



The Lyrebird Word

Responsibility * Respect * Resilience

16th August 2017

Dates for you diary

August

31st Fathers Day Stall—9.00-11.00am

September

1st Level 1/2 Gulf Station Excursion

1st Cuppa & Cookie Morning—Foundation

6th 2018 Foundation in PJ's evening 6.30pm

8th Walkathon & PTA Special Lunch

14th State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal

15th State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal

15th Foundation Como House Excursion

16th State Schools Spectacular

17th Working Bee—1.00-4.00pm

22nd Last day of Term 3—2.30pm dismissal

October

9th First day of Term 4

16th Level 1/2—Wild Action In School Activity

17th 2018 Prep Transition Activity—2.30pm

21st PTA Trivia Night

26th 2018 Prep Transition Activity—2.30pm

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

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 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



Happy Birthday to all those students who have celebrated their birthdays.

Olive K, Luca B, Harley G, Julius T, Emily B, Sienna C & Scarlett B

From the Principal

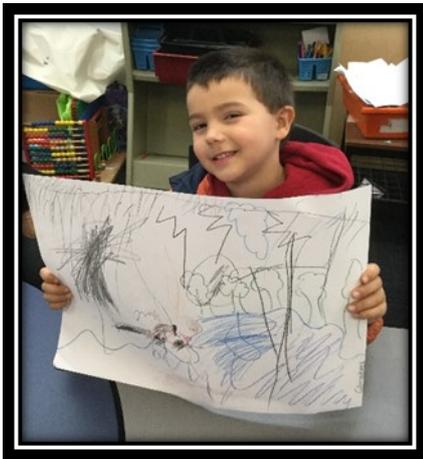
Foundation 2018 Transition Program

Over the last two Friday afternoons, we have hosted our first two transition sessions for our 2018 Foundation students. These sessions have involved an informal structure, enabling families and students to interact. **As a school who is focussed upon continuous improvement, we learnt many things from our first session; acting upon feedback we received from families.** We were pleased to receive the following email from a family who attended the second session:

"The welcome and direction by staff and students on arrival was excellent. The Year 6 students were fabulous in their public speaking and interactions with the audience of parents and imminent Foundation students. The sign-in sheet left me feeling our arrival and participation was anticipated and welcomed. Set up in the lifelong learning centre was sharp and emanated a sense of pride in the school. The house banners looked the best I have seen them for some reason. The calm in the Foundation area and the clearly laid out activities were inviting and engaging. The teachers were friendly (as per usual!) and more accessible given the smaller number of people than the week before. The closure of the session was well rounded off. I departed with a sense of the time being valuable for my child. My child named transition as a highlight of the day when chatting about the day's events at bedtime."

Please see below, a report from Mel Rowe and Holly Peters, our amazing Foundation teachers.

On Friday 11th August we hosted a transition session for the kinder children and their families. The children were involved in a wide range of learning tasks including pasting, drawing, constructing, puzzles and more. It was a great afternoon allowing the children to become familiar with the learning environment and getting to know each other. Our next transition session will be our "Pre-schoolers in Pyjamas" evening on Wednesday 6th September from 6:30-7:30pm in the Acorn Gallery. We are encouraging all of our 2018 Foundation students to come in their pyjamas and bring their favourite teddy bear.



This is Daddy and me four wheel driving!

Campbell- 2018 student



I'm drawing a track for my train.

Isaac- 2018 student



I made grass and some trees.

Alex- 2018 student

We can't wait for the new Preps to look after us!

USPS Stick Insects



Working Bee and Facilities Update

On Saturday 5th August, we held our first Working Bee for Term Three. Under the guidance of our Facilities Convener- Rowan Miller, and our Sustainability Leader- Lisa Dam, we were able to address a considerable amount of overdue projects around the school. The following tasks were completed:

- **Clearing of leaf mulch from guttering**
- **Clearing of overgrown trees in front of the Lifelong Learning Centre and the Office entry**
- **Mulching of gardens, both on Morris Road and around Forest Oak**
- **Planting of shrubs at the Morris Road entrance**
- **General tidying up of leaf matter around the school**

A huge thank you to those families who attended and were willing to lend a hand. Your support is truly appreciated.

