



The Lyrebird Word

9th March 2017

Learning to Live & Learning to Learn Responsibility * Respect * Resilience

School Mission: Upwey South Primary School's mission is to provide a safe, engaging, and challenging environment where students develop life skills, are supported to reach their full potential and strive for excellence in learning.

School Vision: Our vision is to create happy, proud and confident learners who are well prepared for the excitement and challenges of the future.

Dates to Remember

Monday	13th March	Labour Day—Public Holiday
Tuesday	14th March	Foundation Students begin fulltime
Thursday	16th March	State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
Friday	17th March	Foundation—Responsible Pet Ownership Daytime Sock Disco- \$2 donation
Monday—Thursday	20th March—30th March	2017 Swimming Program
Monday	27th March	Young Leaders Day (School Captains) School Council 7.00pm in the Staffroom
Friday	31st March	Last Day of Term 1—2.30pm dismissal
Tuesday	18th April	Curriculum Day—no students at school
Wednesday	19th April	First Day back for Term 2 ANZAC Day Memorial Service at Dandenong Ranges National Park
Monday	24th April	ANZAC Day Service at Assembly—2.45pm
Saturday	6th May	Open Morning at USPS for prospective families –10.30am-12.30pm
Monday	12th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday & Wednesday	25th & 26th July	School Production
Wednesday—Friday	2nd—4th August	Level 3/4 Camp
Saturday	16th September	State Schools Spectacular

Term 1 2017
Ends on Friday 31st March
Students dismissed at 2.30pm

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

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.

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

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Monday - Friday:
8:30am-4:30pm
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From the Principal



Important News from School Council

We had our first meeting of the 2017 School Council last week. All schools require School Council approval for their nominated Curriculum Days. The first day of every school year is a state-wide Curriculum Day. Our 2016 School Council approved the second day of the 2017 school year as our second curriculum day.

Please note that the remaining curriculum days for 2017 have been approved by council.

Tuesday 18th April (The first day of Term 2 following Easter Monday)

Friday 28th July (The end of Production Week)

Staff professional learning on these days will be in the area of mathematics teaching and learning and student wellbeing. School Council also endorsed our **2017 Annual Implementation Plan** which sets out the goals, key improvement strategies and targets for the year. While our priority areas for improved student outcomes are in the areas of **Student Wellbeing** and **Maths**, we are also continuing our strong focus on Literacy, Inquiry and Extra-Curricular programs and opportunities. We aim to educate the whole child and believe that personal development is one of the keys to overall success. **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** will continue to underpin all our programs and activities. Please contact me if you would like further information about our 2017 AIP.

We invite interested members of our school community to join the sub-committees of school council. Meetings are usually held in the week before council meetings. The sub-committee convenors and the dates of the March meeting are provided below. **Please contact the office or send a note to school should you wish to join a sub-committee.**

Finance – Rhonda Burge *Wednesday 22nd March 9:00am*

Education – Dale Gibb/Anne Ng *Wednesday 22nd March 6:30pm*

Marketing and Communication – Mel Rowe/Holly Peters *Wednesday 22nd March 4:00pm*

Facilities – Rowan Millar *Thursday 23rd March 9:00am*

Our **PTA** always provides a PTA Report to School Council but is not a Sub-Committee. New members are always most welcome and I encourage you to attend their **AGM on Monday 20th March at 9:00am in the staff room.**

School Council discussed possible sources of support to fund a Welfare Office this year. We all agreed that the support provided to students, staff and families in previous years was invaluable and helped us prevent small issues growing into big issues. We will let you know how we go in gaining this support.

For your information, a new DET Educational Psychologist has been appointed to our school. Jessica Smead will support us one day per fortnight, mostly with parent-endorsed educational assessments of children. Our DET speech pathologist is Julie Williams. Julie also works at USPS one day per fortnight. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns for your child's learning or speech which you believe require further investigation. We also have the contact details of several private practitioners who could assist you, especially if ongoing therapy is required.



Year 6 Leadership Roles

In previous newsletters we have congratulated the 2017 School Captains and House Captains. This week it gives me great pleasure to wish the following Year 6 students all the best in their 2017 leadership role.

JSC Captains	Henry D and Melina M
Sustainability Captains	Lorelai D and Sierra D
ICT Captains	Alex M, Daniel H and Ben Y
Office Captains	Mirra P and Taymour C
Library Captains	Will B and Tamika P
Art	Chloe S and Britney R
P Arts	Brodie F and Jessica C
Japanese	Ashley M and Cerise J
PE	Alli D and Georgia B



Confidentiality at School

We really appreciate the valuable support of the parents who support our learning programs, excursions, camps, fund raising activities, working bees,the list is a long one. The many hours that you volunteer at school is appreciated. At times parents may disagree with a strategy or a decision by a staff member while they are in the classroom or any other area of the school including the playground. I ask that you respect these decisions because you will most likely be unaware of the full context of the situation. Every staff member, including myself, is making the best judgement possible at any one time.

