



The Lyrebird Word

Responsibility * Respect * Resilience

10th May 2017

Dates to be remembered

Friday 12th May	Mothers Day Stall
Monday 15th— Wednesday 17th May	Book Fair 3.30pm—4.30pm
Friday 19th May	Foundation In School Activity Silly Science Grandparents/Special Visitors Day
Monday 22nd— Friday 26th May	Education Week
Monday 22nd May	PTA Meeting—9.00am State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Wednesday 24th May	Upwey High School Volleyball Cup-Boys & Girls team
Monday 12th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 29th June	Mid-Year Reports and Portfolios sent home
Friday 30th June	Last Day of Term 2—2.30pm dismissal
Tuesday & Wednesday 25th & 26th July	Whole School Production
Wednesday-Friday 2nd-4th August	Level 3/4 Camp
Saturday 16th September	State Schools Spectacular
Wednesday-Friday 15th-17th November	Level 5/6 Camp

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school must sign in and out at the office and collect a yellow visitor's badge.

These badges help the students and staff identify you as an 'authorised visitor'.

Please remember to return the badge when you sign out.

Term 2 2017

Tuesday 18th April—
Friday 30th June.
Students dismissed at
2.30pm

Term 3 2017

Monday 17th July—
Friday 22nd
September. Students
dismissed at 2.30pm

Term 4 2017

Monday 9th October—
Friday 22nd December.
Students dismissed at
1.30pm

**Our next Curriculum Day
for 2017
Friday 28th July 2017**

**Please be reminded that
all absences must be in
writing. The easiest way
of doing this is via the
tiqbiz app.**

From the Principal



Retirement News - Anne Ng

I would like to inform the school community that I will be retiring from the Department of Education and Training at the end of Term 3. I will be taking Long Service Leave for all of Term 3 so this is my final term at Upwey South. An Acting Principal will be appointed by the Department for Term 3 and the new Principal of Upwey South will take on the leadership of the school from the start of Term 4. The time has come for me to move onto other pursuits and my family are certainly looking forward to a higher level of attention. I will get back into some of the activities and hobbies that have been put on hold (some for more years than I care to remember) and my husband and I are both looking forward to whatever the future has in store for us. Becoming grandparents in August will be a good start to happy years ahead!



It has certainly been a privilege and a pleasure to be your Principal and friend for the past 5 years and I will miss seeing you all each day.

One of the evident features of the school that initially drew me 'into the hills' was the strong sense of community. This community spirit is still going strong as everyone pulls together for the benefit of our children. We all want the best for them. The staff team and I, together with the support of our families, have aimed to plan and provide the best possible teaching and learning programs and environments from Foundation to Year 6. Grandparents and Special Visitors Day is always a special USPS occasion where school and home come together to nurture and celebrate our children and their achievements. Production in Week 2 of Term 3 is also a joint celebration of student learning and school community collaboration at Upwey South. I'm sure you will all enjoy seeing the confidence and the pride your child displays as they join their classmates on the stage at Burrinja.

During my years at Upwey South I hope that I have helped in some small way to make your children's school experience a happy and rewarding one. All educators want to make a positive difference. My hope at the end of each and every day at USPS was that it was a rewarding one for everyone – students, staff and parents. I acknowledge that we are not a perfect school (is there such a place?) but I am heartened by the dedication and the strong improvement culture that exists in our school. As a staff team we have continually reflected on how we can do things better to improve the learning and the engagement of our students. Our parents also strive to help improve our school so it's been a team effort. Relationships and communication have proven to be the key to success in every organisation. I believe that respectful, positive and mutually supportive home-school partnerships enable our children to really achieve their best.

I will be leaving Upwey South at the end of this term with many fond memories, especially the smiling faces at both the start and the end of each day. I wish everyone at Upwey South a wonderful future where all your personal dreams for now and for the future come true. I thank you for your dedication, for your support and for your friendship.

A Busy Week at USPS!

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday: 2017 NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students are currently completing the 2017 NAPLAN assessments. Thank you to the staff members who are facilitating this process. We are encouraging our students to take these assessments in their stride. While we agree that the results matter – the overall results are also used to judge how well we are doing as a school - we remind families that NAPLAN outcomes are just one measure of student achievement on one day of the year.

While we tried to prepare our students, some children do not perform their best under the NAPLAN test conditions. The progressive and cumulative assessments that are built into our teaching and learning programs are important indicators of achievement. Children learn and make progress in different ways and at different rates. Just like children can have a physical growth spurt, they can also learn in 'leaps and bounds' at different times over the years. Our positive words of encouragement make the world of difference to their self esteem. I'm sure you can all remember a time at school when learning was a challenge. Please think back to the support that helped you through this time when the pace may have felt overwhelming. While we want our children to be resilient and independent we definitely don't want them to feel overwhelmed.

