PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 20.7.2012
WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 3
A big welcome back to everyone for the start of Term 3. We have moved into our normal routines quickly, even with a couple of changes relating to staff and children. Term 3 is a very busy term with many different activities on the agenda. We have Hooptime (Yrs 3-6), Supporting Kids In The Primary School Program (SKIPS – Yr 5 & 6), Passions – Extracurricular Activities Program (Prep to Yr 6), School Production Rehearsals, Year 5 & 6 Camp to Beechworth, Year 3 & 4 camp to Log Cabin Ranch, Athletics Sports & Book Week, just to mention the main focuses! Looking forward to a busy and very exciting term for all.

MY HOLIDAYS
I have returned well refreshed from my holiday overseas from the last couple of weeks of Term 2 and during the holidays. My family and I had a great time on the cruise and visited many ports as part of the visit to six different countries. I travelled with my wife, her sister and their father. We had many interesting experiences including rocking about in a tender/life boat in storm conditions awaiting smooth conditions to dock on the return to the ship in Cambodia, visiting traditional villages in Bali and Lombok, visiting superb buildings in Ho Chi Min city and riding an amazing cable car in Langkawi. I have been very fortunate indeed.
STAFF CHANGE

I am letting the school community know that Skye Andrews will not be continuing in the role of class teacher in Grade 1/2A due to the return to Upwey Primary School of Elizabeth Eeles who will now replace her in the grade, effective from Monday 16th July. As this change has only just been confirmed during the holidays we have been unable to inform children or parents at the end of Term 2 of the situation. I did email parents of children in Grade 1/2A about the change at the end of the holidays once all was confirmed. Skye has been a valuable staff member and we are extremely sad to lose her at this stage of the year but on the flip side we are also pleased to have Elizabeth return to the school. She has a wealth and breadth of experience which will be a huge advantage to the school. We had a “Thank You Party” in the grade today and the children were able to say a proper farewell to Miss Andrews.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome new children to our school this week and next week. Karralee S (Year 5) has returned to the school after living in Queensland for the past three years. Anthony M (Prep) and family have recently moved into the area. Sierra R (Year 2) has also recently moved into the area with her family.

INTERVIEWS WITH Mrs Hickey

Due to her illness at the end of Term 2 Mrs Hickey was unable to complete parent/teacher interviews and wishes to catch up with parents next week. Parents of children in Prep H are invited to contact Mrs Hickey for an interview time.

“PASSIONS” ASSISTANCE

Our annual, and hugely popular, extracurricular program will be planned for this term and we are seeking the assistance of parents and community members who are available to be involved in running small groups on a particular area of interest (Passion). The program will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 until 3:30 pm. The dates will be 21st August, 28th August, 4th September and 11th September. Please contact the office or me directly if you are able to assist in any area.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

During Term 3 we will be holding auditions and rehearsals for our School Production. We currently are going through a final selection process and then auditions and casting will occur. I am seeking expressions of interest with any aspect of the production. Please contact the office or me directly if you are able to assist with costume, props etc as part of the preparation process. The actual date of the production is Thursday 18th October at the Burrinja Theatre.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 6th August in the staffroom beginning at 7:30 pm.

SPORT

HOOPTIME – YEARS 5 & 6

Congratulations to the Year 5 & 6 children who attended Hooptime this week on Wednesday. Particular thanks to Sue L for organising the event. Congratulations to the Future Stars team who will compete in future finals. The children had a great day and participated extremely well; in the spirit of enjoyment and good competition rather than focusing on winning as the only goal.

HOOPTIME – YEARS 3 & 4

Next week it will be Hooptime for the Year 3 & 4 children. We anticipate all children being involved so that we can make one Future Stars and two Rookie teams.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

The University of NSW English competition will be held on Tuesday 31st July. The final competition will be the Mathematics Competition to be held on Tuesday 14th August. Results for the Computer Competition (held on 22/7) are due next week.

GOOD NEWS

We pass on our congratulations to Alison and Toby on the birth of their son Oliver recently. A little brother for Ebony! Alison is a past parent (and student!) and Ebony a past student. All our best wishes go to the family, and the rest of the Goodall clan.

SAD NEWS

We pass on our sympathy to Kay G and family on the death of her father recently. We also pass on our sympathy to our parents/staff Kristy B (Prep Assistance) and family as well as Emma G (Playgroup) and family on the loss of their grandfather. Kay has been absent for the week and we will welcome her return to school next week.

THANKS

Thanks to Cindy for completing relieving duties in the office for the whole week to fill the gap left by Kay. Her availability has been much appreciated and given great support to Kay and the school.

REMINDERS

MEDICATIONS

A reminder to parents of children requiring medication to be brought to school that the medicine needs to be stored at the office and information regarding usage for the child needs to be clearly labelled or identified in a parent note. (This does not include asthma medication such as inhalers.)

BEECHWORTH CAMP

Our Beechworth camp is defiantly going ahead. Could all families involved please start paying off the balance. A notice will be coming home with the newsletter today.

DONATION NEEDED FOR OUR STUDENT KITCHENS

PLATES & BOWLS (CHINA/CERAMIC PREFERRED)

MIXING BOWLS, KNIVES, FORKS & SPOONS

Red Nose Goes Green

Our school will be taking part in a huge fundraising event for SIDS and Kids.

