PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 23.3.2012

REPTILE ENCOUNTERS INCURSION – Grade 1/2A
Grade 1/2A children were involved with the Animal Encounters incursion which was held on Wednesday this week. Kath came along with a variety of animals for the demonstration, information and handling activities. She was a wonderful presenter and the children participated with great enthusiasm, as the photos will show. The show dealt with Threatened and Endangered Animals which is the topic the Year 1s and 2s are completing during Term 1 for their Inquiry Unit Theme.
PH Art Award
Violet
For being a wonderful Art Student. You always work really hard to do your best. Well done!

PH Art Award
Connor
For always listening to instructions carefully and for following them perfectly. What a fantastic Art Student, you are!

PH P.E. Award
Ella
For listening carefully to all instructions and putting in a lot of effort to complete activities to achieve Personal Best.

PH Marley
For being a wonderful new member of our class and for learning our class rules quickly!

PH Sage
For attentively focusing on finishing our Smart Pants activity without any help.

1/2A
Ryen
For her fantastic contribution to class activities and wonderful creative story. Good work!

1/2A Sam
For always working hard and completing all reading levels. Well done!

1/2A P.E.Award
Chelsea
For great fielding skills and effort during the Longball game.

3/4/5G Class Award
For the whole class achieving no less than 9 out of 10 for the weekly spelling test.

3/4/5G Holly
For increasing her speed and accuracy during journal writing.

3/4/5G Julian
For completing his homework consistently. Great start to the year.

3/4/5G P.E. Award
Rhiannon
For displaying excellent effort and skills during tennis activities.

5R Kiana
For a nicely presented and accurate ‘Oz Quiz’.

6R Marguerite
For a beautifully presented and accurate ‘Oz Quiz’.

6R Marguerite
For working well in class, and for having initiative, and being proactive about a problem that was bothering her!

6R P.E. Award
Taylah
For a great effort and a terrific catch to finish the Longball game.

6R Taylah
For working well in class, and for having initiative, and being proactive, about a problem that was bothering her!
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BILLY CART GRAND PRIX
This annual event will be held on Tuesday 27th March from 9-12 (depending on the number of entries). I hope those with billy carts have them all ready. Remember you can use the school billy cart if you do not have your own. Entry will be available for all year levels. Entry forms and information was distributed last week. The entry cost for drivers will be $5 and this will go towards Junior School Council Fundraising for local charities. Please support the event and enjoy the fun. The PA/Fundraising will also be holding a Hot Dog Lunch on the day. We can look forward to plenty of thrills but no spills. Parents and relative are welcome to come and observe the event.

The anticipated timetable of events is:
Grade 3/4/5G at about 9:15 am
Grade 5/6R at about 9:45 am
Prep H at about 11:30 am
Grade 1/2A at about 12:00 pm

Remember drivers must wear protective clothing- long sleeves, long pants, gloves and helmet. Pushers must wear long pants, sleeves and gloves.

UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOD STALL – KNOX RELAY FOR LIFE
Please assist with our food stall to be held at the Knox Relay for Life to be held on Saturday 24th March from 3:00 pm until about 8:00 pm. Details in the PA/Fundraising News. This will be a most worthwhile event as well as a great opportunity to begin our fundraising for 2012 as well as support a very worthy cause.

STAFF PLANNING WEEK- NEXT WEEK
Teachers will have their planning week in preparation for Term 2 next week and so there will be no Specialist Classes in – Music, Art/Craft or PE next week. Grades will be taken by other staff during the planning mornings.
Mrs Rowles & Mr Gallaher- Planning on Tuesday 27th April
5/6R -Mrs Pergl, 3/4/5 G- Mrs Mitchell
Mrs Hickey & Miss Andrews- Planning on Wednesday 28th April
Prep H- Mr Douglas,
1/2 A- Mrs Pergl

FOOTY HANDBALL CLINIC- UPWEY/TECOMA JFC
Darren Oates and helpers from the Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club will be completing the Handball Competition/Clinic on the basketball court today from 3:30 until 4:00 pm. Hang around and have a go. Test out those handball skills. There will be some great prizes and fun for all.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1
We will be having the final assembly for Term on, Friday 30th March at 2:15 pm and dismissal will be at approximately 2:30 pm. School will return on Monday 16th April.

