



# **The Lyrebird Word**

**Responsibility \* Respect \* Resilience**

**24th May 2017**

## **Dates to be remembered**

<b>Monday 12th June</b>	<b>Queens Birthday Public Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 29th June</b>	<b>Mid-Year Reports and Portfolios sent home</b>
<b>Friday 30th June</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2— 2.30pm dismissal</b>
<b>Tuesday &amp; Wednesday 25th &amp; 26th July</b>	<b>Whole School Production</b>
<b>Wednesday-Friday 2nd-4th August</b>	<b>Level 3/4 Camp</b>
<b>Saturday 16th</b>	<b>State Schools Spectacular</b>
<b>September</b>	
<b>Wednesday-Friday 15th-17th November</b>	<b>Level 5/6 Camp</b>

### **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

### **On behalf of School Council and the School Community**

On behalf of School Council and the wider school community, we'd like to thank Anne for her commitment to growing and nurturing the students at Upwey South Primary School. She has been a great supporter and advocate for our school, even through her own health challenges, and we'd like to recognise her contribution to our close-knit school community over the past five years. We wish her all the best for a well-earned retirement.

**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  
Flixibuzz app.**

# From the Principal

## Grandparents and Special Visitors Day

A huge crowd of lovely people visited our school last Friday. The excitement in the air was obvious, especially on the faces of the children when their visitors arrived. The children proved to be terrific hosts and we saw lots of tours being conducted around the school. Children were very proud to point out their various learning environments, their class work and their specialist work. The showcase of wonderful student art work in the corridors was a highlight of these tours.

The weather wasn't kind for our picnic lunches or the PTA sausage sizzle, but lots of umbrellas appeared and the LLLC proved to be very popular, especially with the PTA Afternoon Tea that was on offer. (Thanks to everyone who sent along a plate.) Due to the weather we started our instrumental concerts a bit earlier than planned and enjoyed some wonderful entertainment. Olivia and Charlee-Belle proved to be most professional MCs and introduced each item with flair. Our choir performed their great rendition of 'Ya Canna Shove Yer Granny orf the Bus' complete with Scottish accents and an additional verse. Well done to Mrs Lang for facilitating the concert and thank you to the instrumental teachers who attended – Jordan, David and Amaris. A terrific team effort.

The special awards prepared by Mr Monopoli were presented to the grandparents who were the tallest, shortest, had the longest marriage, longest working life and who had travelled the furthest to attend the day. (Queensland!)

We also congratulated the 5 winners of the PTA Raffle. Enjoy your prizes.

Thank you to everyone who visited our school last Friday and to all member of our school community who assisted us on the day, especially our hard-working PTA. Enjoy the photo spread in today's newsletter.

## Assembly News

Assembly on Monday was a big one! We welcomed Luan Hanlon from the Bendigo Community Bank and Andrew McNeill, the Assistant Principal of Upwey High School. Andrew presented Streeton Art Competition Awards to Anika S and Emily Mc and Luan presented a generous donation to the school to support the new Volleyball tops that were organised by Mr Hall. These great tops will be used for today's Volleyball Cup at Upwey HS. We presented Student of the Week Awards and Mr Hennessy also presented certificates to the students who will compete in Friday's District Cross Country. We also handed out prizes to the students who won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the Book Fair colouring competition. Well done to everyone involved.



## Scholastic Book Fair

We had a most successful Book Fair recently thanks to the efforts of Clare Butterworth, Lisa Dam and assisting staff members. We also enjoyed a visit from Clifford the Big Red Dog. The Book Fair was a great opportunity for everyone to get together for a common purpose. While one of the aims of our annual Book Fair is to raise funds to enhance our Literacy resources F-6, a major benefit is the promotion of reading for enjoyment in our children. The Book Fair raised \$640 for our school.

As the winter months approach, the joy of curling up with a good book is hard to beat. We know that 'screen time' can become an issue with some children and adults. We encourage all families to try and achieve a reasonable balance where our various screens don't dominate our children's lives. We implement a great 1:1 iPad learning program in Year 3-6 and our children learn valuable skills in our computer LAB, however all teachers still actively promote the joy of reading a good book and the teaching of both reading and writing remains a priority.



## A Reflection on Screen Time and Active Play

The issue of screen time is not new! I remember when the TV was introduced! One of my earliest memories was visiting a family who had a TV (black and white) before we purchased our own, which was a huge thing back in the 1950s! As TV became popular, parents became worried about the number of hours their children spent 'glued to the screen'. I'm sure that you have your own memories of being told to 'turn the TV off!' and do your homework or go outside to play.

