BIODIVERSITY AUDIT COMPLETED
The Biodiversity Audit involving adults and children in Grade 5/6R was held on Monday. Thanks to Lorna and the team for assessing all elements of our environment. Particular thanks to the parents who came along to assist. More information will be forthcoming in the future about the implications of the audit and what we can do to improve our school environment and continue sustainability.
Student Achievement Awards

PH Ella
For sounding out words with more confidence! Super Star!

PH Indi
For his ‘Personal Best’ attitude and focusing attentively when sitting on the floor. Wonderful!

1/2A Dylan
For becoming better and more confident with reading. Well done!

1/2A Lydia
For amazing effort in Diary Writing. Keep it up!

1/2A P.E. Award Jai
For great netball shooting skills.

1/2A P.E. Award Jacob
For great netball shooting skills.

1/2A P.E. Award Sam M
For great netball shooting skills.

3/4/5G Sienna
For not giving up and doing her personal best with her persuasive writing.

5R Rhys
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Rhys.

5R Jasmine
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Jasmine.

5R Marshall
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Marshall.

5R Daniela
For achieving the highest Year 5R result of 99% on the Diagnostic Maths test. Fabulous effort Daniela.

5R Luke
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Luke.

5R Laura
For developing a very attractive, fluent handwriting style, and for always following the Tribes agreements.

6R Billy
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Billy.

6R Maxwell
For achieving the highest Year 6 result of 95% in the Diagnostic 1 Maths test, and for following the Tribes Agreements. Well done Max.

6R Bertie
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Bertie.

6R Luke
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Luke.

6R Bertie
For writing imaginative poems with beautiful imagery about Autumn.

5/6R Poetry Whole Class Award
For achieving a result of over 90% in the diagnostic Review maths test. Well done, Bertie.
EDUCATION WEEK - NEXT WEEK
21st-25th MAY
Education Week will be held next week and will begin with two very exciting events. Firstly we are having our Silly Science Incursion on Monday with 3/4/5G and 5/6R completing the activity from 9:15 to 11:00 am and 1/2A and Prep H from 11:30 until 1:00 pm. (Cost is $8. A reminder that permission notices are due back today.) Also on Monday afternoon is our Special Person Day from 1:30 until 3:30 pm. I am requesting that children bring along a visitor or two (but please not several visitors and not toddlers if possible as the activity will require some concentrated effort). The children and visitors will be completing an activity to make a Reading Show Bag as part of the Celebrating Books theme.
Please Note: Due to the afternoon’s activities we will not be holding a School Assembly on Monday 21st May.

OPEN EVENING
This will be held on Wednesday 23rd May with a Book Theme - Children and parents are invited to come and help create an interpretation of a special story, one chapter at a time in the School Hall. We will be starting at 7:00 pm and anticipate finishing at 8:30 pm with a Reading Show Bag Display.

KINDER VISIT & PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS
Upwey Pre School children will be visiting the school on Wednesday 23rd May for Reading & Book Sharing Activities with Mrs Hickey from 9:15 – 10:00 am.
The Prep Information Session will also be held on Wednesday 23rd May from 9:00 – 9:45 am and from 7:00 – 7:30 pm. Parents considering prospective Prep enrolments for 2013 will be receiving information about Upwey Primary School.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION RESULT
The House Cross Country Sports were held last week. The final results were: Congratulations again to those who received ribbon as place getters in the event and particular congratulations to Corella for winning the shield this year in a fairly close contest. The overall scores were:
1ST CORELLA 265 POINTS
2ND MOONAH 254
3RD LOWAN 231
4TH BOGONG 193

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The results from the House Cross Country Competition have determined the school team for the District Cross Country Sports. The team has been posted this week and children involved have received permission notices to attend. These permission notices are due back today.
The event is next week on Tuesday 22nd May at Crystal Brook Park, Cardinia Reservoir (Melways126B11) from 12-2:30 pm. (We will be departing in the bus at around 11:00 am)