In addition to the above projects, we have undertaken a number of facilities upgrades around the school over the last fortnight, in order to create a purposeful and safe learning environment. Please see the sample photos below and feel free to visit the school to view our upgrades in person!

Before



Now



Improved safety and access to LLLC



All guttering/ downpipes on Main Building replaced, to create a safer learning environment



In addition to the above photos, we have undertaken the following improvements to Learning Spaces:

- **Echopanel (pinboard) placed outside the Lab, Performing Arts Room and LOTE Room:** this is to provide the specialist team with designated space to celebrate student learning.

- **Echopanel placed outside Library and Production backdrops wall mounted:** the blue cupboards in this space were structurally unsound and presented a hazard, hence they have been removed. We have also created additional space to celebrate learning achievements.

- **Meeting Room:** this has been established in the room adjoining the Principal's office and is open for all community members to access for meetings.

- **Multimedia Production Space:** this space is under development in the Library, and will consist of a green screen and animation station.



Celebrating an Amazing Student Achievement

Congratulations Angelica (3/4D) for living our school value of

Responsibility

Angelica recently made the decision to enter an art competition through our Out of School Hours Care Provider, Extend. The competition set entrants the learning task of creating an art piece using the sentence frame 'Extend is....'.

Angelica presented her artwork on a canvas, which she worked on for a considerable amount of time. The result is an amazing art piece reflecting how Angelica feels about the OSHC program at our school. For her creative efforts, she has qualified as an AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FINALIST!!!

The winner of this nation-wide art competition, will be selected based upon online voting.

Well done Angelica on your fantastic achievement! We are so proud of you!!



Please support Angelica by voting for her using this link:

<https://extend.com.au/parents/kids-club-competition/>

Follow the prompts for the **Kids Club Competition.**

Year 3-4 Camp Acknowledgements

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Year 3-4 camp for a day visit. I was overwhelmed by the positivity and guidance that our parent volunteers showed for our students. We have such an amazingly supportive and involved community at USPS! Please refer to the attached page written by the Year Three-Four Team, which acknowledges the achievements of our campers.

Parent Opinion Survey

It is that time of year again where schools are required to randomly select families in order to complete the annual Parent Opinion Survey. The selection is completed by our computer system, CASES21, and the survey results are a vital tool for us to gain an indication of how well Upwey South Primary School is meeting the needs of our students and the school community.

For the first time, the process is now being completed on-line, which involves selected families receiving an email containing a letter from the school and instructions of how to complete the survey. May I encourage everyone to check their email addresses, and if you have been selected, please complete the survey by Sunday 27th August. Thank you in advance for doing so and we look forward to receiving the results.

NAPLAN Results

Each year, the Year Three and Year Five students at our school sit the NAPLAN, as part of a national assessment program of student learning outcomes. On August 2nd, the 2017 aggregate results for schools (nationally) were published on the ACARA website; this information contains the preliminary summary results of the 2017 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. For further information, refer to <http://reports.acara.edu.au/>
We look forward to unpacking our school's NAPLAN data, and sharing this with the community in the coming months. The valuable data sets we gain from NAPLAN, will form part of the evidence we use to drive our school forward.

Individual Student Results- *for all students who sat the 2017 NAPLAN, individual reports will be sent home in hard copy with students, this coming Friday 18th August.*

Damien Kitch

Acting Principal

School Council Governance Training

On Monday August 14th, a number of our School Councillors attended a training session hosted at Kallista PS. The session covered Council's role, under the following domains:

- Governance
- Strategic Planning
- Finance and Facilities

The high-level information and professional discussions enabled our Councillors to improve their knowledge of the role they will play as we enter our new School Strategic Plan. Please refer to our President's piece below for further information.

