PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 2.11.2012

CURRICULUM DAY
Our final School Council and Department approved Curriculum Day for 2012 is on Monday 5th November. This will be a Student Free Day with staff in attendance at school completing Professional Learning and preparing for Semester 2 Written Reports.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Just a reminder that Tuesday 6th November is Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday which means we will see the children back at school on Wednesday 7th November.

See you on Wednesday
Prep H Ripley
For always showing Mutual Respect towards her friends!
Fantastic!

Prep H Connor
For recognising a number of common words and moving up to the next reading level!
Super Effort!

Prep H Art Award Connor
For demonstrating what a happy community is on a poster using illustrations and words related to the topic.

1/2E Michael
For excellent reading of a passage about Zoos in the future. He inserted the missing vowels and demonstrated fantastic reading.

1/2E Joshua
For demonstrating what a happy community is on a poster using illustrations and words related to the topic.

1/2E Chelsea
For demonstrating what a happy community is on a poster using illustrations and words related to the topic.

1/2E Sam
For reading to the class and continuing even when he came to a work he had to problem solve.

1/2E Art Award Gage
For listening attentively to instructions and for working hard to produce a creative and unique piece of work.

3/4/5G P.E. Award Dee
For a confident display of cricket skills during the clinic with Elias from Cricket Victoria last week.
Principal’s Award

5R P.E. Award Karma
For terrific fielding and catching during the continuous cricket game.
Principal’s Award

5R Daniela
For a great Mr Hunsley; great reflection on the production experience and for a great effort on plastic oceans.
Principal’s Award

6R P.E. Award Max
For great hitting skills in the game of Continuous Cricket.
Principal’s Award

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Prep children enrolled for 2013 participated in the second “Cool To Go to School” session today as part of our Prep Classroom orientation. We even had a new enrolment this week that has joined the group for the first time. Welcome to all our Prep children for 2013, along with their parents. Mrs Hickey and Caroline worked so well again with the children and I hope the children had a great time with the Interactive Whiteboard and other activities. We look forward to seeing them again on Friday 30th November and Friday 7th December from 9-10 am.

OUTSTANDING FEES AND CHARGES
Currently there are many families with overdue accounts. Please attend to these accounts that have been distributed recently or have been mailed today. We currently have a considerable amount owing and need to settle accounts so that we can pay for our own commitments. It is especially important for Year 6 parents to ensure all accounts are managed before the end of the year to ensure participation in end of year and graduation activities.

SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL
I have become aware of several children bringing skateboards and scooters to school. I need to clarify that skateboards and scooters are not permitted at school. Senior children (Year 4, 5 & 6 children) may ride bicycles to and from school by arrangement with parents and myself but other wheeled items are not permitted.
SOCIAL MEDIA VIGILANCE
Staff are currently involved in training relating to eSmart Cyber Safety and one of the areas of attention is the involvement of children and parents with social media (Facebook, Tweeting etc). We would like to remind parents to be vigilant and ensure that legal requirements are observed. Please take care that your children do not access unsuitable sites. Everyone needs to take great care and not expose themselves to any risks or inappropriate comments/behaviour.

TEACHER ASSISTANCE
It has been great to welcome back an ex-parent teacher who has offered to assist in the Grade 1/2A classroom during the morning session on several days each week. Welcome back Deanne W, I am not sure that this is normally what you do after retirement but we hope you enjoy your time and we certainly appreciate this involvement!

SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER
Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th November at 7:30 pm in the school staffroom.

SCHOOL CO-OPTATIVE
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CO-OPTATIVE LTD AGM MEETING
Our AGM for the Upwey Co-op will be held on Tuesday 13th November at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Details have been mailed to those involved with this organisation.

AEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION
WRITTEN REPORT TEACHER COMMENTS
As you may be aware the AEU Teachers’ Union are currently in dispute with the government regarding a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement and several forms of industrial action have been undertaken.