ART LESSONS DURING TERM 2
Due to commitments for Mrs Mitchell during Term 2 (she will be relieving the art teacher at another school during the term) we will be having all Art/Craft lessons on a Friday in Term 2. The Art/Craft timetable from Tuesdays will be transferred directly to Friday afternoons.

BASKETBALL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PREP TO YEAR 2 CHILDREN
Dale Crotty at Knox Raiders Basketball has invited us to send a team of girls and a team of boy from Prep to Year 2 to play a half time match against another school. If you are interested in being involved please contact the office by Tuesday next week. The event will occur on the last Saturday of the holidays. We would provide the coach and Basketball singlets for anyone wanting to be involved.

Here are the details for the Mountain Tigers Club Night on April 14th.
Knox Raiders vs Sandringham Sabre

Time: Women @ 6pm, Men @ 8pm
Girls will play @ half-time of the women (approx 6:30), boys will play @ half-time of the men (approx 8:30)

Where: Knox Basketball Stadium, Boronia

Adults: $8.00
Children Under 15: $3.50
Family (2 adults / 2 children) - $20.00

Free for Upwey Primary students. Must register by Friday 13th April (name and e-mail address).

5-10 girls and boys to play in half-time game (that don’t play basketball but are interested in playing).

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 2012
The second School Council Meeting for 2012 will be held on Monday 26th March at 7:30 pm in the school staffroom.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
The March Education Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 26th March at 3:45 pm in the staff room. Parents are welcome to attend and contribute if they are able and interested. Mrs Rowles will be the convener of the committee.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER
The first Junior School Council fundraiser for the year will be a Free Dress Day on Friday 30th March, the last day of Term 1. Children are encouraged to make a gold coin donation for local charities on that day. This will be added to the Billy Cart Grand Prix Fundraising event. Children who have paid their Billy Cart entrance fee will not be required to provide the gold coin donation.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
ANZAC CEREMONY FOR GRADE 5/6R
Grade 5/6 R children will be representing the school at the Legacy Anza Ceremony for local schools on Wednesday 18th April, which is at the beginning of Term 2. The ceremony will be held at the Ferntree Gully National Park. The children will be walking to and from the ceremony where they will lay a wreath in memory of those who have lost their lives in Wars.

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS
We are requesting donations for inclusion in the Easter Hampers for the Easter Raffle. Please pass on any donations to the office if you are able to assist the PA/Fundraising in this fundraising activity.
UNIVERSITY OF NSW-INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS 2012

These competitions begin during Term 2. Application forms are due today for parents who want their child to be involved in the ICAS University of New South Wales Testing Program. The order forms for these competitions were distributed with the newsletter recently. Please return with payment to the office if you are interested in your child participating in any of these competitions. Please contact the office if you require a new copy.

REMINDERS

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PART OF OUR DISCIPLINE APPROACH

This is brief reminder to the school community that we operate a Restorative Practices approach to assist welfare and discipline issues. We operate this approach in conjunction with the local schools and find that the Restorative Practices approach circumvents the need for retribution and in fact deals with the core issues in any disputes between children, allowing the person harmed to be able to indicate to the person harming them how they feel and allowing the opportunity for restoration of respect through “healing” or “fixing” the problem. A measured rather than reactive approach is the preferred system Upwey Primary School Staff will operate. Discipline with consequences is certainly part of the total approach to Student Engagement and is the secondary level instigated when more severe issues are evident. Parents are able to support this approach at home by using the following Restorative Chat sequence when dealing with issues:

Ask these questions to the victim followed by the wrongdoer.

- Can you tell me what happened?
- Who was hurt?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- How were/are you feeling about the situation?
- How can we fix it? What is needed to make it right/to make you feel better? (ensure a resolution is established).
- What would be a good choice if this happens again?

Formally congratulate them for working it out.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS 2012

On the last day of Term 1, Friday 30th March, I will be presenting Attendance Awards for children with excellent attendance records this year. The awards were introduced in 2011 and the certificates recognise the children with extremely high attendance and minimal absences for each term of the year, and congratulate them on this fine record. (Absences and late attendance will affect attendance rates).

