PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 1.6.2012

SCHOOL PHOTOS
These were completed on Monday 28th May. The Whole School Photo, Graduation Year 6 Photo (including Mrs Rowles) and Junior School Council will be re-scheduled later in the year due to weather and absence issues.

ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE – 3/4/5G & 5/6R
Mr Douglas, our Music Teacher, has organised for grade performances at our School Assembly over the coming week. I am letting you know that Grade 3/4/5G and Grade 5/6R will be scheduled to complete their performances at Monday’s School Assembly at approximately 3:00 pm. Parents are invited to attend and witness the short performances that have been rehearsed in Music lessons with Mr Douglas this term.
UPWEY HIGH TRANSITION EXPERIENCE
All Year 5 children from 5/6R and 3/4/5G will be attending a Transition Experience session at Upwey High on Monday 4th June from 9:30 am until about 2:20 pm with the children completing lessons in the secondary classrooms. They will be supervised by Upwey High staff and will be permitted to use the canteen facilities if parents give permission (and money!). They will be completing the activity with other primary schools and it will be a great experience for the children as a preview of what secondary school is like.

Please Note: 3/4/5G will continue with their normal program for the year 3s and 4s and Grade 5/6 will continue back at Upwey PS with a normal program for the Year 6s.

IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY, UNLESS ILL
We have had our fair share of illnesses recently with several children absent for reasons of gastro and coughs; including Whooping Cough (Exclude the child for five days after starting antibiotic treatment). Good hygiene will assist in avoiding such problems but overall these illnesses will occur and we appreciate the support of parents keeping children at home to avoid infection and allow proper recovery.

On the other hand it is important to ensure attendance at school when children are not ill so that continuity of learning can occur. We are also completing a great deal of testing and assessment at the moment and in coming weeks in preparation for the First Semester Written Report so we would anticipate strong attendance.

CHILDREN WITH MAKE-UP
I would like to remind all children and parents that make-up is not part of our school uniform and is not permitted during normal school hours (with the exception being school performances where parents will receive preliminary information). Children with make-up will be required to remove it before going into class. I am requesting that all parents to be supportive of this approach and ensure that make-up is not worn.

STOP WORK ACTION
As you may be aware there has been support for an AEU organised Stop Work Action in support of claims for a new enterprise bargaining agreement by teachers. This industrial action will occur on Thursday 7th June. I will inform you on Monday 4th June or Tuesday 5th June at the latest if any staff members from Upwey Primary School will be involved in the stop work action.

GOOD LANGUAGE AND NOT BAD LANGUAGE
We have had an unusual escalation in bad language recently and I have been required to deal with a few children (younger and older) regarding this issue. I particularly expect our senior children to set a good example to our younger children and show the respect that is central to our Tribes Agreements. I am appealing to parents to reinforce this message that swearing and bad language is a poor reflection on the child and family and will not be tolerated. Children need to be able to express themselves with good language that is polite and respectful. The old adage that states, “If you don’t have something good to say to someone then say nothing at all” rings very true.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 4th June in the staffroom beginning at 7:30 pm
STUDENT BANKING
Piggy bank Passbook Account
The Fun way to save!
If you would like to open an account for your child(ren) please pick up a form from the office
Banking is every Monday

SPORT
DISTRICT WINTER SPORTS ROUND ROBIN
– TRANSPORT HELP NEEDED
The District Winter Round Robin Competition will be held on Tuesday 19th June.
Soccer will be held at a destination to be organised.
Netball will be held at the Regional Netball Centre near Mountain Gate.
Tee Ball will be held at Kings Park.
Volleystars will be held at Tecoma PS
We will be in need of parent assistance for transport to the venues for our teams. Any parents who can assist with teams please contact me or the school office ASAP and give your details. This will keep the costs to a minimum. Competition starts at about 9:30 am and concludes at about 2:00 pm. A permission form for children involved in the competition will be distributed with the newsletter next week. Returns of permission slips will be required by Thursday 14th June.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The University of NSW Computer Science competition will be held on Wednesday 6th June.

PLAY GROUP PROGRAM CANCELLED FOR CURRICULUM DAY
I am letting everyone involved in Friday's regular Play Group sessions that there will be no Play Group on Friday 15th as this day is the school's Curriculum Day/Student Free Day and the BASC Curriculum Day Program will be operating.

CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE)
Sam received sufficient support to run a Curriculum Day program for Friday 15th June. Bookings are required on a first in – first served basis. If you are interested in your child attending please contact Sam to book. We have a ceiling of 15 on the numbers allowed to participate in the program.

CONCERT BANDS
We were indeed fortunate to have three children involved in the Concert Band practice last Friday at the Dandenong Ranges Music Council as a conclusion to Education Week Experiences. Luke M, Caitlin S and Rhiannon M practised with Andrew McAlister's bands. Luke was also honoured with a leadership role as one of the captains, for trumpet. Caitlin was also given a leadership role as captain for the flute. Congratulations to both children on this honour. They enjoyed the experience and will no doubt look forward to continuing band involvement.

VISITING TEACHER RETURN
We are fortunate to have Rhonda Terjesen returning to our school for Training Rounds with Mrs Hickey and Grade Prep H next week. She will return on Monday 4th June and continue on the rounds until the end of term. Another big welcome.

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.)

WRITTEN REPORTS
With the advent of report writing time this is an opportune moment to request for parents to inform us if a second copy of the Semester 1 Written Report is required for another family member. Please contact the office if a 2nd copy is required so that we can organise for this to happen when the reports are completed. Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

CURRICULUM DAY – REPORT WRITING - FRIDAY 15th JUNE
This is another reminder to all parents that Friday 15th June is a Curriculum Day and thus a Student Free Day allocated for Report Writing and Staff Professional Development. Please put this in your diary as you will need to make arrangements for your child(ren)'s care on that day.

WOOLWORTHS PROMOTION
Woolworths' promotion “Earn & Learn” cards have now been distributed. The collection box is located in the Office Foyer for anyone who has completed cards. Stickers can also be left at the office and placed on the school cards. Sticker cards are available at the office and stickers can be obtained from Woolworths stores.

FRIDAY FUNNY –
by Hudley Humorous

DEFINITIONS
What is the Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter?

Eskimo Pi
ASC FOOTBALL CAMP
Brighton Grammar School—2, 3 & 4 July
Royal Park, Parkville—9, 10 & 11 July

ASC NETBALL CAMP
Mentone Grammar, Mentone—2, 3 & 4 July
Strathcona Baptist Girls GS, Canterbury—4, 5 & 6 July
State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville—11, 12 & 13 July

ASC HOCKEY CAMP
Hawthorn/Malvern Hockey Centre—4, 5 & 6 July
Waverley Hockey Club, Mount Waverley—9, 10 & 11 July
State Netball and Hockey Centre, Parkville—11, 12 & 13 July

TO BOOK OR FOR BROCHURES CALL


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**Before and After School Care**

What’s on next week?

**MONDAY-** Finishing puppet theatre  
**TUESDAY-** Games in the hall  
**WEDNESDAY-** Making sock puppets  
**THURSDAY-** Continuing with sock puppets  
**FRIDAY-** Making GOOP.

Hope you all have a great weekend & see you on Monday.

Sam :)

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**CURRICULUM DAY 15th July**

Hi all.

There will be a curriculum day on 15th June, as we have sufficient interest, we will be running a BASC program for the whole day from 7:30am (if 7am if needed, let me or the office know as I can be there to suit) until 6pm.

I will be putting the program for the day in next weeks newsletter once I have a better idea of numbers so I can cater to the needs of all children in attendance.

The cost is $40 for the day, less child care benefit.

There are only 5 places left so please make an enquiry through either myself or the office to make sure you don’t miss out.

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**Playgroup**

Next week, we will be making cookies.

Playgroup will **Not be running on Friday 15th June (curriculum Day)**

Please pass that on to anyone you know who normally attends our playgroup.

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**P.A. News**

Next meeting Wed 20th June

Woolworths Sausage sizzle  
Saturday 23rd June, helpers needed.  
Look out for the flyer sent with today’s newsletter.

**Bookclub:** Due back Friday 8th June
Children must be accompanied by an adult
No Alcohol will be allowed

In Hall on Friday the 22nd June
Bring your tea and enjoy the night.

Family $5.00

Bring Pillow & Sleeping Bag.