

Friday 26th October 2018

Re: Information on our new fundraising event - Colour Fun Day

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A new fundraising event for Upwey South Primary School has been scheduled for Monday, 26th November, 2018. Our "Colour Fun Day" will be like a "colour run" which you may have seen recently promoted across many local schools, community groups and the media. The purpose of the day is to provide our community with the chance to come together, in place of the previous years' walkathon.

What is involved?

School Council and PTA members have have been in contact with local schools and organisations in order to make an informed decision about holding a Colour Fun Day. Our Colour Fun Day will be held on Monday 26th November 2018, from 2:00pm – 3:15pm. Please note, that on this day, there will be no assembly, and we encourage parents to attend the event, and even join in the run/walk!

During the Colour Event, students will run/walk around a designated course within the school (similar to the Cross Country course). Whilst running/walking, the students will pass through various checkpoints at which teachers/parents have the option to squirt checkpoint colour on the students. *Of course, each student has the choice of bypassing the colour checkpoint, and continuing through the course.* Students from our school who have participated in community colour runs, have said that they are a great deal of fun – a perfect event in the last term of school!

How does my child fundraise and what will the funds be used for?

Through this event we are raising much needed funds to continue the refurbishment of the current "senior school" classrooms. We aim to continue our carpet replacement, and update furniture to enrich the learning environment for your children.

Within this envelope, you will find a Sponsorship Form booklet with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students can obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form and/or utilise online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not get them to aim higher? As a family, you have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for their support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time!

About the Colour Powder used

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. (Students with asthma are advised to be considerate of their plan and triggers in their decision to participate).

Online Student Profile Page

We encourage families to create a Student Profile Page at <u>www.myprofilepage.com.au</u> which is unique to your child. There are some great features, like recording your sponsorships and selecting prize goals.

If you would like to, you can also utilize online fundraising. Schools that use online fundraising raise, on average, 130% more! It is safe and secure. Our online fundraising provider, GoFundRaise has helped many charities and fundraisers connect. No photo of your child is required. No identifying information is included (like student's full name or what school they attend). If you elect to utilize the online option, we encourage you to make cybersafe choices, and speak with your child's teacher if you require assistance.

You can share your fundraising goals easily with family interstate or overseas by using social media or email. Again, the linked information does not identify your child to the general public. Rest assured that the Upwey South Primary School Council and PTA take cyber-safety seriously.

Not for you?

That's okay. You can opt-out by completing the "will not participate" part of the form in this pack. All colour run forms need to be signed and returned no later than Tuesday 20th November.

Note: your child can participate in the day and raise funds by running/walking the course but bypassing the colour stations. We will set up diversions for those not wanting to get colourful!

What is supplied by us and you

We will supply all participants with sunglasses to protect their eyes from colour powder, rubber wristband, refreshing icypole on completion, and a wonderful fun memory!

We will also get a few parents to bring their leaf blowers to clean down areas and participants after the race, if they like!

You need to supply a white t-shirt (if you don't have an old one, see Kmart or Big W - around \$3). Kids can wear other fancy white clothes if they choose (like shorts, tutus, socks etc). **NOTE:** We cannot guarantee the colours from the event will wash out, so please don't wear your best clothes.

Important dates

Please note, all donations need to be finalized by **Friday 23rd November 2018**. Sponsorship forms and cash donations need to be returned to school on or before colour fun day - **Monday November 26th 2018**.

Families who choose not to create an online profile page will also need to return their prize order (on the back of the paper sponsorship form) by 26th November.

Students with a profile page can order prizes online by 30th November. Student prizes will be delivered by mid-December.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a COLOUR EXPLOSION AT UPWEY SOUTH PRIMARY! Happy fundraising!

Damien Kitch Principal



Colour Fun Day- Monday 26th November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

RE: School Colour Fun Day - Parent Consent

It is our responsibility to seek permission for your child to participate in the School Colour Fun Day. All measures have been taken to ensure that this event is safe for all students.

There will be various colour powder stations throughout the course with two designated lanes – one for colour powder, the other with no powder. Your child can still participate in the event should you not wish for them to be sprayed with colour powder.

The staff will do their best to throw the powder at the torso, however wind and other factors can cause the powder to protrude on the face. We are giving each participant sunglasses to protect their eyes.

The colour powder used in the event is non-toxic, biodegradable and environmentally friendly consisting of 98% corn starch and 2% food colouring. It will likely washout of your child's clothing, however we recommend that your child wears a plain white shirt that you don't mind being coloured. That's what the event is all about!

Based on the toxicology profiles of the powders used, their concentrations in the formulation and the mode of use, the colour powder is considered safe for use. Students with lung issues such as asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

Should you wish to view the ingredient listings and toxicology risk assessment of the powder, please see the staff in the School Office.

Get ready for a COLOUR EXPLOSION, and thanks in advance for your support! Happy fundraising!

Please complete this form to confirm if your child will/will not be participating in our first ever Colour Fun Day.



SCHOOL COLOUR FUN DAY PERMISSION FORM

Please complete and return to the Office to indicate your consent for your child to participate in the School Colour Fun Day.

□ I provide permission for my child stated below to participate in the School Colour Fun Day Event.

0	I <u>I wish for my child not to participate</u> in the event, and understand that between 2:00pm-3:15pm whilst the event is held my child will be engaged in shared learning tasks within a shared classroom, under the supervision of a teacher.
	*NOTE: one signed form is required per child, even from families with multiple children at the school.
	Student's Name:

Parent/Guardian's Signature: Date: