PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 9.11.2012

ART IN THE HILLS – Only Two Weeks Away!

Art in the Hills, presented by UDEC (Upwey District Education Cluster), is less than two weeks away and will be held on 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. A variety of 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.
HOOPTIME FINALS
Our Year 5/6 children who qualified for the finals in the Future Stars competition earlier in the year will be competing next week at Dandenong Stadium on Thursday 15th November with Sue L in charge and assisted by Hayley W. The permission form for those children involved has been distributed and is due back on Monday. Our Upwey Unicorn team members are Jay T, Renee D, Nathan D, Daniela G, Marshall B, Tiana H, Josh C & Libbie E. We wish them all the best for next week.

MOVEMBER
We follow with interest the development of Mr Gallaher’s moustache as part of his involvement in the Movember fundraising event this year. I see the motto is: “Knowledge is Power, Moustache is King”. Not my personal philosophy but good luck to all those involved! Some photographs of Mr G’s progress will be a priority.

SHOPPING TOUR
Great to hear that the PA/Fundraising Committee’s Shopping tour this Saturday is going ahead as planned. I hope all those involved have a terrific time. I’m sure it will be a valuable social event and bargain shopping activity. It would be interesting to be a fly on the bus wall! Enjoy and grab plenty of bargains.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
I hope all those involved in events to commemorate Remembrance Day have a successful time. Thanks to all those who bought poppies to support fundraising for the Returned Services League.

We have been asked to recognise the minute silence on Monday 12th November at 11:00 am.

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-OPERATIVE
UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CO-OPERATIVE 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 - REMINDER
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 Progression 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 hours), 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. This may include specialist teachers in Music, Art/Craft and Physical Education.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
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. The first two sessions have been extremely successful and we are looking forward to the children becoming more confident with coming to 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 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. The evening presentation will be for parents only and children are not to attend this session. Please contact the office to book for the program. Separate invitations providing full details will be distributed to Prep parents.

“SUPERKIDS” - THE DVD
Still waiting for final editing of the video of Superkids. We will let you know when copies have been made for sale along with a compilation of digital photos. Keep watching the newsletter for further advice.

SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL
A reminder 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.

OUTSTANDING FEES AND CHARGES - REMINDER
A reminder for families with overdue accounts. Please attend to these accounts that have been distributed recently. 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.

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.

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.

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

What does a clock do when it's hungry?
It goes back four seconds.

Malcolm Aspinall - Principal
Only 6 1/2 weeks until Christmas are you ready?
Crafts4kids has a great selection of gift ideas starting from $3 for sale in the glass display case in the office.
We not only have craft packs we now have a new range which includes handmade jewellery.
www.craftpacks4kids.com.au
To see more, please visit the website:
www.craftpacks4kids.com.au
Please support the people who support us!

**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)

For a third year a row
Mr G is taking part in

**MOVEMBER**

The truth is, men are often known to be more indifferent towards their health when compared to the efforts of women, who proactively and publicly address their health issues. As a result, today the levels of awareness, understanding and funding for men’s health issues, like prostate cancer and men’s mental health, lag significantly behind other causes.

Movember aims to change the face of men’s health and reverse this way of thinking by putting a fun twist on a serious issue. Using the moustache as a catalyst, we want to bring about change and give men the opportunity and confidence to talk about their health more openly.

Movember’s primary campaign objective is to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues, specifically prostate and male mental health. We want everyone to know that most cancers are highly curable if caught in the early stages therefore Movember aims to increase early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment. This will ultimately reduce the number of deaths from cancer.

Here is a link to a heap of logos and pics.
http://au.movember.com/mospace/downloads/
If you would like to help Mr G, a donation box is available at the school office.
If you require a receipt, please contact Mr G.
**B E F O R E & A F T E R S C H O O L C A R E**

Hi all.
Here's what's on at BASC this week

**MONDAY** - Leggo & construction  
**TUESDAY** - Mosaic tiles  
**WEDNESDAY** - Cooking  
**THURSDAY** - Games on the oval (weather permitting)  
**FRIDAY** - Dress ups and drama  
Have a great weekend  
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 :  S U N D A Y  1 1 T H  D E C E M B E R**

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO? WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP!

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