Calendar
Tuesday 4th December
Working Bee 4 - 7pm
Wednesday 5th December
Prep Information evening 7-8pm
Thursday 6th December
CRE Christmas Break up
Friday 7th December
‘Cool to go to School’ Prep transition program 9-10am

Friday 30th November 2012

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Gavin,
Chris,
Linda &
Sue

WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION

Our lovely librarian Jenny M (artist extraordinaire) is in the final stages of painting our “Tree of Life” in the welfare room. Thank you Jenny!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 30.11.2012

COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Prep children enrolled for 2013 participated in the 3rd “Cool To Go to School” session today. Friday 7th December from 9-10 am will be the final session. Thanks to Miss Croft for coming to today’s session and meeting the children and parents. The children enjoyed classroom and library activities today and are really becoming quite confident in working within the 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 & 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 (bookings required) 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. (9754 2369) or during BASC Hours (9752 6798).

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Prep H Banjo
For continuing to try his personal best with his writing even with his broken arm.
AMAZING!

Prep H Hunter
For recognising some common words when reading and for always trying his ‘Personal Best!’
FANTASTIC!

1/2E P.E. Award Laura
For accurate hitting skills during the Tennis lesson.
Principal’s Award

1/2E P.E. Award Caitlin
For accurate hitting skills during the Tennis lesson.
Principal’s Award

5R Asia Project Lily
For working with diligence and consistency on her Asia project in class.

6R Asia Project Sienna
For always working well on her Asia project and producing great work.

6R Asia Project Billy
For working quietly and conscientiously on his Asia project, and producing excellent work.

6R Asia Project Bertie
For working with diligence and good concentration on his Asia project...

6R Asia Project Max
For working so well on his Asia project, he finished well over the minimum activities required. Great effort.

6R P.E. Award Luke
For achieving the maximum run score possible in the game of Retrieve.

END OF YEAR TESTING AND REPORTING
We will be continuing with testing and report writing over the next week. 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.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
We are looking forward to the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (Scoresby Store) to be held tomorrow, Saturday 1st December between 8 am and 4 pm. Thanks to the helpers who have volunteered. We appreciate your assistance for our final big fundraiser for the year. Please come along and support the Sausage Sizzle if you are in the area and help our PA/Fundraising Committee.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – FIRE DRILL
We completed our first a Fire Drill as part of our Emergency Management Procedures yesterday and all went smoothly. Class teachers completed Tribes – Community Circle discussions to help remind children what is expected. We completed a Shelter In Place drill on this occasion (in the school Art/Craft Room) and hopefully an Off Campus Drill will be completed later in the year. Please keep your children up to date with procedures for home Emergency Management with an understanding of Fire Plans which are essential at this time of year, particularly with the advent of very hot conditions recently.
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 School's Socussed 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). The children who will participate from Upwey PS are Daniela G, Lily H, Hayley R, Jasmine E, Stella S, Jack H, Jay T & Joel M. Congratulations to these children who were selected by peers and staff.
We hope they enjoy the workshop being held at Upwey High on Tuesday 4th December.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CFA COLOURING COMPETITION
Children in Prep to Year 2 had the opportunity to be involved in a colouring competition recently through the Upwey CFA. I am pleased to announce again 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 now receive their awards at school assembly on Monday.

“SUPERKIDS” – THE DVD – ARRIVED!
Production of the video is complete. Thanks to David Jewell who has done an amazing job. The DVD of Superkids as performed by Upwey Primary School with a CD of photos from the performance can now be ordered. I am anticipating that the cost of the DVD and Photo CD collection will be $20. I am hoping that the Year 3 to 6 children have been able to preview the DVD today in the classroom.

LIBRARY BOOKS – Another Reminder
Jenny M is planning to complete a Library Stocktake before the end of term and is requesting all books be returned by today, Friday 30th November. No new borrowing available from now. 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! In fact today is the last day!
A reminder that a patchwork quilt will be raffled for Movember fundraising and tickets are still available at the office for staff and anyone who wishes to support the cause regarding Men’s Health. The winner will be drawn at Monday’s assembly.

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

COMING EVENTS

TWILIGHT WORKING BEE – TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER
Our Twilight Working Bee will be held on Tuesday 4th December from 4-8 pm. Considerable brushcutting, mowing, weeding, paling fence work and pruning will be necessary. Please come along and bring the whole family to help out for an hour or two. Mr Gallaher will be in charge and assign jobs so please see him on arrival.

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP Concert for CRE – Change of Venue
All children involved in the CRE (Christian Religious Education) program will be invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert/Break Up to be held next week on Thursday 6th December from 12:00 until 1:00 pm at the Upwey Primary School Hall (Howarth Hall). The final CRE lesson for the year will be the following week on Wednesday 12th December.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA
Invitations have been 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. Please put this date in your calendar/diary. 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 planning a Whole School Excursion to the Cameo Cinema in Belgrave to view a movie on Tuesday 18th December from 12:00 until 1:00 pm. We will be walking to the theatre along the bike track. We expect to have lunch at the outdoor theatre (weather permitting) before returning. The cost will be $8.00. The notice and permission form will be distributed next week.

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.

APPRECIATION
Dvd of SuperKids
Thanks to David J for completing the editing process and producing the Superkids DVD for us. Your time and effort are very much appreciated.

FRIDAY FUNNY
Puns - Punography - wordplay to make you smile—-clever and funny
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

Malcolm Aspinall - Principal
Thank you to everybody who has supported Mr G in his Movember quest.

The raffle will be drawn at Mondays Assembly, Tickets are still available from the office.

Donations are still being excepted and if you require a receipt, please contact Mr G.

**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.
**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

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A brand new dance school in Upwey opening in February 2013

- Offering classes to girls and boys aged 3 to adults
- Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Kinder ballet/jazz, Boys jazz/hiphop and Adult tap classes
- Dance classes are fun, energetic and rewarding
- Classes held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Cnr Birdwood Ave & Morris Rd Upwey
- Check out our website for more info www.uniteddanceacademy.com.au

Or contact Cassie on 0411 273 076 or email cassie@uniteddanceacademy.com.au

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**Christmas Orders**

Orders taken now for all your Christmas celebrations

**Turkeys, Chickens, Salads**

Tecoma Charcoal Chicken

Shop 1, 1563 Burwood Highway

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas from Paul, Carol all the staff at Tecoma Charcoal Chicken
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**Before & After School Care**

What’s on next week

**MONDAY**  Christmas Wreaths
**TUESDAY**  Bells
**WEDNESDAY**  Making Shortbread
**THURSDAY**  Christmas Gifts
**FRIDAY**  Snow Globes

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday
Sam:

Happy Birthday

To our
Staff & students
30th Nov - 7th Dec
Indi
Lily
Max

Upwey P.S. Disco

**Friday 7th December**

**Preps - Grade 2:** 6pm - 7.30
**Grade 3 - 6:** 8pm - 9.30

(please note the change of time)

P.A. News

**Upcoming events:**
**DISCO NEXT FRIDAY**

**Book Club:** Last minute orders for issue 8 will still be excepted on Monday 3rd December

**Bunnings BBQ – 1st December,**
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time. Apologies for the wrong date. It is tomorrow! Rosters will be sent out with this newsletter

**Term 1, 2013 - Upwey Primary School**