School Council President's Report

As the Upwey South School Council President, I'd like to include a regular addition to the newsletter, by reporting on the progress and actions of school council. I'll be writing a summary from now on, covering the outline of the previous council meetings.

Presidents Report - August 2017

Last Monday the 7th, we had our first council meeting since the appointment of our new Acting Principal, Mr Damien Kitch. Although because of the process for appointing the permanent principal, to start in Term 4, Damien wasn't present for the majority of this meeting.

Instead we had Denise Kotsikis who is the regional team leader for the Education Department presenting the entire council on the process that is involved in selecting a new permanent principal for Upwey South. Over the next few weeks, our council will be selecting a parent representative who will be on the selection panel alongside myself, to appoint the new Principal.

The five person panel includes Denise, as well as a Department representative, and a principal from outside our region. I will keep everyone informed as the process continues, as best I can within the privacy restrictions I have.

Once this training process concluded, Damien joined us to talk about some of the changes that he's instigating in the school. Damien talked about "first order changes" and how the school is using changes in structure to drive changes in behaviour.

A great example is the changes to staff timetables, where a few small tweaks to timetables have allowed staff to improve their own learning by working with other teachers in shared classroom work. This sounds to me like something that will be valuable to teachers and students alike.

Damien also talked about our "Whole School Positive Behaviour Strategies (WSPBS)" which is rolling out over this and the next term. I'm looking forward to seeing some of the results of this as it becomes active.

Finally, we had four council members attending a school council governance training session on the 14th of August (completed by the time you read this), which is great to see that the staff and parents on the school council are looking for ways to improve their own learning about how to best help the school. I'll provide some feedback on that session in my next update.

I do occasionally make it into the playground at pickup time, so please say hello and thanks for your support of the school.

Nick Orr

Upwey South Primary School- School Council President

Principal's Awards

As the Principal of Upwey South Primary School, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of those students who are upholding our school values of *Respect, Responsibility* and *Resilience*.



Congratulations to the following students:

Foundation:

Lucy- FP: for looking after our school on the weekend and picking up mess.

Rocky- FP: for respecting our school on the weekend and cleaning up rubbish and muddy walls.

Year One:

Laura- 1/2I: for offering to help out around the school as part of her responsibilities as a Girl Guide.

Year Two:

Jack- 1/2G: for looking after our school on the weekend and collecting equipment left out.

Year Three:

Mitch- 3/4D: for responsibly looking after our school's blue tongue lizards each lunchtime.

Year Four:

James M.- 3/4H: for helping setting up the sign-in sheets for the 2018 Foundation Transition session.

Myelz- 3/4H: for designing a "breakout space" for the Year 3/4 students.

Ryan- 3/4E: for looking after our school sports equipment on the weekend.

Angie- 3/4D: for being a supportive friend and celebrating other's learning achievements with enthusiasm.

Year Five:

Olivia- 5/6O: for representing our school with a large role in State Schools Spectacular.

Year Six:

Nessie- 5/6M: for welcoming the 2018 Foundation families and answering questions from the audience.

Adam- 5/6O: for proposing to the Junior School Council that students be allowed to wear free dress to celebrate their birthday.

Georgia- 5/6H: for leading our new 2018 Foundation students and helping guide their learning.

Brody 5/6H: for making our new 2018 Foundation students feel welcome by playing shops and teaching them about money.

Jacob- 5/6O: for delivering a confident welcome speech to our 2018 Foundation families.

CAPTAIN'S WRAP

The "Captain's Wrap" is a wrap-up of important events that have occurred in our school over the last fortnight. In each edition of the newsletter we will hear from a different set of captains, as they provide you with examples of how they live our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Speechmasters Presentation Evening

On Thursday 10th August, we hosted our annual Speechmasters Presentation Evening for our Year Six cohort. The evening involved our Year Six students speaking to an audience of over 120 people!!!

The students were amazing in their confidence and delivery of their speeches.