I was most fortunate that while I loved watching TV, my love of books led me to the Ballarat Library once a week after school. Another favourite activity was actively playing in the streets (and beyond!) with all the neighbourhood kids. While I know that times have changed, I feel thankful that our students at USPS have such terrific playgrounds for active play every day. They all have the opportunity at recess and lunch to learn how to interact positively with each other whether it's on the oval, the playgrounds, the basketball court or while running around chasing each other under the Oak trees or in Area A. (Area A is the shared F-6 playground area at the front of the school which is open for the second half of recess and lunch play.) We welcome all families to make use of our playground areas before and after school and also during the holiday periods.



## Thank You PTA

Our PTA team have been very busy over the past few weeks and on behalf of the school community, I thank Katy and the members of the PTA who have supported the following recent events at our school. Your support is appreciated!

**2017 Open Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Mother's day Stall Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Grandparents and Special Visitors Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

## School Council Sub-Committees



All parents are welcome to attend the sub-committee meetings of School Council or come along to any School Council meeting as a visitor. The governance of our school is a team effort. The sub-committee convenors and the dates of the next meetings 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 11:30am*

**Education** – Dale Gibb/Anne Ng - *Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 6:30pm*

**Marketing and Communication** – Mel Rowe/Holly Peters - *Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 4:00pm*

**Facilities** – Rowan Millar - *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 4.30pm*

## 2017 Working Bees

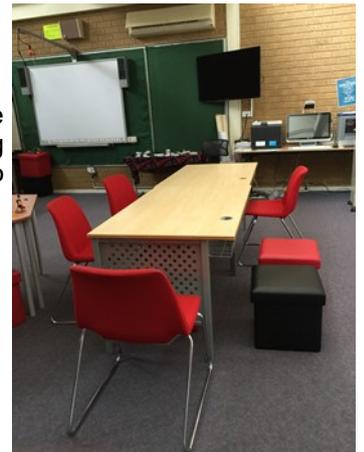


Please refer to the message from Rowan Millar in today's newsletter regarding the scheduled working bees for the rest of the year. The next working bee will be held on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. 1-4pm. I hope your family is able to come along to help improve our gardens and our grounds.



## Thank You to the Lee Family

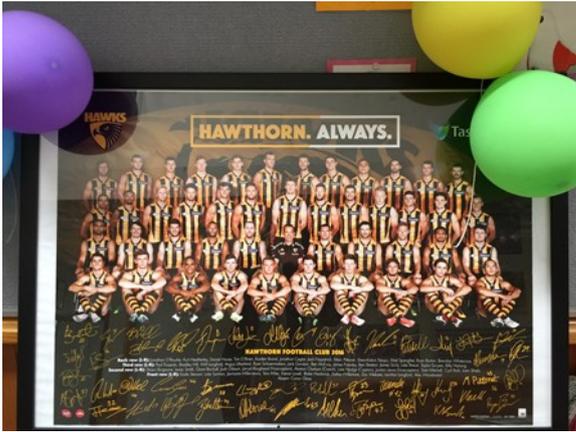
Paula and Richard Lee recently delivered some great tables and chairs that were being replaced at Paula's workplace. (Korowa) They have improved the learning environments of our Level 3-6 areas of the school. Our appreciation is extended to Korowa and to the Lee family.





## **2017 Swimming Program Survey**

Thank you to the 45 families who have responded to our survey which is due this Friday. It's not too late to send your survey back to school to help inform our planning for 2018. If you have misplaced your copy, please drop by the office to pick up a new one.



**Congratulations** to Janette Clarke who put in the highest bid for the signed Hawthorn poster which was donated to the school by the Reach 4 Your Future Foundation. Our JSC have decided to send the \$100 raised to State School's Relief, a most worthy organisation that we support each year. Thanks to Ganesh and the R4YF Foundation for your support of our school and to everyone who placed a bid in this Silent Auction.



**Our Volleyballers just before they headed off to Upwey High School with Mr Hall this morning. We hope that you all had a great day.**



**Good Luck to all the students who will represent our school at Friday's District Cross Country competition at Crystal Brook Park. A great experience for all involved and a day you will remember for a long time. Thank you to Mr Hennessy, Mr Hall and everyone involved in supporting our students.**

## **Sports Equipment and Toys at School**

Many children bring footballs, basketballs and other balls to play with at school during recess and lunch breaks which is great. Some bring a small bouncing ball for down-ball which is a very popular game at school and skipping rope is always a terrific playground activity, especially in the winter months. Some children bring toys to school to play with and Fidget Spinners and soft toys seem to be the most popular items at the moment. Bringing these things to school is fine, but we remind families about the following guidelines to ensure that all items (and children!) can arrive safely back home each day.