NAPLAN TESTING FOR YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5 CHILDREN
The annual NAPLAN Testing program has been completed this week for our Year 3 & 5 children. They have been tested in:
Language Conventions & Writing
Reading
Numeracy
We had a few absences but most children have completed the testing program extremely well with considerable concentration.
A brochure outlining the NAPLAN testing process is included for parents of Year 3 & 5 children.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Today, Friday 18th May, is national Walk Safely to School Day. We encouraged all children, as much as is possible, to complete some walking to school. We will see how many kilometres each grade can “clock up”.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS
The University of NSW Computer Skills Testing Competition will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 9:15 am for those children who have put in an entry form. This is only for Year 3 to 6 children who have already completed application forms during Term 1.

THANKS
NAPLAN TESTING
Thanks to the teachers and staff for their efforts in coordinating and completing NAPLAN testing duties this week. They maintained an orderly and calm environment for the children.

REMINDERS
SECONDARY PLACEMENT FORMS FOR 2013
All Year 6 children and parents are reminded that the 2013 Secondary Placement Forms are due in by next Friday 25th May. These need to be completed for the selection of secondary school for 2013 and must be completed for every child, even if anticipating attending a private school.

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.)

SCHOOL PHOTOS- MONDAY 28th MAY
All children, parents and staff are reminded that the school photos will be taken by SchoolPix on Monday 28th May. Order forms have been distributed so please make sure you complete them and hand the photo form back as late fees likely to be charged for late orders.

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.
NEWSLETTER – EMAIL, HARD COPY OR BOTH?
A survey has been distributed with the newsletter recently to seek consideration from parents as to how you wish to receive the newsletter in future. Parents will be able to receive the normal paper copy, email copy or both. We are considering minimising the production of the paper copies in an effort to be more environmentally considerate and ask parents to consider receiving the electronic copy, if able, in preference to the paper copy.

Please complete the survey and return to the office so that the new approach may be implemented quickly.

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 are now being distributed and collected as a result of our school being registered with the promotion program. Sticker cards are being distributed with the newsletter and stickers can be obtained from Woolworths stores.

HEADLICE
Parents please be aware that another outbreak of headllice has been recognised. Please check your child’s hair and treat as per the directions on the Headlice Information Sheet distributed this week.

FRIDAY FUNNY – by Hudley Humorous

DEFINITIONS
What is the definition of the shortest distance between two jokes?
A straight line

Dear Parents

No Maccas in the Hills is a collective of community members who have joined forces to campaign to stop McDonalds in Tecoma.

Part of our campaign includes generating local support for “the pledge”. As the campaign against McDonalds hot’s up we’re asking you to take part in “the pledge”.

The plea will be used as a way to get across to this company the level of disdain that the Hills Community has of their persistence in wanting to locate in Tecoma.

“The pledge” says:
We the undersigned give our solemn pledge, that we will not patronise any McDonald’s outlet should one be built in Tecoma or anywhere in the Dandenong Ranges.
We will encourage our family and friends to support our decision with their actions.

The community’s voice was quite clear, 1,100 objections to council, nearly 700 people turning up to the council meeting, a unanimous vote by our councillors to refuse the McDonalds application.

But still McDonalds persist with their idea for an outlet in Tecoma. They aren’t listening to us.

We ask you to download “the pledge” from the No Maccas in the Hills website, sign it and get as many others as you can to sign it as well. Don’t worry, if you haven’t got the whole sheet signed, any help you can give is very welcome.

You can find a copy of “the pledge” here: http://nomaccasinthehills.info/

Be sure to mail your signed sheets to:
TVAG
PO Box 448
Boronia VIC 3155

Thanks for your help to keep McDonalds out of Tecoma.
Personal Assistant required in Upwey

Part time position, Tues & Thurs
10am to 2pm, Potential to increase hours
Experience in MYOB preferred but will train the right person,
ABN required
Phone Darren
0438 444 259

Wanted to Rent

Wanted to rent—a clean, secure, well-heated ‘granny flat’ bungalow, on separate accommodation with cooking and bathing facilities attached, for non-smoking, health conscious teacher based @ Upwey.
Please contact 0428 187 396 or Email: hombronsbluff@bigpond.com. ASAP

GrassRoots COMMUNITY MARKET

We’re looking forward to a great market on Sat 19 May! There will be a great range of food and produce, craft, plants, cosmetics, candles, jewellery, cake, papercraft, clothes, soap, bags, sculpture, shoes, jam, giftware, frames and photography.