The structure of the evening was based around the different types of public speaking, such as:

- * Inspirational speeches (talking about who inspires you)
- * Table talks (which is talking about an impromptu topic)
- * Passion speeches (talking about something you believe in)

The skills we gained from the evening were:

- * Being aware of our body movements and stance
- * Voice projection and clarity
- * The use of body movements to emphasise points
- * Audience engagement
- * Eye contact
- * Speed and pitch

Overall, it was a great night and everyone said they were so proud of us!

Well done to the entire Year Six Cohort!



KID'S CORNER

Our Learning Connection (school to life):

At school we talk about our values of Resilience, Respect and Responsibility. Well, on the weekend we used all of these values at our Cheerleading competition! Cheerleading is actually very challenging, both physically and mentally...but it is SO MUCH FUN!!!!

Below are some of our reflections of our weekend competition, at which our teams came third and fourth out of ten squads from all over Victoria.

Lacey (1/2W)- *"I learnt that being strong helps with the lifts. We have to work together to be strong enough to lift a person high in the air."*

Aria (3/4E)- *"Standing close to your partner and talking to them helps to minimise wobbling. Teamwork and getting along with others is really important."*

Tayah (1/2W)- *"Talking to my teammates before the competition and saying encouraging things helped us to succeed!"*



KID'S CORNER

At Upwey South Primary School, we value what is referred to as “Student Voice”. Student voice is defined as providing students with valid and meaningful opportunities to have input into the direction of their school and their own learning. After discussions with a number of students, we will now be featuring a “Kid’s Corner” in each newsletter.

This edition’s contributions celebrate how our students are living our School values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

My Learning Intention:

At the end of this term, I am going on a holiday with my family to visit an Indonesian school. The reason I am doing a “School in a Box” is because the students may not have the same things as us, and I am showing **Respect**.

Ms Griffiths is helping me to put things in the box which are from our school and might be useful for the Indonesian students to use at their school.

Success Criteria:

I will be able to tell my classmates about the differences and similarities between our school and the school I visited.

I will be able to explain how and why I chose the items for my “School in a Box”.



Level 3/4 Camp

Arrabri Lodge Warbuton

On the 2nd to 4th of August the 3/4 students, teachers and some parents went to Arrabri Lodge in Warburton for camp. The students bravely attempted a variety of outdoor activities in their groups over the two days. Such activities included: archery, guiding a blindfolded friend around an obstacle course, rock climbing, flying fox, giant swing, ropes course, mini golf as well as making and eating damper. A few brave adults, including Mr Kitch, attempted the giant swing!

Students showed responsibility and respect when having to set and clean-up their respective tables when on duty, in their groups, for meals. Parents and teachers were spoilt as we were waited upon by the students as they took our plates and cutlery to the kitchen for us.

On the first night there, we were treated to bush music and a bush dancing lesson. We then went on a little bush walk with our torches in the dark to find a warm and welcoming campfire which was ready for us so we could enjoy toasting a marshmallow. It was a skill to get the marshmallow crunchy on the outside and soft in the inside without burning it!

The second night the kids enjoyed watching a movie as a group. On both nights students all went to bed at a reasonable hour with minimal fuss and reminders to turn their lights off and sleep.

Students enjoyed their free time on camp playing soccer, footy, basketball, a few games of tennis, air hockey, table tennis, bouncing on the trampoline and snooker/pool.

On the last day we went for a short walk to the local hall where we had a great time meeting some reptiles such as a frilled neck lizard, a turtle, a few snakes and a blue tongue lizard.

On the way back to school, we stopped at Lilydale Lake for lunch and a play on the playground. We had a lovely stroll around part of the lake before heading back on the bus.

A big thank you to all the parents who came and helped-out, lead groups and was a shining example of having a go at different activities. Thank you Kylie Orr, Rod Hutchings, Dominique Bastin, Scott Young, Karlie Stansfield, Katie McKiernan! A special thank you to Gail Moncrieff, as this was her last camp. Thank you for your years of camp co-ordinating and being a reliable first-aider.



PTA NEWS

WHAT IS THE PTA?

The Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) is a volunteer group of parents and staff, who promote parent involvement within our school community. It is a positive way to bring new ideas and initiatives to the school. The PTA fundraises for extra items around the school that are not generally funded by the Department of Education. These items are chosen because they enhance the school grounds or benefit the learning environments for children and teachers. Volunteers are always welcome!

PTA EVENTS

Silver coin competition

Running from 31st July to 25th August, each class is collecting silver coins. The class with the highest dollar amount wins a prize. Staff are also competing!

Any loose change of the silver variety would be greatly appreciated.

Scout Raffle: ALL RAFFLE TICKETS SHOULD NOW BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL WHETHER SOLD OR UNSOLD.

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31st August. Anyone available to help set up or do a shift on the stall would be very welcome.

Special Lunch & Walkathon

One of the kids' favourite days of the year – dressing up in footy colours, completing the walkathon and having a hotdog lunch.

This is scheduled for 8th September. Helpers needed for both walkathon and lunch preparation please!

Trivia Night

Another big fundraiser of the school year. Please put the 21st October in your diaries. We are mixing it up this year and having electronic buzzers instead of all that paperwork! Quick, fun and environmentally-friendly. More information to follow.

HELP!

If you work for a business or know a business that could donate goods or services for silent auctions or door prizes, please let us know. The more we have available to sell, the more money the school makes, not to mention the more bargains you can scoop up on the night!

In addition, businesses or families can sponsor a table, or sponsor a round of trivia.

Class Donations

Each year, we ask classes to donate an item so we can make up a hamper to sell at the silent auction.

Tickets for the trivia night will go on sale, from the office, 1st September. Please join us for a fun night raising money towards the replacement of the art room kiln.

This week students will receive a notice requesting donations for hampers (to be used as silent auction items). Classes have been assigned different themes:

FP	Parties
FR	Baking
1/2G	Movie Night
1/2J	Games, Puzzles & Books
1/2W	Arts & Crafts
3/4D	Stationery
3/4E	Sports/Beach/Outdoors
3/4H	Gardening or Pampering
5/6H	Cleaning
5/6M	Chocolate
5/6O	Afternoon Tea

There is a basket at the office for other donations. Please bring in what you can by end of term.

QuizzaMe!

Quiz Night Fundraiser



You're invited

For a social trivia night fundraiser like you've never seen before! Bring your friends along for a great night of fun and entertainment.

What:

Upwey South Primary School Quiz

When:

7:00pm Saturday 21st October

Where:

Upwey Sth Primary School Gym,
91 Morris Rd,
Upwey

How:

\$25 per ticket

Includes entertainment, games, silent auction, heaps of prizes and more!



To book your tickets please call or email:
Upwey Sth Primary School Office 9757 0200
upwey.southps@edumail.vic.gov.au

No pens, no paper, just fun!

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True or False Game,
Last Person Standing Wins