1. Anything brought to school is 'at your own risk'. The school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.
2. All items should be clearly named and kept in children's school bags during class time.
3. All items should be safe for use in a busy playground. (Frisbees, vortexes and other items that have a high risk of hitting other children as they run past are discouraged.)
4. Electronic items, including iPads, are not to be used in the playground.
5. If any items start to cause issues in the yard, we will ask all children F-6 to keep these items at home.

**Please contact us if you have any queries about any of these guidelines.**



*Anne*

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21 May <b>EDUCATION WEEK</b> 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 4:30pm  Winter Round Robin	2	3
4	5 7pm School Council	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <b>Labour Day</b>	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.

Niam M, Angelica r, Harry S, Alice H, Riley Mc, Jack H, Tyler G, Sarah H, Chloe P, Joschka T, Kevin N & Britney R.

Hi to all USPS families. I'm Rowan Millar, a new member of the school council and the facilities sub-committee convenor. It is my pleasure to organise the working bees for our school community, and I really hope your family can attend one this year.

I'd really like to thank all those families that have contributed so much to the working bees so far this year – we've really made an impact already with the vegie garden in great shape and over 50 new plants in the ground. We've also removed many woody weeds to make space for some more indigenous shrubs and wildflowers.



All dates are set for the year and you may notice that we have scheduled some Sunday afternoon dates this year in the hope that some new families might join in the fun thanks to a varied schedule.

It has been really pleasing to see some regular faces at the 2 working bees this year but of course we'd love to see some new faces if you could join us for just one working bee this year, even if it's for just an hour.

Please feel free to contact me via email on [rowanmillar26@gmail.com](mailto:rowanmillar26@gmail.com). I'd particularly love to hear from you if you have some specialist skills or equipment that could add value to our school facilities and grounds. Also, if you have some suggestions or would like to join the facilities sub-committee.



Upwey South Primary School 2017 Working Bee Dates

**Our next one is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1pm – 4pm**

Maybe your family could make it to one of these!

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August: 9:30am - 12:30pm, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm – 4pm, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 9:30am - 12:30pm**

# Student of the Week Awards

Name	Grade	In recognition for
Sarah H	FP	The fantastic progress she had made with her reading
Lucy H	FP	Her knowledge of letter sounds to spell unknown word when writing
Jade Mc	FR	Fabulous improvement in her writing and reading
Emily T	FR	Outstanding improvement in her handwriting and knowledge of sight words
Dylan P	1/2J	His consistent positive and hard working attitude towards learning
Liam Mc	1/2W	Improvement in all academic areas
Jack L	3/4D	Consistently making good choices and for working hard in class
Emily Mc	3/4D	Her positive attitude and hard work in all she has done this term
Lachlan C	3/4E	His positive attitude when learning new words in his spelling tasks
Lila T	3/4E	Completing a detailed report on wolves
Ashlea J	3/4H	Being BRAVE and giving all class tasks and activities 100%
Will B	5/6H	Outstanding creativity with his writing tasks
Liam P-G	5/6H	Improving his knowledge and understanding of the 'Boom, Boom, Pow' strategy for adding fractions
Nessie A	5/6M	Working so hard on Maths (fractions) and her engaging iMovie homework
Alexander M	5/6M	Wonderful persuasive piece of homework and for great perseverance in the cross country
Tamika P	5/6O	Her kind, considerate and helpful manner around the classroom
Chloe S	5/6O	Showing kindness and support to all members of the class
Ellouise B	1/2G Visual Arts Award	Displaying a positive attitude when learning new skills while in Art
Patrick C	1/2W Visual Arts Award	Improved focus and effort while in Art sessions
Lynden P	3/4H Visual Arts Award	Being willing to try new skills while in Visual Arts
Stephanie D	5/6O Visual Arts Award	Having a high level of skill in ceramics
Brigitte A	1/2J Sports Award	Her sensational approach in PE and her outstanding attitude toward others
Liam Mc	1/2W Japanese Award	Building up excellent Japanese skills and sharing his passion for Karate with the class
Charlee-Belle C	1/2W Performing Arts Award	Being an amazing host at our 'Grandparents Day'
Olive H	5/6O Performing Arts Award	Being an amazing host at our 'Grandparents Day'

# 2017 USPS Grandparents and Special Visitors Day



# Extend OSHC at Upwey South Primary



## 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!

## WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

Participate in our winter-themed activities, including science experiments to learn about animals with blubber, recreating a winter snowstorm in a jar, and participating in a snowman slam!