As you know, when working with children, issues can come up at any time. All children can get tired and grumpy and at times some can be oppositional towards their teacher or another staff member. We are working together with families to support these children and to understand more deeply where these issues are coming from. A visit to a paediatrician is always our first recommendation. Children are not always able to articulate how they are feeling and a medical issue can understandably cause behavioural issues.

Please be aware that confidentiality is an expectation when you are helping out at school. The wellbeing of every child in our school is our number one priority. It is not helpful when we hear that a relatively small issue, or sometimes a more serious one, is being discussed with other parents. Likewise, a parent perception about another child's learning progress or their behaviour should not be shared with other people. Just like with adults, this could be regarded as an invasion of privacy. I ask that you come and see me if you have any concerns about whole school practices or policies. Please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher if issues arise with your child's learning or their wellbeing.

Please be reassured that we are working very closely with families and support agencies to assist a number of children from all levels across the school. I thank you for your understanding and your ongoing support in the matter of confidentiality. Facebook is certainly not the solution if a parent wants to make a complaint about a school and I remind everyone to be considerate of others at all times when using social media. Please catch me in the yard before or after school if you feel that I can assist in clarifying anything to do with life at our school.

Peer Mediation at USPS

All Year 5 students are currently taking part in peer mediation training. The 2017 Peer Mediation Team will assist our younger students in the yard once a week. This support position will be voluntary and students will decide on their enthusiasm for this important role at the end of the training. Due to the swimming program, the peer mediation roster will start from the beginning of Term 2. The strategies and skills that will be developed in the weeks ahead will be most helpful for our Year 5s in their own future lives in any situation that requires conflict resolution. One of the key lessons will all be about perspective. We all look at the same situations through different eyes and often with different values. While not agreeing with it, respecting another viewpoint is a life-long skill.

Here are a few student reflections so far:

"I love to play with the preps, ones and twos. I've sorted out a problem with some preps who wanted to go on the other side of the fence. I've also had a great time in Buddies."

"I would love to help the little kids with their problems and help them smile again."

"I love little kids and helping them with their problems. I know they are a bit fragile. I will try my best to help them."

"I want to practise being a role model and I want to be supportive."

"When I grow up into an adult I think this will help me and I also love to fill people's buckets."



Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

At assembly on Monday we discussed what 'Filling your bucket' and 'Dipping into your bucket' looked like at USPS. All teachers have read "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" to their students and brainstormed ways to make our school environment a more positive, happy and supportive place to be.

All classes take part in **Circle Time** first thing each Monday to get the school week off to a great start and to promote an inclusive and accepting culture in every classroom, specialist class and in our playground. Each child's contribution is valued and there is lots of sharing of ideas and strategies. We want our students to develop a positive mindset when interacting with others and develop the social skills including the awareness that what they say and do can have a huge impact on others – positive and negative. Just a smile or a hello can really make the day of someone who is not having a good day. Please speak to your child about this concept. You might like to share the book with them via the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xegQUON65hk>



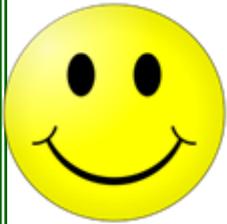


A few final words

Congratulations to the students who represented Upwey South in the Division Swimming Competition on Wednesday. A great effort!
Well done to Katie R and Jake B who go on to the regional competition.

Best wishes to all students who are taking part in the school swimming program at Monbulk Aquatic Centre during the final 2 weeks of the term. Enjoy this opportunity to build on your swimming skills together with your classmates.

Please look out for a Working Bee notice which will be forwarded home tomorrow to all families. I hope you can help us to improve our school grounds for our students.



Wishing everyone at USPS a most wonderful long weekend.
Enjoy whatever you have planned.

I might bump into you at Saturday's Upwey Grassroots Market!

