

ISSUE

February, 23rd 2018

Diary Dates

February

26th: Getting to Know You Parent-Teacher Interviews

27th: Getting to Know You Parent-Teacher Interviews

28th: JMSS Mini Mathematicians Program

March

2nd: Whole School Photo Day

7th: Dandenong Ranges District Swimming Carnival

9th: Whole School Curriculum Day

12th: Labour Day Public Holiday

13th: Victorian State Schools Spectacular (VSSS) Dance Rehearsal

14th: JMSS Mini Mathematicians Program

16th: Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival

19th-29th: Year 3-6 Swimming Program

28th: JMSS Mini Mathematicians Program

29th: Final Day of Term 1 2.30pm dismissal



Over the last fortnight, a large number of students have visited the Dental Van as part of our school-wide health program. This services provides families with the opportunity to access health services as part of the school day.

A Message from the Principal

In 2018, our school is undergoing a "Year of Review". This review period is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to examine what we do well, and to build upon enriching opportunities across our learning community. On top of regular classroom programs, the past fortnight across our school has seen our students engaging in a number of exciting learning initiatives, some of which have included:

⇒ **The John Monash Science School Mini-Mathematicians Program**

John Monash Science School is a select entry government secondary school, offering specialized education for students from across the state. Each year, JMSS offers two immersion programs for senior primary students to enrich their learning; Mini Mathematicians Program and Big Science– Little Scientists Program. Both of these programs are highly sought after, and are only offered to a few select schools each year. In 2018, we are very fortunate to be involved in both programs. Please refer to the attached article for more information.

⇒ **The USPS and Sherbrooke District Swimming Carnivals**

A huge congratulations to all of our students who chose to compete in the recent swimming carnivals. Keep an eye out in our next newsletter for Mr Webb's report and some amazing results from our students.

⇒ **The School Dental Van Program**

As a community minded school, we are focusing upon offering our families opportunities to support their child's classroom learning. As such, we had over 60 students recently attend the Dental Van Program.

⇒ **The AFL Community Access for Schools Program**

Last week we were fortunate to once again have the Hawthorn Football Club visit the school to hold a clinic for our Year 3-6 students. Please refer to the attached article for more information.

⇒ **The Victorian State Schools Spectacular Mass Choir and Mass Dance**

In 2018 we are extremely proud to have been selected for both the Mass Choir and the Mass Dance. Congratulations to all students who were selected and have begun to rehearse on a weekly basis.

⇒ **The Student Leadership Team Selection Process**

At Monday's assembly we announced our House Captains, who were selected through a student voting process. At the assembly on Monday 5th March, Specialist Captains will be announced, with the names and details of our entire Student Leadership Team being published in our next newsletter.

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Learning Enrichment Schedule

Programs which have been confirmed to date are:

School Choir

Who: interested Year 2-6 students

When: Monday 2:00pm-2:45pm

Where: Music Room

Running Club

Who: interested Year 3-6 students

When: Thursday 8:00am-8:30am

Where: school gym & surrounds

Yoga

Who: students who are interested in learning about and enjoying the benefits of yoga.

When: Wednesday 3:45pm-4:30pm

Where: School Library

NOTE: This is a fee paying service.

Gifted Insights

Who: selected students from Year One-Six, who qualify.

When: Tuesday 10:30am-12:30pm

Where: in the senior building.

NOTE: This is a fee paying service.

Glee Club

Who: students who enjoy singing and dancing

When: Friday 2:00pm-2:50pm

Where: Music Room

NOTE: This is a fee paying service.

*Instrumental Music Tuition occurs each day– all ages

Operation Hours

Before School Care

7:00am - 9:00am

After School Care

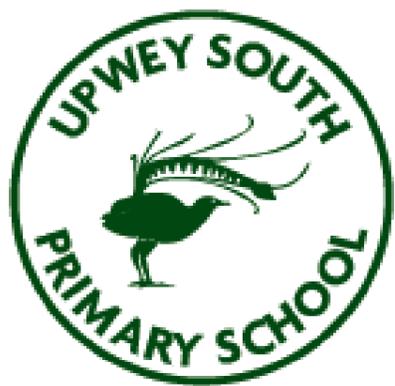
3:30pm - 6:30pm

Holiday Program

7:00am - 6:30pm



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The programs mentioned on the previous page provide our students with further opportunities to be involved in contributing on our journey to take our school “from good to great”. These are complemented by our continuous focus upon a positive learning environment.