Virtual Horse Race
Win Bonus Team Points



Bottle Toss
Game



Balloon Race
Game

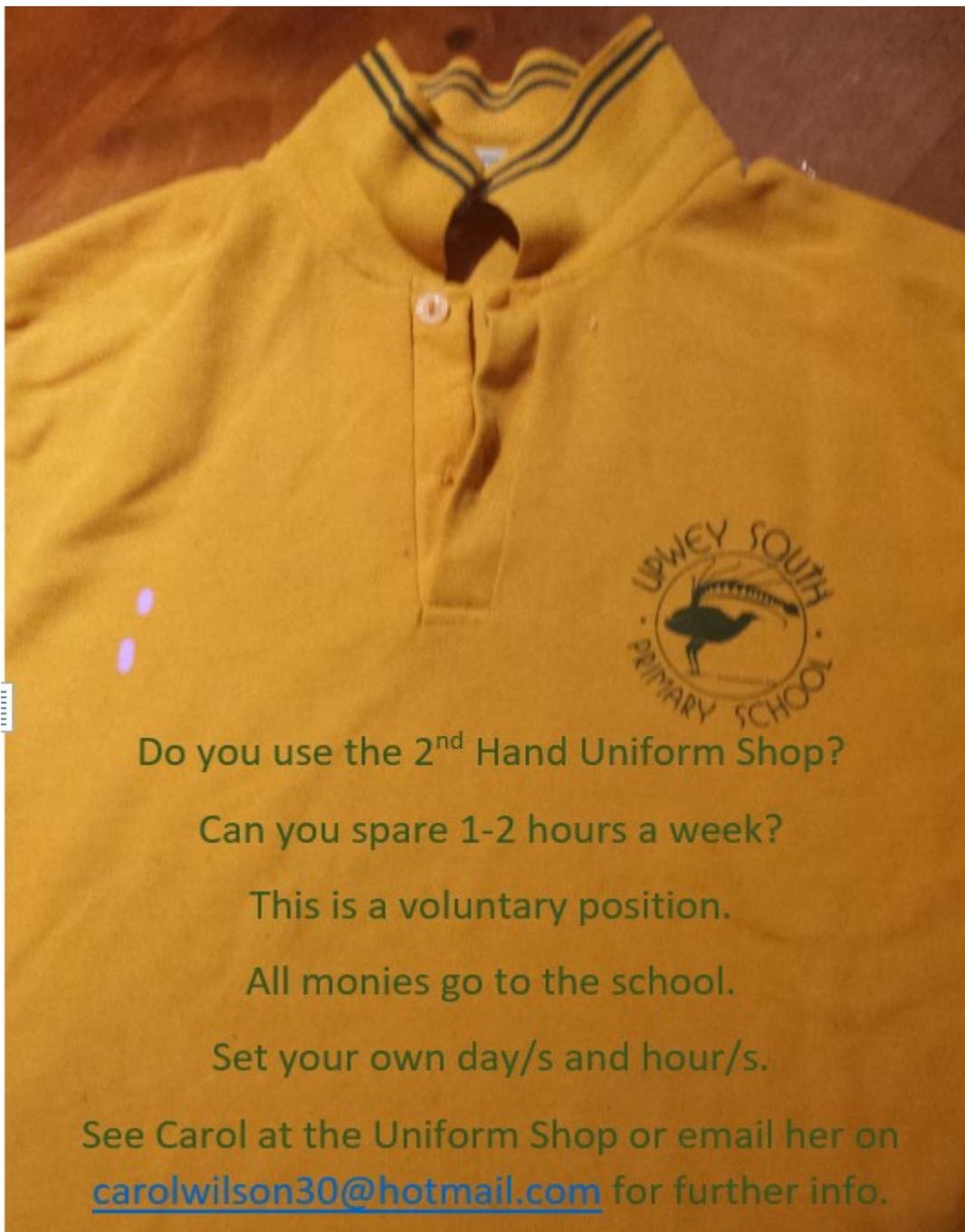
Ideas, donations or offers of help? Please contact:

PTA President, Katy (stevensonkaty@hotmail.com)

Office Manager, Janette (clarke.janette.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Many thanks for your continued support of the PTA fundraisers!
From the PTA.

Position Vacant Second Hand Uniform Shop



***Second Hand Uniform will be open this Thursday 17th
August 2017 from 8.30am—9.15am***

Congratulations

Student of the week awards

Name	Grade	In recognition for
Lainey G	FP	Her consistent effort and hard work during her recount writing
Noah P	FR	Demonstrating persistence and determination when writing his production recount
Laura J-H	1/2J	Demonstrating courage when reading her speech out at assembly last week
Sage L	1/2W	Working hard to achieve his personal goal, step outside his comfort zone and join in with class discussions
Pippa L	3/4D	Her fantastic efforts in her production recount
Aedan G	3/4E	Displaying determination & ability with his understanding of money and giving change
Riley Mc	3/4H	Writing a detailed recount on the Production—even on crutches
Samara P	5/6H	A well researched and confidently delivered passionate speech focused on Animal testing
Ashton S	5/6M	His creative efforts in narrative writing homework and SSS
Brigitte A	1/2J Visual Arts Award	Being creative while in the Art Room
Brooke R	3/4E Visual Arts Award	Making a realistic looking didgeridoo

Extend OSHC at Upwey South Primary

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

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Book 14 days in advance to receive the lowest rate.