A message to all parents F-6: Please contact us straight away if any issues arise with your child's learning or their wellbeing at school.

Friday: Mother's Day Cuppa F-2 Mother's Day Stall and Cross Country

Our F-2 staff and students look forward to welcoming Mums to school from 8:15am on Friday morning. This is always an exciting event for our younger students.

Dads, don't forget to give your child a few dollars for Friday's PTA Mother's Day Stall. They'll also need a shopping bag for their goodies. The PTA team will be going around to classes on Thursday showing the children what's available so that they can consider their purchase.

Thanks to our PTA once again for all the work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure a great Mother's Day Stall.

Good Luck to all our Year 3-6 students who will be trying their best during the House Cross Country event on Friday afternoon. Thanks in advance to the staff members involved and to our parent volunteers.

★ OPEN DAY APPRECIATION

You can see by the photos in today's newsletter that our school looked great for our recent Open Day. We welcomed many new and existing families with pre-school children to the school and there was a real 'buzz' in the air.

Open Day 2017 was a team effort! Well done to everyone involved. Thank you to the staff members and parents who gave up their time on Saturday morning to help promote our school to new families. Your support was greatly appreciated. The PTA sausage sizzle was very popular. The following students came in their school uniform and were all great ambassadors for our school. They assisted with tours, face-painting, PMP set up and the pack up at the end of Open Morning. **Zane W, Kinga M, Pippa L, Ruby G, Jude I, Kye S, Nessie A, Katie R, Olivia H, Scarlett B, Jacob O, Zahlie B, Jacinda J, Liliana G and Asheligh C.** Other USPS children attended on the day and are to be congratulated on their behaviour and their good manners.

I was certainly proud of our students and our school on Open Day!

2017 Year 4-6 Attitudes to School Survey

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction. We are conducting this annual DET survey and will use the survey results to try and improve your child's schooling experience. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period **Monday 22 May to Friday 23 June**. The survey takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during class time.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance. Students from Upwey South Primary School in Year 4, Year 5 and 6 will complete the survey online during school hours using a secure online survey tool. Students will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Children's privacy and the confidentiality of their survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file. The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3. No student can be identified in the results reported to schools or in any other report of the data.

It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey. Please contact the school if you would like more information or visit the Department of Education and Training website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>.



Working Bee Thanks

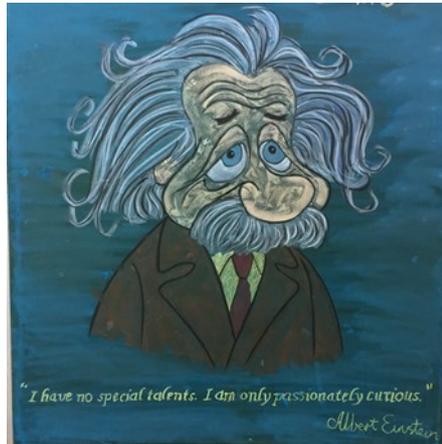
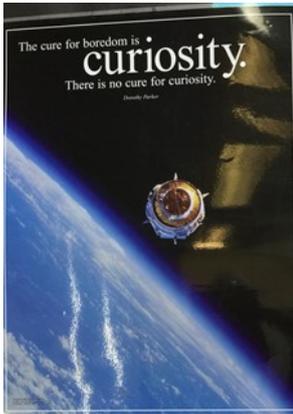
Thank you to the following families who attended our working bee on the 29th April or supported us via a generous donation. Millar, Packer, Andrews, O'Loughlin, Humphreys, Drechsler, Hutchings, Moore, Van Hoorn, Collins, Walker, Gibb, Rowan, Nakalevu, Powell, Pearce and Chaya.

Rowan and Lynelle Millar donated some mature plants and also secured over 50 plants from the Yarra Ranges Ribbons of Green Program. Lisa Dam facilitated a new composting system for the LLLC garden and directed the vege garden clean up. Well done to all involved. Our working bees are always a team effort to improve our school environment for the whole school community.

We hope you can make it along to the next scheduled Working Bee on Sunday 18th June. 1-4pm.