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

With the advent of some cooler weather there have been a few breaches of school uniform policy lately with some children wearing incorrect windcheaters or jumpers. Please be aware that only school windcheaters and bomber jackets are permitted. The only exception is when some clothing is unavailable for a reason given in a parent note. Please ensure your child/ren is/are keeping to this requirement.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY- SUNSMART POLICY

School hats are still required next week under our policy. School hats are not required during Term 2 and Term 3 after the school holidays.

JOIN LESTER STRONG AT THE...

Term 1 Domestic Holiday Camp

WEEK 1
Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th April
WEEK 2
Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th April
8:30 - 3:00 each
1 day $40
2 days $70
3 days $100

KAY’S CARD MAKING CLUB

Every Thursday Lunchtime. Put your name down at the office.
Dandenong Ranges National Park
Autumn in the Forest
3–12 April 2012

This autumn, join park staff for a fun-filled program of FREE and informative activities that the whole family will enjoy. Explore the National Rhododendron Gardens on their Free Family Fun Day, marvel at Minibeasts, become a Bush Detective, get active in the Autumn Olympics, or take a short stroll around Sky High Mount Dandenong, as part of their Children’s Week activities.

Phone Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB

NEEDS
8 -10 YEAR OLD GIRLS AND BOYS TO PLAY
MODIFIED RULES NETBALL
Free Uniform Provided

All games played at Knox Netball Centre on
Saturday mornings, training Mondays 4.15-
5.15pm
Enquiries: Jenny 0408 933 956
belcomasec@gmail.com

UPWEY TECOMA JUNIOR
FOOTBALL CLUB

Every child is invited to:
TIGER’S HANDBALL
COMPETITION
AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
TODAY
AFTER SCHOOL ON THE
BASKETBALL COURT
PRIZES TO BE WON, PLENTY OF GIVEAWAYS
WITH SENIOR FOOTBALLERS ATTENDING
ALL AGES WELCOME
3.30—4PM
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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.

Here’s what is on at BASC next week

- **MONDAY** More Masks
- **TUESDAY** Knitting
- **WEDNESDAY** Cooking afternoon
- **THURSDAY** Chocolate Making
- **FRIDAY END OF TERM** We will be having an Easter egg hunt and a few party games to celebrate the coming holidays

Please remember that there is an early finish next Friday & bookings will be essential for BASC. End of term fills up fast so please book ASAP. This will also assist in planning games & food for the afternoon.

Enjoy your weekend and see you on Monday.

Sam :}

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**Happy Birthday**

To our students & staff

23rd Mar–30th Mar

**Molly & Josh C**
Food Bank—Emergency Relief

Hope City Mission Food Bank provides families and individuals in need with both temporary and on-going support.

To ensure that the food provided meets dietary and/or religious requirements, clients can choose their food from our well-stocked pantry.

◊ Frozen and Perishable products
◊ Prepared Meals
◊ Non Perishable Food Hygiene products

We assist people in need or those who hold a current concession card and are residents of the City of Maroondah, City of Knox or Shire of Yarra Ranges.

If you are in need of this service please contact the office for an appointment where we will assess your needs and discuss how we are best able to assist.

Phone: 9761 6778
Location: 101 Manchester Road, Mooroolbark 3138
Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 9am - 3pm

Providing Emergency Relief to those in need

Other services offered

◊ Material Aid
◊ Support Worker - We provide holistic care aimed to empower our clients to take control of their circumstances. Providing support to find solutions to improve their lives and the well-being of their families.
◊ Counselling - Our counselling rooms provide individuals with valuable tools to encourage them to take positive steps to improve their situation.
◊ Morning tea - People from all walks of life sometimes feel alone and isolated within their own communities. Hope City Mission provides a free morning tea each week for those who are lonely. While enjoying a latte and a slice or cake, they will get to connect with others and form friendships.
◊ Community Kitchen Program - This program offers opportunities to build friendships whilst at the same time contributing to our community. Nutritious meals are cooked then given out to those in need through our emergency relief program.