To check out the daily schedule, visit our website at [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) and book via the Parent Portal

PARENT PORTAL: [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au) EXTEND HEAD OFFICE: 1300366437 MOLLIE OSHC: 0487700024

*Congratulations to this weeks EXTEND LEGENDS!!*

Archie A and Cerise J

-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**

**Aboriginal themed week: National reconciliation week 2017**

<u>29/05/17</u>	BSC: Aboriginal dot colouring in ASC: Aboriginal inspired dot painting
<u>30/05/17</u>	BSC: Pancakes and cartoons ASC: Fun Tuesday- Imagination and creation
<u>31/05/17</u>	BSC: Aboriginal flags ASC: Damper
<u>01/06/17</u>	BSC: we walk together activity ASC: Aboriginal game: Wana
<u>02/06/17</u>	BSC: weaving ASC: Didgeridoo and clapping sticks
<u>05/06/17</u>	BSC: Dress up fashion show ASC: Movie Premiere: Secret life of pets (G)
<u>06/06/17</u>	BSC: Life size skeleton ASC: Staff vs Children- Volleyball game
<u>07/06/17</u>	BSC: Pancakes and cartoons ASC: Fun Wednesday- Imagination and creation
<u>08/06/17</u>	BSC: Silent ball competition ASC: Honey flavoured popcorn
<u>09/06/17</u>	BSC: Paper plate craft ASC: Musical games

## Special message from our box room/ recycling monitors

Dear parents,

The kids at OSHC would like to thank you for all the donations we have received so far. We have loved making lots of different things with the recycled materials. Please keep donating

From the recycling monitors

Evie, Jacinda and Rachael.



# Community News



**PINNACLE'S  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUPERCLUB**

LAUNCHING SOON!



**PINNACLE**  
HEALTH CLUBS 24/7



NEW GROUP  
TRAINING ZONES



NEW LIFTING ZONES  
& STRENGTH EQUIPMENT



2 NEW  
WELLNESS STUDIOS

82 MAIN STREET  
UPWEY  
PH: 9754 2181  
PINNACLEHEALTHCLUB.COM.AU



*How the locals like it.*



**OPEN  
DAY**

**SATURDAY 27TH MAY**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



**ENQUIRIES: [uspstours@gmail.com](mailto:uspstours@gmail.com)**

## 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](mailto:uspsplaygroup@gmail.com) to book a spot in any or all of the sessions. Places limited.

# Community News



## There's Girl Guides at Upwey South PS!

Did you know there are several girls who attend this School and are members of the Upwey Girl Guides? They love working within the Community and developing their skills and beliefs in a supportive environment.

**FUN, FRIENDSHIP, ADVENTURE**



Girl Guides is heaps of fun for girls aged 5 and over. We currently have a 5-9 age group who meet each Monday evening 4:30pm-5:30pm in Upwey. Why not give it a go? The first 3 sessions are free! It's great to be a Guide!

Email [mbrooks@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:mbrooks@guidesvic.org.au) or find us on Facebook.



## PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID & CPR with Revive 2Survive

For new parents or those wanting to be updated on the latest first aid techniques, this information session will cover baby & child CPR, asthma, anaphylaxis, choking, drowning, bites & stings.

Student workbook access prior. CPR certificate on completion. Photo ID req.

**Thursday 22nd June 10.00am-12.30pm Cost \$65**

Selby Community House. 1 Minak Rd, Selby. To enrol please phone 9754 2039

## Cooking skills for kids at Coonara Community House

Wednesdays 4.00-6.00m

May 31- amazing lunchbox goodies

June 14 - perfect pizzas

June 28 - delicious desserts

\$20 per session. Suitable for ages 8-12 year olds.

Call 9758 7081 to book in.

**NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**

DANCE FOR YOURSELF

LOSE YOURSELF IN THE DARK

Venue: Upwey Sth Primary School Gym, 91 Morris Rd. Upwey  
TUESDAY weekly  
7:45 to 8:45p.m  
\$7

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**Xtreme Nepal Fundraiser**

Come help us reach our goal with an action packed evening at TunzaFun Xtreme Knox!

**UNLIMITED Climb & Discover**

**Silent Auction**

**Tastes of Nepal:**  
Food and drinks available for purchase

**All funds raised go towards expedition**

**Friday 16th June**  
**6pm-10pm**  
**Tickets \$25**

- Totally student led expedition (organising everything prior and for the duration of the trip - 1 month)
- 12 day Annapurna Sanctuary trek (approx 200km)
- Volunteer work at a school with the 'Mother's Children Art Foundation' (MCAF)

Westfield Knox Ozone  
425 Burwood Hwy  
Wantirna South

For tickets and further information contact Judy 0409 439 879

Closed toe shoes must be worn

\*\*\* Education through exploration \*\*\*