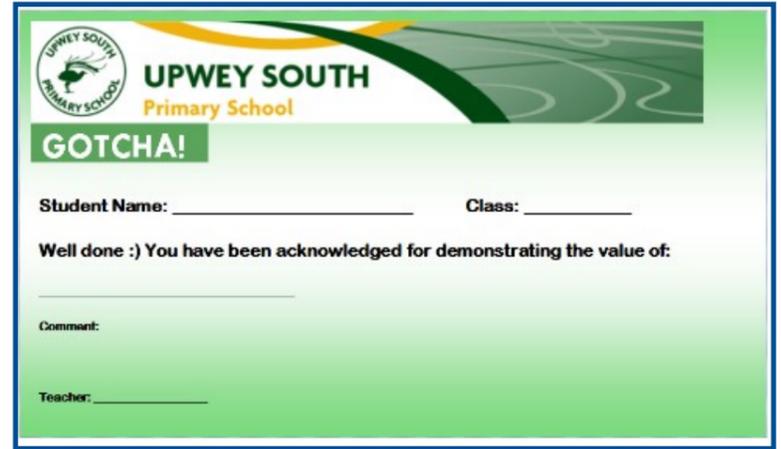
School Wide Positive Behaviours for Learning (SWPBL) @ Upwey South Primary School

A large part of our approach to educating our students is based upon “School Wide Positive Behaviours for Learning (SWPBL)”. Over the first month of school, each class has developed a matrix of agreed expectations which govern our thinking, actions and attitudes towards learning.

Gotcha Cards– An SWPBL System for the School Yard

In 2018 we are acknowledging positive behaviours and choices in the school yard during recess breaks. To do so, we have introduced a “Gotcha System” which involves teachers recognizing students who are making positive choices by handing them a personalized Gotcha Ticket. This ticket is then presented to the student’s class and the positive learning behavior is acknowledged by their teacher and peers.

In the first few weeks of school we have acknowledged 177 instances of positive student actions in the yard for cycle 1 (Tuesday 30th January to Friday 16th February)



Over these 14 days there were 42 recess breaks, or 1260 minutes of time students were in the yard. With students being recognised for positive actions on 177 occasions we are currently giving Gotcha cards at a rate of one Gotcha for every seven minutes of recess time. This is a terrific start, with scope to improve even further.

Our theme for the Gotcha system is ***“Building our Learning Community, through one Random Act of Kindness at a Time”***.

The specificity of feedback is very important, when giving a Gotcha we must identify the school value demonstrated by the student, along with written acknowledgement of the desired positive behavior for learning. Thank you all for a wonderful start! As you visit the school, look for the Gotcha Cards displayed in each learning space.

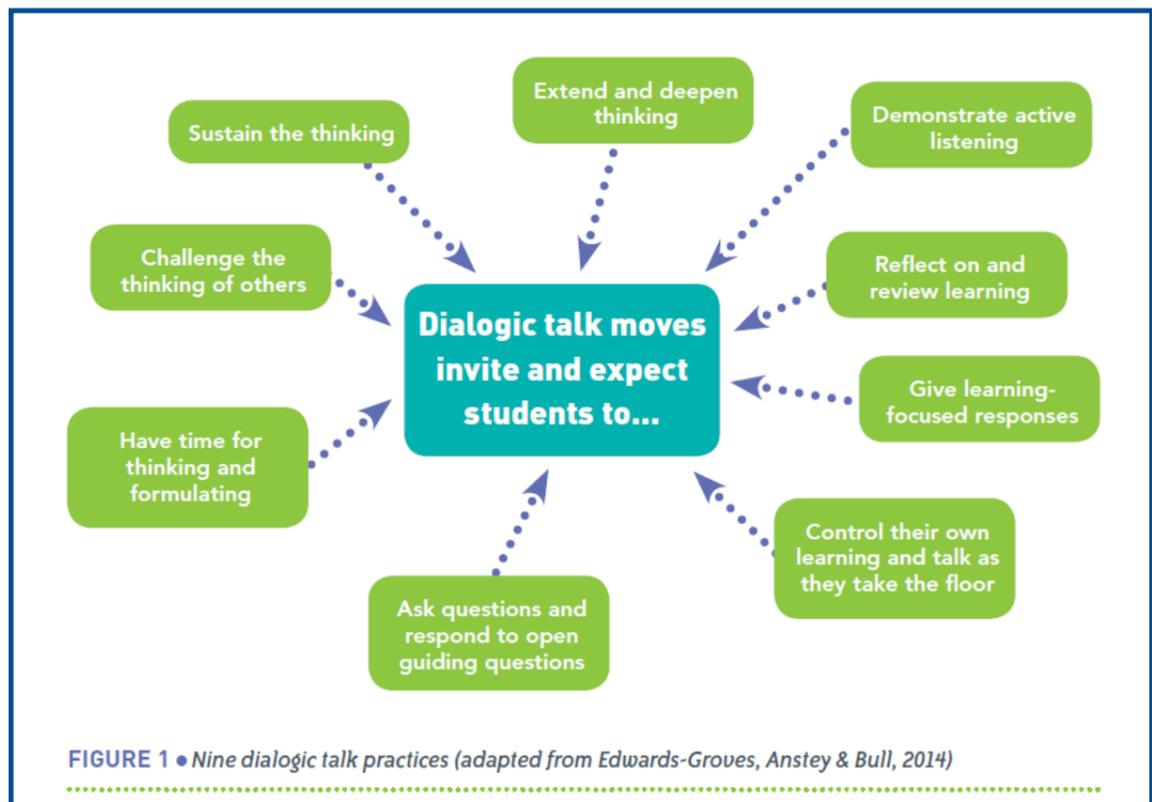
Talk Moves– An SWPBL Strategy for Respectful Communication.