Anne

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Students of The Week – Well done



Some photos of Upwey Sth over the last couple of weeks



Student of the Week Awards

Name	Grade	In recognition for
Archie A	FP	His perseverance with his writing. Archie has been working hard on his writing and always tries his best
Lucy C	FP	Perseverance, despite her broken arm, Lucy gives everything a go and tries her hardest
Daniel B	FR	Always being a happy & positive class member and trying your best
Archer K	FR	His amazing progress in learning his sight words!
Tess Mc	1/2G	Outstanding ability to tell the time to quarter past and to on an analogue and digital clock
Bodhi G	1/2J	Always being helpful and cleaning the classroom. It's great to see you taking initiative!
Charlize N	1/2J	Showing consistent enthusiasm for reading and writing. Your comprehension is amazing and I love reading your writing
Chloe L	1/2W	Always trying her best
Oliver M	1/2W	Always showing our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience
Lara R	3/4D	Working hard to complete her persuasive writing piece
Anika S	3/4D	Consistently making good choices in class and for completing her extension work
Julius T	3/4D	His wonderful contributions during class discussions
Alina G	3/4E	Preparing a succinct and thorough summary of 'Hey That's My Monster'!
Cody H	3/4E	Displaying superb manners, excellent listening and modelling wonderful behaviour
Holly B	3/4H	Her building her self esteem and always sharing in class discussions
Asher C	3/4H	His ability to show resilience and to be mature in making decisions
Eliza F	5/6H	Consistently being an enthusiastic and positive member of our class. Our BRIGHT SPARK!
Britney R	5/6H	Her enthusiasm and accuracy with her overarm throw when playing 'Golden Child' at Grade 5/6 Sport
Lili G	5/6M	Caring, sharing and mentoring the younger children during playtime
Harper H	5/6M	His enthusiasm in class and his love of learning new things
Taymour C	5/6O	A brilliant start to year 6. Well done for being a terrific role model
Tom H	FP Japanese Award	His excellent manner during Japanese lessons this week. Great work Tom-kun!!!
Madison R	1/2J Japanese Award	Being on the task all the time during Japanese lesson and completing tasks on time
Adam G	5/6O Sports Award	Your terrific enthusiasm in PE and help with setting up the equipment borrowing. Well Done!!
Hannelore E	3/4E Performing Arts Award	Your willingness to contribute to our classroom conversations. Keep being brave. Well done.
Lily L	3/4H Performing Arts Award	Your positive attitude and willingness to have a go. Well Done!
Sienna C	1/2W Visual Arts Award	Working well in a team to create a colourful and interesting piece of Art
Oliver M	1/2W Visual Arts Award	Working will in a team to create a colourful and interesting piece of Art
Erin P	5/6O Visual Arts Award	Displaying excellent skills while making a clay pinch pot monster
Joschka T	5/6O Visual Arts Award	Putting in a huge effort when creating a drawing of Egypt. Well Done
Teagen W	3/4E Visual Arts Award	Having excellent printing and modelling skills while in Art. Well done
Will J-P	3/4H Principal Award	For sorting out issues in a game of cricket in a positive manner
Blake K	3/4H Principal Award	For sorting out issues in a game of cricket in a positive manner
Amelia P	5/6H Principal Award	For enthusiasm and great ideas during Peer Mediation Training
Sai Boag	5/6O Principal Award	For enthusiasm and great ideas during Peer Mediation Training



Extend OSHC at Upwey South Primary

AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

New booking terms: Great news! In response to parent feedback we are pleased to announce that our Holiday Program booking terms have now changed to provide greater flexibility for families. See Terms and Conditions on our website for further information.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can't wait for you to attend!

Have fun with science experiments, participate in a bunch of craft activities with access to a plethora of art media, and get active with a variety of outdoor sports and team games. Join in on all this and more at Extend's Autumn Holiday Program.

To check out what's on visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

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

Congratulations to this weeks EXTEND LEGENDS!!

Matilda M and Charles C

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

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

Fortnightly Planner

Indigenous week: 13.2-17.3.17 National close the gap day 17.3.17	
13.2.17	Labor Day: Public Holiday
14.3.17	BSC: Aboriginal and Torres strait islander flags ASC: Cooking: Damper
15.3.17	BSC/ASC: Fun Wednesday- imagination and creation
16.3.17	BSC: Child's choice indigenous inspired creations ASC: Traditional indigenous games
17.3.17	BSC: Did you know facts? ASC: Aboriginal and Torres strait islander national close the gap awareness party
20.3.17	BSC: Design and decorate your own pillow/cushions ASC: Design and decorate your own pillow/cushions
21.3.17	BSC: All about me mobile ASC: Science: Cable Car
22.3.17	BSC: mini me cartoon flip book ASC: Team building games
23.3.17	BSC/ASC: Fun Wednesday- imagination and creation
24.3.17	BSC: This is me portrait ASC: Healthy Smoothies

TERM 1 THEME: All about us

Check out some of the children engaging in the program. This term the children have been joining in lots of 'all about us' activities. This helps us to build authentic relationships not only between children but with staff as well. Check out all the lovely smiling faces!



Congratulations to the winner of our Proud Parents Competition.

We are very pleased to announce that Lynelle Marke won the prize pack with her fantastic photo of Ollie confronting his fears.

Well done Lynelle, Ollie and family!

See more at <https://www.facebook.com/ExtendAfterCare/>

We are eSmart



Our school is proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school.

Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the Principal or our eSmart coordinator.



Congratulations to the District Swimming Team, a great effort in representing Upwey Sth



2017 Hat Prices

Slouch Hats \$16

Bucket Hats \$14



Happy Birthday to all those students who have celebrated their birthdays over the last few days and the next couple of weeks.

Leah B-J, Georgia B, Jasper K, Teagen W, Amelia P, Martin E, Erin P, Declan R, Ryan H & Will B

**CSEF Applications are available at the school office.
Please note that an application must be completed each year.**



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Community News



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KIDS YOGA TERM ONE

Upwey South Primary School 2017

Yoga classes designed for children ages 6-12 to learn how to cope with daily emotions & anxiety's using basic yoga and relaxation.

Alana encourages the children to explore many yoga poses and breathing techniques that promote co-ordination, attention, confidence and mindfulness through playful activities.

Alana believes that the children of today have the magic to make our tomorrows beautiful.

← *INVESTMENT: \$64- pay full term*

OR: \$10 casual class

*WHEN: Wednesday's Feb 8th – March 29th
3:30pm – 4:30pm (8 weeks)*

*WHERE: Life Long Learning Centre
yoga mats and props provided*

→ *Thank you for your interest and support.*

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phone: 0422757011

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AND DO YOU WANT ADVENTURE ??
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"School Sport Victoria Team Vic State Team Trial Registrations are closing Friday 10 March 2017, for the following sports; Australian Football 12 Years and Under, Basketball 12 Years and Under, Football (Soccer) 12 Years and Under, Netball 12 Years and Under. Swimming and Volleyball have a different closing date.

You can find all the details via [School Sport Victoria's website](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic). <http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic>"

Our monthly bulletin is sent on the last Tuesday of every month. We would be grateful if you could please link our bulletin, or relevant sections of information to your School Newsletter.

You can find all the latest bulletins, on [the ebulletins page of the SSV website](#).

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Community News

Upwey High School 80th Anniversary Concert

When- Friday 24 March 7pm

Where- Burrinja

Tickets from www.burrinja.org.au



80th Anniversary Open Day

All current and past Upwey High School Students and Staff are invited to our anniversary to be held on Saturday 25 March from 11am to 4pm

Featuring-
Music Concert
Art Show
Market stalls, food and coffee
Volleyball games
80th Anniversary Displays



Anniversary Schedule

1930&40's-	Midday
1950's-	12.15pm
1960's-	12.30pm
1970's-	12.45pm
1980's-	1.00pm
1990's-	1.15pm
2000s-	1.30pm

(Announcements made on the day for alumni and staff to meet in B Block)

Streeton Art Awards 2017

Showcasing student art in the Dandenong Ranges and Outer East



Entries now open for the 2017 Streeton Art Awards.

Details and entry at www.upweyartsfestival.com

Community News



FEMALE WAXING

- Eyebrow wax/shape \$15
- Sides of Face \$10
- Upper Lip \$10
- Under Arm \$15
- Half Arm \$15
- Full Arm \$25
- Half Leg \$20
- Full Leg \$35
- Bikini \$20

SPRAY TAN \$30

At Tamarle Beauty we use Naked Tan for our tanning - the worlds first spray tan to rapidly activate the epidermis and develop a tan to wash and wear within just 2 hours!

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- Eyebrow & Eyelash \$25

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- Full colour including soak off \$40

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WHERE; MONBULK REC. RESERVE

MOORES ROAD MONBULK

Follow the Signs ----->

Who lives there? is a character design workshop with Burrinja Studio Artist Andrea Innocent.

This workshop is an exploration and expansion on the theme of home and place. What are the things that make a home, what are the comforts, securities and needs beyond shelter that we all share? Children are then invited to think about the needs of animals and the kinds of homes they live in. Burrows, holes in trees, nests and so on. What makes an animal endangered, or homeless, and why?

In the workshop itself we will look at endangered Australian animals and create some characters. These will be researched and then drawn and cut out. Using found materials we will construct a small home for your character, decorate it using paint, collage and coloured pencils. We will then place your character inside and fit it out to suit. Does your animal need a fridge? A sofa or a tv? Your little friend can then go home with you and hang as a 'mobile' home in your room!

DATES: Sat 04 March 2.00pm – 3.20pm
Sat 11 March 10.00am – 11.20am with additional workshops added if popular.

WHERE: Arts studio Burrinja Cultural Centre
Cnr Glenfern Road and
Matson Dr, Upwey, VIC
Tel: 9754 8723