Activities
There will be some busking ukeleles and flutes, plus our great live band The Escapades will play from 10-12.
There will be a free lantern making workshop from 11-1pm in the Upwey Township Hall, located behind the band. All materials are provided! Come along and make a lantern that you can parade in Belgrave at the winter solstice on 23 June. For more details on the parade click here.
Some local community groups will also be at the market offering activities at their stalls.

Stalls
This month we welcome a few new stalls including a range of skin care from CuurLeav, tasty middle eastern felafel, jewellery inspired by nature from Spinifex Creations, a young entrepreneur, and ethical clothing from Lydia’s Verandah.
Gav will be giving away free soup and also toasting marshmallows and chestnuts, so please come on down next Saturday for another great time in Upwey.

Grassroots transport
Upwey is on the train line and train services have now increased to every 20 minutes on a Saturday. Please consider coming on the train or walking to the market if you can. Parking is very tight in and around Upwey on market day.

Belgrave Pre School

OPEN DAY
Saturday 19th May, 1-3pm
All families are welcome to attend. come along and meet our teachers and speak with committee members and parents.
6 Hayes Place, Belgrave (off Station Street)
Ph: 9754 5594
### Hi all,

Lots of fun was had in BASC this week. We made sausage rolls, rainbow cupcakes, crystals, built cubby houses & played games. Here is what is on next week:

**MONDAY** - Paper windmills
**TUESDAY** - Paper Mâché
**WEDNESDAY** - Chocolate mousse
**THURSDAY** - Games in the Hall
**FRIDAY** - Movie afternoon & free play

Please remember that BASC bookings are to be made by parents or guardians. We must also be informed of cancellations so as we know where the children are.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Sam :)

### Parenting Support in the 21st Century

Are you a parent? Do you use social media? If so we want you!

The researchers at The University of Queensland are interested in finding out parents’ preferences for parenting information and support, and their use of different information sources including online support and social media like Facebook and Twitter. The survey is part of a research project designed to find ways to improve information and advice services for parents. Participation will be anonymous and data will only be accessed by the research team.

If you are a parent who is willing to share your thoughts we’d love to you to participate in this study! For more information or to participate go to [http://psy.uq.edu.au/21c](http://psy.uq.edu.au/21c)
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We hope every mum had a great relaxing mother’s day and enjoyed their gifts lovingly chosen from our stall. A big thanks to Kelly W, Kristy B, Michelle My, Kay G for making items to sell with their own hands!!

We apologise for the bulbs not getting here for mother’s day, but you can now collect them if you haven’t already and get planting! We should see some gardens full of colour come spring time. Here are some other events we have planned, so mark them on your calendar and we hope everyone will be involved.

**Hot Soup Lunch**
Friday 1st June
$3 per person
Either vegetable or tomato & bacon soup with a bread roll

**Family Movie Night**
Friday 22nd June
6pm for 7pm start
BYO dinner and chairs/cushions/blankets/etc
$5 per family

**Woolworths BBQ — at Ferntree Gully Woolworths**
Saturday 23rd June
9 — 4 pm
We will need helpers so please keep the date free!

**Bingo & Games Night**
Friday 10th August
Keep the date for a night of fun & laughter!!
We are acquiring some great prizes for the night and some excellent silent auction items, so keep the date free!

There will be more information and order forms as the events get closer.

Thanks for your support

PA Committee 2012
Look what we made in playgroup today

PLAYDOUGH!

PLAYGROUP IS HERE, EVERY FRIDAY
AT UPLWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
9.15am to 10.45
Please pass this on to any young families that you may know.