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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 23.11.2012

**ARTS IN THE HILLS**

The *Arts in the Hills* evening on Wednesday was most entertaining and enjoyable for all those who came along. Thanks to all the children, parents, relatives, friends and staff who attended the big event and contributed to its success. Your attendance made the event what it was. We had so many people from the local community observing and listening to the talents of our local children across a wide band of schools. The Upwey High Rock Band ensured the evening finished with a bang as they performed their own songs to the audience who were rocking along enthusiastically.

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Congratulations to our children who attended and performed so well. You showed such exuberance, energy and enjoyment, and we were extremely proud of your efforts.

A great Art work display was set up in our school hall from all the local school and it was a great opportunity to showcase abilities of children in the Upwey District area. I hope parents were able to see the terrific work that has been completed by local children. A special thanks to Mrs Mitchell, with help from other staff, for setting up such a magnificent display of all our children’s art work. The quality of work was outstanding and is a credit to Mrs Mitchell’s hard work and our children striving for excellence.

Thanks also to all the other schools for your valued involvement and keen desire to contribute to the arts festival. Upwey High School, Upwey PS, Upwey South PS, Tecoma PS, Upper Ferntree Gully PS, Belgrave South PS and Ferny Creek PS were all represented.

FOOD STALL
Thanks also to our PA/Fundraising Committee for organising and running the Curry Stall. This was most successful and we estimate a profit of about $250. Also thanks to the band of cooks who prepared the food so well and the parents who volunteered to assist at the stall. This was a successful venture indeed.

IN SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM – BAND WORKSHOP AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
We were pleased to be able to host another event this week. Andrew McAllister ran his workshop at our Multi-Purpose Room (BASC & Music & Student Kitchens) on Monday 19th November. Children from Upwey PS and neighbouring schools who participate in the In Schools Music Program were involved in the activity. Children in the “Hot Cross Band” workshop included Luke M, Rhiannon M, Marshall B, Hannah B, Imogen M & Caitlin S.

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Prep children enrolled for 2013 will be invited to participate in the final “Cool To Go to School” sessions to be held on Friday 30th November and Friday 7th December from 9-10 am. These will be the final sessions. The first two sessions have been extremely successful and we are looking forward to the children becoming more confident our school.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING – WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER
The Prep Information Evening for parents of Prep enrolled students in 2013 will be held on Wednesday 5th December from 7:00 until 8:00 pm. Mr Aspinall and Mrs Hickey will run the program and we will welcome Ms Croft to be introduced to parents. The evening presentation will be for parents only and children are not to attend this session. Parents are invited to bring their children to attend a special After School Care Program, if they wish, with our co-ordinator Sam Carey during this time. Please contact the office to book for the program. Separate invitations providing full details have been distributed to Prep parents by mail last week.

END OF YEAR TESTING AND REPORTING
We will be continuing with testing and report writing over the next couple of weeks. It is important that children are present for these processes. Please ensure children are in attendance unless of course there are legitimate reasons, such as appointments or illness. (Remember It’s Not Okay To Be Away- unless ill!) If there is a necessary absence please contact the school to indicate the reason to assist the class teachers with planning.

HELPERS NEEDED! BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
We are still looking for volunteers to assist us with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to be held on Saturday 1st December between 9 am and 5 pm. We would appreciate help for an hour or two in the day cooking sausages and selling from the stall. This is the final big fundraiser for the year so please support the PA/Fundraising Committee in this venture. A return form was distributed recently.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – FIRE DRILL
We will be completing a Fire Drill as part of our Emergency Management Procedures sometime in the next couple of weeks. Class teachers will remind children what is expected. We will be enacting a Shelter In Place drill on this occasion and hopefully an Off Campus Drill later in the year. I would appreciate if parents could support the children with an understanding of Fire Plans which are essential at this time of year.

This is a timely opportunity to remind parents that in a real emergency where the Emergency Management Plan is put into action the following are requirements of the plan for children being picked up from school:

- No child may be picked up by a sibling under the age of 18. Siblings attending would be invited to stay in our Shelter In Place (The Art Room)
- No child may be picked up by a parent/guardian of another child unless express notification is signed indicating this arrangement (Emergency Contact People are not given automatic permission)

We would stay in the Shelter in Place until Emergency Services (Police) provide further direction.

CFA COLOURING COMPETITION
Children in Prep to Year 2 have been given the opportunity to be involved in a colouring competition recently through the Upwey CFA. I am pleased to announce that the competition winners are:

Winner – Jacob B (1/2A)
Runner up – Nate D (Prep H)

Congratulations to both Jacob and Nate, and well done to the other children who entered the competition. Both children will be invited to attend the CFA Open Day on Sunday 25th November at the Upwey CFA Headquarters at 1:00pm to receive their awards.