The Red bags have arrived at school. If you wish to pick some up from the office, please pop in or I will distribute the bags within the next few weeks. We have limited space to store the full bags so if you could please hold on to them until pick up in September. We look forward to your support with this major fundraiser.
Calling all novelists, short story writers, poets and playwrights!

Write about Now, is an on-going writing class for Year 5 and 6 students at Burrinja Cultural Centre, cnr. Glenfern Road and Matson Drive, Upwey.

Develop your skills by working with other creative minds.

The teacher is VIT registered. She has had short stories and plays published and has lectured in the Professional Writing and Editing Course at Chisholm College.

For more information contact:

or call Natasha 9754 8723.

To read some of the work created last term:

**P.A. News**

**Bookclub**
Book club issue No 5 is going home today. There are some fantastic bargains in these issues. Orders due by Friday 3rd August

**Upcoming events**
- Bingo Night – 10th August
- Living Fundraisers - September
- 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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**Hi everyone.**
Welcome back for what is sure to be a fantastic term 3 in BASC.

**MONDAY- Origami.** We will be starting off simple this week & progressing to harder ones as the weeks go on. I have as much to learn here as the kids do!

**TUESDAY- Texture Pictures-** We will be working with different materials to create some beautiful landscape pictures.

**WEDNESDAY- Rainbow Cupcakes.** Just because Caleb L asked to make them :)**

**THURSDAY- Puzzles & Games afternoon**

**FRIDAY- Science experiments.** This will entertain children of all ages. Rocket making, electricity, invisible ink & lots more. You never know where it will lead!

Have a great weekend & see you all on Monday.

Sam :)

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**Happy Birthday**

**To our Staff & students**

20th July - 27th July

Laura
BINGO, GAMES AND SILENT AUCTION NIGHT

Friday 10th August, Howarth Hall

Entry Fee: Gold coin donation for door prize
Bingo: $10 per book (10 games in each)
Games: Gold coin
Silent Auction: Get yourself a bargain!

Not long to go now!

Hopefully you, some friends and family are able to come along to our major fundraising event for the year.

The prizes have still been coming in steadily. Thank you to our PA members who have posted letters, asked businesses and also collected prizes. It is a big job, but with many of us it does become a little easier. We have been working very hard to ensure fantastic prizes for you to enjoy on the night.

The Bingo Books are now available for purchase from the office. They are $10 per book (of 10 games). If you purchase 5 books, you get the 6th one free!
Also, EVERY pre-purchased book comes with a free ticket for the door prize.

We have a fantastic prize for each bingo game and varying items for the Silent Auctions and games. You can see from the list over the page how many prizes we have!

Don’t forget, families are still welcome to donate items that we can “RE-GIFT”. We have some donation request letters at the office if you would like to collect one to pass on to any business or contacts you may have.

We thank you for your support in raising funds for our school,

PA
Please support our sponsors as they have so generously supported us.

If you visit these businesses at all, mention you’re from Upwey Primary and that we appreciate their support!

- Ashcombe Maze - Family Pass
- Bad Rep Tattoos - $200
- Bank of Melbourne - $50 bank account
- BIG 4 Holiday Parks - 1 yr membership
- Beaver Swim School - 4 free lessons
- Belgrave Book Barn - books
- Bonsai Bali - $50 voucher
- Bunnings - 2 burner hooded BBQ
- Café Have Ya Bean - Upwey
- Cameo Cinemas - 4 tickets
- Caribbean Rollerama - vouchers
- Chesterfield farm - 2 family passes
- Club Hotel - FTG - $60 vouchers
- Club Kilsyth - 2 x $25 vouchers
- Coles - Mtn Gate - $25 voucher
- Cuckoo Restaurant - lunch for 2
- Dan Murphys - $20 gift card
- De Bortoli Winery - 2 bottles wine
- Domaine Chandon - free tasting
- Hoyts Cinemas - 4 tickets
- James Merlino - High Tea at Parliament house
- John Allen Retravision - mugs and cocktail shaker
- Kenworth - Kids books
- Kmart Sport - Yo-Yo's Playland 5 x 10 free entries
- Knox Leisure Works YMCA - 5 family passes
- Lindens Fresh Meats - 2 x $20 voucher
- Lunar Drive In - vouchers
- Kmart Tyre & Auto - $150 car service
- Maroondah City Council - 2 x Aquatic Vouchers, 1 school holiday day pass for indoor sports centre, 2 x 18 holes of Golf
- MCG - National Sports Museum - 1 family entry
- McDonalds FTG - $60 vouchers
- Metro Cinemas Boronia - 2 tickets
- Myunna Farm - 2 family passes
- New Belgrave Motors - $150 car service
- Nikos Tavern - $50 voucher
- Personal Best Fitness - passes
- Puffing Billy - family pass
- Rollercity - Bayswater - 2 x family passes
- Rochford Winery - 2 bottles wine
- Rose Cottage - Devonshire tea for 4
- Royal Melbourne Show - family entry
- School Pix - Free premier pack
- Scienceworks - 2 adult tickets
- SexyLand - $200 gift pack
- Sky High Restaurant - buffet lunch for 2
- Snow Gum - backpack
- Sovereign Hill - family pass
- Starshots - 3 x photo shoot
- Tecoma Charcoal Chicken - 3 dinner vouchers
- Tessalaar - $30 voucher
- The Comedy Club - 4 free tickets
- Trees Adventure - $132 voucher
- Tupperware - goods
- Upwey Music Shop - girls electric guitar
- Upwey RSL - $50 voucher
- Wild - funky doggie bag