Calendar
Friday 2nd November
“Cool to go to School” 2013 Prep transition
Monday 5th November
Curriculum day, Student Free Day
Tuesday 6th November
Melbourne Cup Day, Public Holiday
Saturday 10th November
Shopping Tour, pick up from Upwey P.S.
Thursday 15th November
Hooptime Basketball Finals
Wednesday 21st November
Arts Festival

Friday 26th October 2012

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 26.10.2012
WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION: KNOX RAIDERS BASKETBALL CLINIC
The basketball clinic was held on Wednesday 24th October for the whole school. All children who participated in the clinic worked extremely hard. Thanks to the Raiders coaches who ran the sessions and provided great opportunities for involvement and enjoyment. The day was tiring but extremely worthwhile.

“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. I do thank him for volunteering his time and expertise. We will then make copies and offer them, along with a compilation of digital photos, for sale. Keep watching the newsletter for further advice.

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HELP THE ENVIRONMENT
HELP SAVE LIVES
RED BAG SUPERSTARS
CLEAR CLUTTER FOR A CAUSE.

Upwey Primary School will be participating in the SIDS and Kids Victoria – Red Bag Superstar Event.

Your children will be bringing home a Red Donation Bag which we ask you to fill, plus any additional bags with any unwanted Men’s, Women’s, Children’s Clothing, Curtains, Linen, Shoes, Toys, Books, Bric-a-brac, and any Small Household items as we will be receiving a rebate for the amount of kilos returned for all soft items donated.

The Campaign commences on 12/10/12 and can you please return your donations by 02/11/12.

Please contact the office if you require any additional bags.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2012
Unfortunately we did not gain sufficient support to enable us to run the Swimming Program this year. Thanks again to all those who responded to the survey. I am guided by parent voice in this matter and I can understand the financial strain for many. This aside, I am certainly anticipating running the program next year to ensure children new to the school (especially Preps and Year 1s in 2013) have the opportunity to be involved in swimming experiences.

The program was scheduled from Wednesday 7th until Friday 16th November but this time will now be devoted to normal Physical Education lessons.

CRICKET CLINIC – CRICKET VICTORIA
Grade 3/4/5G had a terrific clinic organised through Cricket Victoria on Thursday this week with plenty of skill work completed as well as a fun game of cricket and “Rapid Fire”. I thank Elias for his motivation and enthusiasm towards running the clinic which went extremely well. The children coped with the intensive activity so well, even after participating in the Basketball Clinic the previous day!

LEARNING WALK AT UPWEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
We were fortunate to have a visit by a group of local Dandenong Ranges Network Principals on Tuesday for a Learning Walk through the classrooms and see the children working. I appreciate the teachers commitment and allowing the group to visit as part of a local network strategy where principals have the opportunity to see teaching and learning occurring in a variety of classrooms.

Prep H P.E. Award
Jack
For a terrific effort in the “Line Tiggy” game and bean bag tossing activity.
Principal’s Award

Prep H Award
Darby
For his polite and respectful manners towards everyone all week!

Prep H Award
Indi
For displaying his personal best during our number take-away challenge! Super quick recall!!

1/2E Award
Molly
For an excellent work with ‘Toe by Toe’.

1/2E Award
Kurtis
For some great fielding and hitting in the Rounders game.
Principal's Award

3/4/5G
Kiana
For her third place effort at Divisional Athletics. Tremendous effort!

3/4/5G
Leeson
For his hard work and effort to improve his leadership skills. Well done!

3/4/5G
Jack H
For achieving his pen licence and for the most improved handwriting.

5/6R
Marshall
For some great hitting, catching and fielding skills during the P.E. lesson and Rounders game. Principal’s Award

5/6R
Actors & Dancers
For a magnificent performance on Thursday night. You did us all proud!

The Red bags were distributed last week.
If you would like more please pick up extras from the office.

5/6R
Actors
& Dancers
COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL – PRE SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM
Prep children enrolled for 2013 participated in the “Cool To Go to School” program in the first of our Prep Classroom orientation. Mrs Hickey and Caroline worked so well with the children and I hope the 2013 Preps enjoyed the experience. We look forward to seeing them again next week on Friday 2nd November from 9-10 am.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HOOPTIME FINALS – CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS INFORMATION
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. More details to follow soon.

CURRICULUM DAY
Our final School Council and Department approved Curriculum Day for 2012 is to be held on Monday 5th November. This will be a Student Free Day with staff in attendance at school completing Professional Learning and working on End of Year Reports.

NO BASC CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM
There has been no interest in having a Curriculum Day program on Curriculum Day on Monday 5th November. There will therefore be no Curriculum Day Program offered.

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2013
Prep, and any other year level, enrolments for 2013 can still be arranged in the coming couple of weeks before final decision making on class structures and staffing are made for 2013. If you are aware of any possible enrolment for next year please contact the office with details. Also we need to know of any departures that might be occurring. Please contact me if there is a need for a transfer. Thanks to those who have completed these requirements already in recent weeks.

ART IN THE HILLS - Wednesday 21st Nov
The previously known UDEC (Upwey District Education Cluster) Arts Festival is being introduced 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, Belgrave South PS, Tecoma PS, Ferny Creek PS and Upper Ferntree Gully PS. Food, drinks and ice-creams will be available on the evening. 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

Lost Camera
If anyone found a camera last Thursday at our School production, could you please contact the school.
Thank you

Meet some of our 2013 Preps!
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.
To book your spot please call in at the Office.
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

Community Meeting: No McDonalds!

There will be a community update meeting this Friday October 26th 2012 at 7:00 pm Tecoma Primary School Hall

To provide everyone with an update about the legal situation with McDonald's and our next steps. Our window of opportunity is narrowing, so this will be an important meeting. All is not over with Council's poor decision, any of the 301 objectors at VCAT are able to take this issue to the Supreme Court.
**P.A. News**

**Upcoming events**

**Book Club:** Issue 7 orders are due back the latest on Monday.

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

**Shopping Tour** – 10th November, book your spot today! So far we have only 11 people booked, we need at least 20 more. So jump on board, it will be a great day!!!!

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

PA is a great way to meet some more parents and become involved within the school community. Parents and toddlers are more than welcome to come along.

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**Before & After School Care**

Hi all.

Here's what's on at BASC next week.

**MONDAY** - Science experiments

**TUESDAY** - Cooking

**WEDNESDAY** - Halloween activities

**THURSDAY** - Games on the oval (weather permitting)

**FRIDAY** - Pot Plants

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.

Sam :)