GREAT NEWS!
MRS HICKEY IS PREGNANT – THE RUMOURS ARE TRUE!
I am happy to announce that Mrs Hickey is pregnant and is due to have her baby in May 2013. Lauren and Damien are quite ecstatic and looking forward to the big event. All reports are that mother and baby are progressing extremely well….and father is over the moon! On behalf of the Upwey PS community I would like to congratulate them and wish them both a smooth pregnancy! Please take a moment to congratulate Mrs H if you get the opportunity.
WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER
With the news of Mrs Hickey's pregnancy there will be an impact on staffing structure for 2013. School Council has now been informed of this change. As a result of the news I would also like to announce that Ms Danielle Croft will become our new Prep teacher for the year in 2013 with Mrs H continuing as her support and mentor in the Prep grade (as well as primary Welfare Officer duties) during Term 1 before her anticipated departure at the end of Term 1 2013. We are excited to welcome Ms Croft for 2013 after she has completed several days relieving some of our classroom teachers in 2012.

MISS ANDREWS TEACHING POSITION
I am pleased to let the Upwey PS community know that Miss Andrews has gained a teaching position at Burwood Heights PS for 2013. It was great that she made an appearance at the Arts in the Hills event to see our children perform; especially watching the Prep to Year 2s! Miss Andrews has been teaching at Macclesfield PS during semester 2 this year. Congratulations and good luck from all of us in your new position. She will have to teach with another Aspinall as my niece is also a teacher at Burwood Heights PS. No escape!!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
LOCAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
As an extracurricular activity local schools from the Upwey District Education Community have been accepted for involvement in a Student Leadership Workshop to enhance leadership capabilities. Funding support has been achieved through the Shire’s School Focussed Youth Services group and will involve children with leadership potential learning regarding student voice and contributing to the community. The workshop will involve selected Year 5 children (Year 6 in 2013) from local primary schools and Year 9 (Year 10 in 2013) children from Upwey High School who have undergone Peer Support Training. The workshop will be held at Upwey High on Tuesday 4th December with approximately 8 Upwey Primary School children to be selected to attend. The group attending will be selected by staff and peers.

“SUPERKIDS” – THE DVD – GETTING CLOSER!
Production of the video is still continuing and progressing well. It should be available soon. I am anticipating that the cost of the DVD and Photo CD collection will be $20. A former parent David J is currently collecting this time consuming procedure in his spare time and we will await further advice on when the process is finished.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Jenny M is planning to complete a Library Stocktake before the end of term and is requesting all books be returned by Friday 30th November (Next Friday!). No new borrowing will occur in that week or after this time. Please get those books back to make the job easier for our volunteer staff.

MOVEMBER
Keep up the effort Mr G. Not long to go now! A reminder that a patchwork quilt will be raffled for Moveember fundraising and tickets are available at the office for staff and anyone who wishes to support the cause regarding Men’s Health.

EMA & SCHOOL START BONUS CHANGES
An information sheet outlining changes to the EMA and the abolition of the School Start Bonus (Year Prep and Year 7) students has been distributed last week. Please be aware and note these changes. Please contact the office if you did not receive the information.

COMING EVENTS
CHRISTMAS BREAK UP CONCERT FOR CRE
All children involved in the CRE (Christian Religious Education) program will be invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert/Break Up to be held on Thursday 6th December from 12:00 until 1:00 pm at the Upwey Community Baptist Church Hall.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA
Invitations will be soon distributed to parents who have assisted with school activities for our Special Morning Tea for school helpers/volunteers. This event will be held on Monday 10th December from 11:00 am in the staff room. Please put this date in your diary if you have assisted with any school activity during the year.

ORIENTATION DAY-YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY
Tuesday 11th December will be the Orientation Day for all Year 6 children to attend the secondary school of their choice in 2013. This will be a whole day program and the respective secondary schools will provide information to students.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HILLS - FAMILY PICNIC & CAROLS EVENING
The annual event will be held on Tuesday 18th December from 6:00 pm on the school oval. We would expect an appearance from Santa Claus at some time. All families are welcome to attend and have a relaxing time with some games and exercise for the children. Carol singing will be the closing feature of the evening at about 8:00 pm.

CAMEO EXCURSION
We are anticipating a Whole School Excursion to the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave to view a movie (Yet to be decided) on Tuesday 18th December from 10-12. We will be walking to the theatre along the bike track. We expect to have lunch at the outdoor theatre before returning (Weather permitting). The cost will be $8.00. The notice and permission form will be distributed soon.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION -DINNER & PRESENTATIONS
The Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentations will be held on Thursday 20th December at Marybrooke beginning at about 6:00 with dinner at 6:30 pm. The formal part of the evening involving parents and family members will be held at about 8:30 pm.