Mr Hall has introduced two beautiful female **blue-tongue lizards** into our school. They visited us at assembly on Monday. The funds raised in 2016 by Shae S (5-6M) from her stick insect project have funded their cosy home which is located in the Level 3-4 area. Shae and Ashton S (5-6M) are the monitors who will care for them this term. They have been out in the yard at recess and have received rave reviews from students. Quinn (1-2W) has drawn a great picture of the lizards. Students have been asked to suggest names for the lizards. Mr Hall has turned this spare room into a terrific new inquiry learning environment. He is also quite an artist as you can see from his Einstein sketch below. We encourage our students at all levels to be 'curious' life-long learners.



Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums and extended family members. Have a wonderful day on Sunday and every day of the year!

Anne

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Hawthorn Football Club

Hawthorn Footballers Paul Puopolo & Brendan Whitecross came to visit Upwey Sth on Tuesday 2nd May.



Upwey South Primary School

Term 2 Meetings and Activities Calendar

7 May	8 Team Meetings 7pm School Council	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN	11 Book Fair Del'd NAPLAN	12 Mother's Day Stall Book Fair Class Browsing House Cross Country Years 3-6	13
14 May BOOK FAIR WEEK	15 3:30-4:30 Book Fair	16 3:30-4:30 Book Fair	17 3:30-4:30 Book fair	18 Book Fair Pick Up	19 Silly Science (Foundation) 1.00-3.30pm Grandparents and Special Visitors Day	20
21 May EDUCATION WEEK Attitudes to School Survey	22 PTA Meeting 9.00am SSS Rehearsal	23	24 UHS Volleyball Cup (Boys and Girls Team)	25	26 District X Country Qualifying students	27
28	29	30	31 9:30-10:30 Fun with Foundation 11.30am Finance 4:00 M&C 6:30 Education SC	1 June Facilities Winter Round Robin	2	3
4	5 7pm School Council	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Labour Day	13 Division Cross Country Qualifying Students	14	15	16	17
18 Working Bee 1.00-4.00pm	19	20	21	22	23 PTA Special Lunch	24
25	26 SSS Rehearsal	27	28 2:30-4:30 Level 3-4 Inquiry Celeb'n	29 Reports & Portfolios Home	30 End of Term 2 2:30 Dismissal	31



Happy Birthday to all those students who have celebrated their birthdays over the last few days.

Kaelyn H, Charlie S, Nessie A, Lily P & Mitch C

Student of the Week Awards

Name	Grade	In recognition for
Emily B	FP	Consistently working hard to improve her writing and attempting to spell new and unknown words
Leigh P	FP	Always trying his very best in all areas of his work
Alisha G	FR	Demonstrating persistence to completing writing tasks
Harley G	FR	His fantastic progress in learning his sight words and improved concentration in class
Hydee R	1/2G	Her resilience, respect and rigour
Eve C	1/2J	Being able to take on feedback and use it to enhance her writing
Tanner F	1/2J	Showing courage and confidence when joining in with class discussion
Sienna C	1/2W	Working on her resilience, it is great to see you smiling.
Riley K	1/2W	His enthusiasm during writing
Frankie A	3/4D	His positive attitude when completing tasks in the classroom
Lily P	3/4D	Always doing her best with a positive attitude
Aiden T	3/4E	His persistence and positive attitude when completing his narrative story about boxes
Will J-P	3/4H	Persisting with open-ended division tasks to find all possible correct solutions
Tyler M	3/4H	Showing growth as an independent, confident learner
Sola R	5/6H	Outstanding effort and work with all homework tasks—excellent content and presentation
Katie R	5/6M	Creative homework and your work on your Inquiry project
Shae S	5/6M	Effort and interest in all aspects of the curriculum
Jess C	5/6O	Stepping out of her comfort zone and trying new things with confidence
Jacob O	5/6O	Consistently making mature and responsible decisions
Zoe P-G	1/2W Visual Arts Award	Making and decorating a ceramics butterfly
Lorelai D	5/6H Visual Arts Award	Exceptional skill, detail and effort she used to make a plasticine tree
Mayla J	5/6H Visual Arts Award	Putting time and effort into her plasticine relief art
Tia S	5/6M Visual Arts Award	Drawing a fantastic chalk picture of a hippo
Lucy C	FP Sports Award	Her outstanding positive attitude and encouragement of others
Frankie A	3/4D Sports Award	His terrific team work skills and his very positive attitude during PE

Zane W, Kinga M, Pippa L, Ruby G, Jude I, Kye S, Nessie A, Katie R, Olivia H, Scarlett B, Jacob O, Zahlie B, Jacinda J, Liliana G & Ashleigh C

For helping out at the 2017 Open Day. You did a great job

OPEN DAY 2017

Saturday 6th May





Welcome to foundation
Come and say hello to Mrs Mel
Rowe and Mrs Holly Peters. We also
← have some stick insects to visit
Grade 1/2 this way →



Extend OSHC at Upwey South Primary



Existing Families

Have you secured your Term 2 bookings?