Make your own DIY paints and have fun with messy art, participate in delicious cooking activities, learn all about persistence of vision by inventing your own spinning thaumatrope, and loads more!

To check out the daily schedule, visit our website at extend.com.au and book via the Parent Portal.

KIDS CLUB COMPETITION- VOTING HAS ALREADY STARTED!



Congratulations to Angelica Rowan for making it to the top 3 finalist in the senior competition!

Please show her your support and go to extend.com.au and give her your vote!!!

Program Planner

Special Interview with Saorla L and Charlie J-P - Year 5

The Activities I enjoy the most and why?- The Australian themed quizzes

Where I spend most of my time - In front of the heater/ activity room

What I have learnt—I learnt how Lamingtons were accidentally created

How can we improve OSHC- Turning the bag room into a music room so it doesn't get too noisy for the other children

TERM 3 THEME: <i>The world around us</i>	
Cooking from around the world	
21/08/17	BSC: My favourite food plate ASC: Dodgeball competition
22/08/17	BSC: Chinese themed colouring in sheets ASC: Chinese dumplings
23/08/17	BSC: Italian themed colouring in sheets ASC: Italian Gnocchi
24/08/17	BSC: Turkish cooking with Melissa ASC: Castles
25/08/17	BSC: Paper plan competition ASC:
Sustainability	
28/08/17	BSC: Hot glue gun- Mini gardens ASC: King of the cones
29/08/17	BSC: Recycled craft- monitor lead ASC: Making recycled paper
30/08/17	BSC: 10 ways to help the earth poster ASC: OSHC compost
31/08/17	BSC: Wool craft ASC: Special Visitor- Mini gardens
01/09/17	BSC: Recycled craft puzzles ASC: Movie and popcorn afternoon



Community News



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STARTS MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2017

6:00pm - 9:15pm



\$120 Funded (Concession)
\$500 Funded
\$3,000 Full Fee



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Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre | 10-12 Salisbury Rd, Upper Beaconsfield VIC 3808
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If you love working with children then this course is perfect for those wishing to enter into the Childcare industry. Learn everything you'll need to know to be able to provide quality care to children under 6 years. Possible career options include: Early Childhood Educator; Nanny; Family Day Care; Play Group Supervisor; Outside School Hours Care Assistant.

STARTS FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST 2017

9:30am - 4:30pm



\$40 Funded (Concession)
\$200 Funded
\$2,500 Full Fee



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Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care



Perfect for educators wanting to advance their career or those new to the industry. This course will allow you to supervise staff, design and implement learning plans and provide quality care for early childcare settings.

Possible career options include: Early Childhood Educator; Team Leader; Room Leader; Family Day Care; Child Services Coordinator.

STARTS TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2017

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 6:00pm - 9:15pm



\$60 Funded (Concession)
\$300 Funded
\$5,500 Full Fee



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Blackburn Cycling Club invites you to

Come & Try Track Cycling September 23rd Burwood East velodrome

This is an introductory session for junior/new riders

- Bring your own bike
- Free to attend
- Qualified coaches
- Safe environment to learn cycling skills, away from traffic
- Boys and girls welcome

BBN CC is one of Melbourne's leading cycling clubs
We run regular track racing and training sessions from October-April
Beginners, juniors, elite and masters
Track bikes available to borrow

Register your interest via email: info@bbn.org.au
www.bbn.org.au

Facebook: Blackburn Cycling Club



Community News



Timea, inspire the whole family with Sean Tan's beautiful and uplifting tale THE ARRIVAL, bought to life by Australia's award winning, premiere puppetry company **Spare Parts Puppets**.