APPROCIATION
PLASTER REPAIRS
Special thanks to Eddie G, Kiana’s father, (& Josh) who has completed patching plaster work in our school hall, Howarth Hall, and Administration building. Thanks for answering the “mayday” call and making the walls look so much better.

WELFARE ROOM IMPROVEMENT
Jenny M has nearly completed a wonderful mural of a tree covering a whole wall in our Interview Room; soon to become Welfare room. Thanks for your time and effort; this involvement is much appreciated.

MOWING & CLEARING
Thanks heaps to David M for mowing again this week.

FRIDAY FUNNY
Puns- Punography - wordplay to make you smile—clever and funny

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

Malcolm Aspinall - Principal
A huge thank you to Kelly W for donating a lovely quilt to be raffled for MOVEMBER. You can purchase the tickets from the school office. Tickets are 50c each. We will draw the raffle on Friday 30th November.

If you would like to help Mr G, a donation box is available at the school office.

Donations needed:
We are looking for donations of school uniforms and also old towels for our sick bay. If you can help out, please drop them at the office.

Lost Property:
We still have a huge amount of lost property in sick bay, we also have a number of students who are missing labelled school uniform items. Please check your child’s clothing in case they have taken them home by accident.

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Basic Salt Dough Recipe  PLAYGROUP 22ND NOV

Ingredients:
- 1 cup of fine salt
- 1 cup of flour
- 1/2 cup of water (may add more)

Instructions:
- In a large bowl, combine the salt and the flour
- Make a well in the salt/flour mixture and add the water
- Knead until smooth and shape into a ball
- When not in use, wrap in plastic or store in an airtight container

HINT: To get a softer dough you can add more flour. Adding more salt will lend a more granulous affect. Use wallpaper glue and the dough with be more cohesive. To add color to your dough, use different types of flour or add food coloring or paint.

Knead to get an even color.
You may also paint your ornaments and sculptures after they dry.

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Upwey P.S. DISCO

Friday 7th December

Preps - Grade 2: 5.30pm - 7pm
Grade 3 - 6: 7.15-9pm

Playgroup at Upwey P.S
Every Friday morning
**Karate Classes Here**

**(Loong Fu Pai Martial Arts Academy – established since 1981)**

***Weekly Karate & Kickboxing Classes at THIS SCHOOL***

**Karate (All Ages)** on Friday 7.00pm

**Kickboxing (12 years & Above)** on Monday 7.30pm

***Karate teaches Strong Discipline of Body & Mind; learn Self Defence & Awareness; improves Fitness & Co-ordination; boost Confidence.***

***Pay As You Go or Monthly or School Term.***

***No Contract to sign.***

For details about our organization, please log onto www.LFP.com.au

*(FIRST LESSON IS ABSOLUTELY FREE)*

If you need further details, please call 9759.7187 or 0418.809808

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**Christmas Book Sale Event**

Exclusive Invitation from Random House Australia

Books start from as low as $2

100% of the proceeds will go to our charity partners

What: Saturday, 8 December 2012

Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Where: Melbourne Time, Storeroom

Cash & Credit Card Payments Only ($5 GST)

Please note: no exchanges, no returns.

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**CFA Sunday**

25 November 2012

Join us on CFA Sunday!

CFA Sunday is a chance for you to meet your local CFA brigade and find out what they do for your community.

Where? Upwey Fire Station, 134 Old Belgrave Road, Upwey

When? Sunday 25 November from 11am onwards.

What? Learn about the safety, activism for kids to become an honorary firefighter for the day, sausage sizzle and the opportunity to look around the fire station and trucks.

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**Fun After School Christmas Activities at Belgrave Library**

Monday 3rd December at 4pm

**Bon Bons**

Make some fun bon bons for your Christmas table

Monday 10th December at 4pm

**Jigsaw Wreaths**

Create a unique tree ornament using jigsaw pieces

Monday 17th December at 4pm

**Christmas Happiness Kits**

Make a wonderful gift for someone special

All activities $4 per child

Bookings essential on 9754 7266 or online at www.yourlibrary.com.au
**B E F O R E & A F T E R S C H O O L C A R E**

Hi all
There is a fair big going on in BASC next week. I will be running a lunchtime craft activity to be completed on the Thursday at After school care. For those interested please come and see me, Cindy or Kay in the office. Keep an eye out for flyers around the school as there will be some really fun stuff to be done.

**MONDAY**
- Magnets

**TUESDAY**
- Cooking

**WEDNESDAY**
- Free lunchtime activity is plaster casts
- & after school care activity is making Lead light pictures

**THURSDAY**
- Completion of Wednesday lunch activity, Plaster casts
- because it is so loved & requested many Times, we will be making GOOP!

Have a great weekend and see you Monday.
Sam:

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**B U N N I N G S S A U S A G E S I Z Z L E:** **SUNDAY** **1ST DECEMBER**
(whoops! Not the 11th)
Can you spare an hour or two? We’d love your help!

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