit the Upwey Billy Cart Race on Sunday 26th February in Main St Upwey. The races are always entertaining and there are activities, food stalls and promotions going on during the day.
Good luck to our children who have entered events and we hope you perform well, without any accidents!!

CAR PARK FOOTPATH
A reminder to all children to please use the footpath along the staff car park entrance/exit and not walk or climb on the stone wall as it could be dangerous. I would appreciate parent support in reinforcing this expectation.

SCHOOL STAFF CAR PARK
A reminder to all parents that children arriving or departing in cars must be dropped off, and picked up, from Darling Avenue or the church car park and not from the staff car park (except in the case of a physical disability). The safety of all children is a prime concern and Cheryl, our Crossing Supervisor, will continue to assist the children so that they cross the road safely.
Parents are only allowed to use the car park if they are on official duties for the school, dropping off children to Before School Care or picking up from After School Care in the evening.

NO LUNCH ORDERS ON MONDAYS
Due to the lack of orders on Mondays during 2011 we have now deleted Mondays from the days for providing lunch orders. Lunch orders will continue from Tuesday to Friday each week.

HAYLEY’S HAIR CARE
THURSDAYS AT 2ND BELL IN THE GERMAN ROOM
Come learn how to Braid/Plait
Bring your own brush, combs, hair ties, ribbons & glitter jell
No sharing brushes or combs
Max 15 students for this next two weeks then we will change over.
Write your name down on the list at the office
Hayley Warton

DON’T FORGET WORKING BEE TONIGHT: 4PM TO 7PM
SONG WRITING

Upwey Primary School, 2012

The program aims to develop students’ creative and vocal expression.

Students could expect to learn basic song structures and easy accompaniment on keyboard or guitar, creating songs in any style of music they like. No prior experience or skills required.

$30 per individual / $20 p.p. in pairs
Enquiries: Lisa O’Beirne ph. 97582420

Curiosity

A fun afternoon of quirky circus theatre!

When Alex is sent to her room to tidy up, she discovers a land of curiosity. It is a magical place that can only be reached via the tunnel in the bottom of her toy box. While she’s there Alex encounters many strange things and gravity defying feats.

Sunday 25 March 2pm & 4pm
All tickets $14.50 (Children under 3 free)

Knox Community Arts Centre, Cnr Mountain Hwy & Scoresby Rd, Bayswater
Web: www.knox.vic.gov.au/theatretix or Tel: 9729 7287

Education Maintenance Allowance

LAST WEEK

The EMA provides assistance to eligible families by helping with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Eligibility
To be eligible to receive EMA, you must:
Have an eligible Centrelink card or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent and submit your application to school by 29th February 2012.
Please pick up a form at the School Office.
Market dates in 2012 are
Sat 17 March (St Patrick’s Day), 9am – 2pm
Sat 19 May, 9am – 2pm
Sat 18 August, 9am – 2pm
Sat 17 November, 9am – 2pm

REGISTRATION DAY IS ON THIS SUNDAY AT THE BILLY CART RACES

Upwey Tecomac Junior Football Club

We have teams in all age groups from U9’s to U16’s and are after kids of all abilities. Come and see us at the Upwey Billy Cart Race Day, Sunday 26th Feb 2012 and register for the 2012 season.

All players will receive a free Tigers back pack. All new players will receive free footy socks and all existing players who introduce new players will receive a free hoodie or pole top.

Jump on board the Tiger Train Now!
Enquiries to President Peter Hughes 0412 554 574

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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.

Here is what is coming up in BASC next week:

**MONDAY** Crystal decorations
**TUESDAY** Science experiments
**WEDNESDAY** Stamp making
**THURSDAY** Cooking
**FRIDAY** Popcorn & movie afternoon

Please remember to come and see me or contact the office to make bookings for BASC. Bookings must be made by parents/guardians, not passed on through the children. I thank you for your assistance in this.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday

Sam :)

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There is no charge at all for Our Playgroup but please contact Kay or Cindy in the Office to book your child/ren in.
The Emu is the world’s third largest bird. The Ostrich and the Cassowary take the top positions.

Kookaburras are members of the kingfisher family - but they rarely chase or catch fish. They prefer eating insects, mice and other small rodents, lizards, the young of other birds and even snakes.

The yellow-crested cockatoo is generally white in colour with, as the English name suggests, a crest of yellow feathers on the head that curves forwards. The undersides of the wings and tail are also yellow, the bill is black, and the feet are grey. The sexes differ in eye colour; in females they are reddish-brown but males have black eyes. In both sexes the skin around the eye is bluish. Juveniles are similar in appearance to adults but have a grey iris, and chicks have patchy yellow down.

The Lyrebird bird is the world’s best impersonator. It can mimic the sound and songs of other birds perfectly but its talent does not stop there. It is also known to have imitated sounds of chainsaws, dogs barking, babies crying, musical instruments and explosions.

The Emu is a large flightless bird. They stand to be 1.5 to 2 metres tall, and on average weight 36 kilograms. They have 3 toes, and long legs which allows them to run extremely fast. In this species, the female is larger than the male.

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