"The Arrival is simply exquisite theatre. And I don't imagine it could be quite like anything you've seen before."- The West Australian

Be swept into Shaun Tan's fantastical world - a strange and wonderful metropolis full of floating ships, mysterious lights, alien symbols and weird animals.

'A sweet, simple story beautifully presented and performed'- Art Hub

The Arrival is a universal tale of the challenges, the humour and adventures of arriving in a new country and resonates far beyond any arrival... a new school, a new job, a new town.

The preview of the show is located at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lq5AqMzPtXU>

Sean Tan's THE ARRIVAL, by Spare Parts Puppets
SAT 26 AUG, 10:30AM & 1:30PM | Tickets \$18, Group 4+ \$15ea [BOOK HERE](#)



MINI RANGES

The Mini Ranges Basketball Program is specifically designed for primary school aged children for both boys and girls from Prep to Grade 6.

Developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere, this program will prepare children for junior domestic competition with Ranges Basketball Club. Ranges domestic Basketball Club have teams from U8 – U23 so if you are ages 6-22 we have a team for you!

To book a place for Mini Ranges or register for the upcoming Summer season commencing on 11 November 2017 please contact:

Carey on 0417 398 834 or ct3103@bigpond.com or Emma on 0458 663 105

Please note that parents are expected to stay and all participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner.

DATES: All Wednesday's:
16, 23, 30 August
6, 13, 20 September (*school holidays 22 Sept to 9 Oct NO CLINIC*)
11, 18 & 25th October

TIME: 4.30PM-5.30PM
WHERE: Monbulk College Sports Stadium
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHAT TO BRING: Runners and a basketball (not compulsory)

Community News



SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE WALK

On Monday 4th September 2017, the two camp directors, Gary and Steve are planning to walk from Sydney toward Melbourne in the hope of reaching Melbourne by 6th October 2017, a distance of 1016 km for the purpose of fundraising for the Kids of Gold camps.

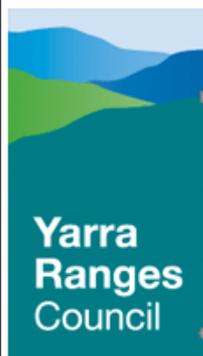
Gary's idea for the walk came from his own life journey. Leaving Sydney as a 7 year old, he lived in central NSW at Canowindra, then moved to Melbourne as a 10 year old. His parents left him and his brother at Laverton for 12 months as they went to Borneo to work. His Dad flew planes across the jungles of Borneo, after which Gary and his brother then joined him and spent 18 months living there. They then came back to Melbourne with their sister, and have lived there ever since!

Gary's father also became part of this 'equation'. One time in Borneo, he flew a plane into a very difficult landing strip at a place called BaKelalan. A fault developed in the engine grounding the aircraft, resulting in his father having to walk back to the mission base often through intense jungle. That 10 day walk was never forgotten, especially as his father was unable to eat much of the local food, resulting in him largely living off bananas, and losing 10kg in the journey!

Over the last 14 years, Gary has been involved in camps that began in Feb 2003. Parents and children were so enthusiastic about the camp they have grown to three camps a year and four levels. Kids Of Gold subsidises the camps at 60%, with the cost being about \$6500 to host each camp. To us it is more important that kids attend the camps than pay full price. From Bankstown Public School, Gary's first school, students, parents and teachers will walk with then to his home address, 124 Griffiths Avenue, then to his Grandpa's house at 850 Punchbowl Rd Punchbowl, to then be farewelled as they head for Melbourne, planning to arrive back on the steps of Parliament House late on Friday 6th October 2017.

KOG is specially designed for children to build confidence particularly if they are being bullied, have difficulty making friends or socially isolated. When kids were returning four or five times we needed to create a level 2 which focuses on looking to the future: goal setting, affirmations toward themselves and others and begin acting independently. This was soon followed by a level three where they take on more leadership situations: responsibility, offering assistance, friendship and the releasing power of forgiveness. We now have a leadership training level 4 and we are happy to see five of our campers as group leaders starting May camp 2015 to the present with all still active today.

We are very grateful for the support of



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