You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

Option 1: Book for the entire year/period of time selected

Use the 'by the day of the week' tab to book consistent days over a period of time that you select.

Option 2: Book by specific dates

Irregular bookings can be made by the 'by specific dates' tab. If you make these bookings with 14 days notice or more, you will attract the lowest rate.

New Families—Enrol online – allow 24 hours

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

We look forward to seeing you in Term 2!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au EXTEND HEAD OFFICE: 1300366437 MOLLIE OSHC: 0487700024

**Congratulations to this weeks EXTEND LEGENDS!!
Bodhi G and Saorla L**

Extend Legend definition: A person of high regard that demonstrates the noble qualities that we value in our extend community members

Did you know that our Extend legends each week are nominated by the children and from our positive reward chart. Each session children are given the opportunity to nominate others, children nominate each other for things such as, helping to keep the OSHC house clean, playing nicely, using good manners and being a good sport. We love that the children recognise each other and show appreciation to their fellow OSHC members.

-Please come check out our Extend Legend wall and see if your child has made the wall yet!

Program Planner

TERM 1 THEME: Hollywood, actors, cinema and more	
15.5.17	BSC: My favourite movie colouring in sheet ASC: walk of fame hand personalised hand print
16.5.17	BSC: Pancakes and cartoons ASC: Fun Monday- imagination and creation
17.5.17	BSC: Stained glass patterned windows ASC: Sport Monitors: team building game
18.5.17	BSC: Yoga- Relaxation before school ASC: Recycling and box room monitor: craft activity
19.5.17	BSC: Natural materials craft ASC: Movie premiere: STORKS (G)
DISNEY WEEK	
22.5.17	BSC: Lion King ASC: King of the cones
23.5.17	BSC: Beauty and the beast ASC: Beauty and the beast craft competition
24.5.17	BSC: Pancakes and cartoons ASC: Fun Monday- imagination and creation
25.5.17	BSC: Frozen ASC: Round robin sports
26.6.27	BSC: Moana ASC: Haunted cubby house

Special request from our box room/ recycling monitors

Dear parents,

The kids at OSHC love to create new things with boxes, paper and plastic bottles. So please if you have recyclable items, please donate them!

From the recycling monitors

Evie, Jacinda and Rachael.

Community News



OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



ENQUIRIES: uspstours@gmail.com

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au



How the locals like it.

A MONTH OF PLAYGROUP

Upwey South Baby Playgroup (ages 0-2yrs) is excited to announce its new 'Month of Playgroup' to all local families. Sessions will run on Wednesday mornings with a light morning tea provided. The sessions will run from 9am-11am with a gold coin donation appreciated.



Messy Play

Music

Treasure Boxes

Storytime

Dates: **Wed 3rd May (FULL)**

Wed 10th May

Wed 17 May

Wed 24th May

Saturday 27th May - OPEN DAY

10am - 12noon coinciding with Upwey South Pre-School Open Day

Venue: **125 Morris Rd, Upwey**

Please email uspsplaygroup@gmail.com to book a spot in any or all of the sessions. Places limited.

Community News

BRING A FRIEND WEEK
15th - 21st May

nab AFL Auskick

Do you know someone who doesn't play footy but just might love it?

Invite them to give football a go during the special 'Bring A Friend Week' running at NAB AFL Auskick centres across Victoria. Any boy or girl aged 5- 12 years can participate, all they have to do is turn up and have fun!

To find out more
Speak to your NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator or visit aflauskick.com.au

This Promotion applies to NAB AFL Auskick centres located in Victoria only

AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU   

Host Families and Exchange Students

A number of Exchange Students from Italy, France Germany, Austria, Norway, Sweden and Finland are hoping to come here this July and August because they wish to study here for a term, a semester or even two (which would mean they would be with the family who chooses them over Christmas and the summer holidays) with a family that would like to experience the differences and similarities of having an extra boy or girl aged 15-17 stay with them while they enjoy the experience and feel it is worthwhile.

I'm hoping that's you and your family, so if you'd like to give it a try for a length of time, can afford an extra member of your family at mealtimes and have a spare bed, share room or own, please call Klaus Schumann on 0472 771 785 or 0397584279. (There is no payment involved as these are exchange students). Look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Klaus Schumann

SCCE Community Coordinator

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