END OF YEAR WRITTEN REPORTS
AEU industrial action includes a ban on teachers completing written comments on the December Report. I am informing you well in advance that our staff have decided to support this action and as such there will be no written comments on the Student December (Semester 2 – 2012) Written Reports. All other areas including Progress Points and letter grading will be completed as normal but the overall look of the reports will be quite bare in comparison to previous semester reports.

As a way of providing detailed feedback on progress to parents the teachers have decided to provide parents access to student portfolios and work before the end of the year and have agreed to welcome parents visit (within the 38 hours working week), by arrangement, immediately after school or at a mutually convenient time. Please take the opportunity to meet with the teacher and be informed if you are interested/available before the end of the year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
HOOPTIME FINALS
Our Year 5/6 children who qualified for the finals in the Future Stars competition earlier in the year will be competing at Dandenong Stadium on Thursday 15th November with Sue L in charge and assisted by Hayley W. The permission form for those children involved is being distributed with the newsletter today.

NO BASC CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM
There has been no interest in having a Curriculum Day program on Curriculum Day on Monday 5th November so a program will not be offered.

ART IN THE HILLS – GETTING CLOSER NOW!
Only 3 Weeks to go.
Art in the Hills, presented by UDEC (Upwey District Education Cluster), has been organised for Wednesday 21st November as a way of showcasing art work and performing arts from school in the local area. Schools involved this year will be Upwey High, Upwey Primary School, Upwey South PS, Belgrave South PS, Tecoma PS, Ferny Creek PS and Upper Ferntree Gully PS.

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend the evening of musical entertainment and view the wonderful art work of local schools. Our PA/Fundraising committee will be setting up a food stall so that visitors may enjoy a light meal. Food, drinks and ice-creams will be available on the evening; so come along, enjoy the food available and soak up the atmosphere. Our Prep-2 children will be performing at about 5:30 pm and the Year 3-6 children will perform at about 7:15 pm.

The whole event will be held from 4:30 – 7:30 pm in the grounds of Upwey High School and Upwey Primary School. Musical performances will be performed on the outdoor stage in front of the Aurora Centre and school fine arts work will be displayed in the Upwey Primary School Hall.

Please put this date in your diary so that we can have a large attendance and see our children, and others from the community, perform.

“SUPERKIDS” – THE DVD
The tapes of our Superkids performance have been sent for editing. A former parent David J has offered to complete this rather time consuming procedure and we will await further advice on when the process is finished. We will then make copies and offer them, along with a compilation of digital photos, for sale. Keep watching the newsletter for further advice.

PLASTERING ASSISTANCE
We currently have a few small holes (about 6) in the wall plaster in some of our buildings and I am enquiring if there are any parents or contacts that might be able to complete the patching repairs. This would be a paid job. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

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

I’m reading a book about antigravity.
I can’t put it down!

GRADUATION BEARS
Our lovely Kay G will be making the Year 6 Graduation Bears. We need donations of school dresses. If you can help, please drop them in to the office.
Shopping Tour
Saturday November 10th

WOW, WE ONLY NEED 2 MORE

Come and have a day out with the girls!
Bring your friends and family.
No pressure to spend!!

Enjoy an all-inclusive day for just $55

Morning tea, 2 course lunch, afternoon tea,
driven door to door, pick up/drop off at
Upwey PS.
KARATE CLASSES HERE
AT UPWEY P.S.
(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

LAST CHANCE PHOTO ORDERS
Junior school Council, House Captains, School Captains, and Whole school photo’s are available for purchase. The photos are all $22 each. Please call the office if you need an order form. Last day: Friday 9th November
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### P.A. News

**Upcoming events**

**Book Club:** Issue 7 orders will be available at the end of next week

**Living Fundraisers:** We still have quite a few bags that have not been returned. Please return the unsold bags ASAP………………..

**Shopping Tour** – 10th November,
We now only need 2 more fun loving shoppers to join us on the fun Bus. Book your spot now so you don’t miss out on this awesome day.

**Bunnings BBQ** – 1st December, Roster will be going out next week.

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**SUPPORT OUR RSL**

11/11/12

POPPIES: $2

WRIST BAND : $3

LEST WE FORGET

AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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**CURRICULUM DAY STUDENT FREE**

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**