Over the past few weeks, each student at USPS has been engaging in learning more about “Talk Moves”.

Talk moves are a school-wide series of body language cues which enable effective dialogic learning to occur. That is to say, through respectfully listening to the learning strategies of others, we too can expand upon our own learning strategies.

As you visit the school, look around for our students utilizing talk moves to respectfully support and challenge their own and others learning strategies.

Below are the hand signals for the USPS Talk Moves.



Talk Moves

Talk moves are a classroom norm, which support positive behaviours for collaborative learning.

A classroom norm can be defined as a “learning expectation” which we engage with ALL OF THE TIME.

Staff should naturally model talk moves when engaging with learners.

I connect with your strategy/ thinking.
(waving hand back and forth towards thinker)

I understand.

I respectfully challenge your thinking.

I do not yet understand.

I understand, and have one strategy/ comment to add.

I understand, and have two strategies/ comments to add.
(etc up to four fingers.)



How can you get involved in SWPBL as a parent?

This Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February, we are holding our "Getting to Know You Interviews".

These meetings are a great chance for you to seek feedback from your child's teacher, as to how you can become involved in contributing towards our learning community. There are many opportunities, from classroom helping, to PTA and School Council.

As a parent, you play an extremely important role in helping to promote positive behaviors for learning across our school. As we enter Term Two, we will be holding a series of family information evenings which address and further explain SWPBL.

In the meantime, if you are interested in becoming involved in helping to shape the future directions of our school, then check out the information below regarding nominating for School Council.

Damien Kitch – Principal
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UPWEY SOUTH

Primary School

Upwey South Primary School

School Council Election Timeline 2018

EVENT	DATE
Stage 1: <i>Notice of election and call for nominations</i>	Tuesday 20 th February 2018
Stage 2: <i>Closing date for nominations</i> <i>If more nominations than vacancies are received then a ballot will be conducted.</i> <i>If nominations equal the number of vacancies, then no ballot will be required.</i>	Wednesday 28 th February 2018 Nominations close at 4:00pm
Stage 3: <i>Date by which list of candidates and nominations will be posted</i>	Friday 2 nd March 2018
<i>Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required)</i>	Friday 2 nd March 2018
Stage 4: <i>Close of ballot and vote count</i>	Friday 9 th March 2018 Ballots close at 4:00pm
<i>Declaration of poll to the school community</i>	Monday 12 th March 2018
Stage 5: <i>First council meeting to elect office bearers</i> <i>(the principal will preside the first meeting)</i>	Monday 19 th March 2018 @ 7:30pm (following the AGM)



UPWEY SOUTH Primary School

Tuesday 20th February 2018

Notification of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each year, Department of Education and Training (DET) schools are required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the month of March.

At this meeting, the School's Annual Report is tabled and presented to community members in attendance. Following the AGM, the Annual Report is then published on the School website and is available for public access.

What is in the Annual Report?

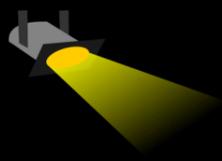
The Annual Report is a report which contains information about the school from the immediately preceding calendar year. The report is produced on a DET template and generally contains information about:

- School context (eg: capturing demographics and local context)
- Student Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing
- School Profile and Performance Summary (a comparison to other schools)
- Financial Performance and Position

Who can attend the AGM, what does it involve, and when is it being held?

The AGM is open to any member of the School community to attend. The Upwey South Primary School AGM is scheduled for 7:00pm Monday 19th March, and will be held in the Lifelong Learning Centre.

Most primary school AGMs last approximately 30 minutes, and constitute the formal presentation of the information contained in the Annual Report. The opportunity for questions are welcome, although the intent of the AGM is not to generate extended discussions across those in attendance. The opportunity to respond to the Annual Report, and to actively engage in extended discussions about the future directions of the school, is available by becoming actively involved in the School Council, or one of the School Council subcommittees.



The Spotlight

John Monash Science School Mini Mathematicians Program

During 2018 Upwey South Primary School has the honour of being selected to participate in the John Monash Science School “Mini Mathematicians” and “Little Scientist” Programs. The Mini Mathematicians Program aims at providing primary school students with the opportunity to explore mathematics and problem solving like real mathematicians do. Lessons are delivered by passionate Year 10 and 11 mathematics students with a focus on building problem-solving skills and the students’ ability to communicate mathematics

After being successful in their written applications, Mr Kitch and I had the pleasure of accompanying 4 very excited Grade 6 students to the JMSS School for the Mini Mathematicians program last Wednesday, 14th February. Here are some of their reflections on their experience.

Mrs Pendlebury

The Caesar Cipher Wheel was named after Julius Caesar. He used it for secret communication. He would substitute every letter for another letter further along. The Cipher we created used an encryption key set using the inner number and outside letter. Once we knew how to set the key, we could crack codes and send each other secret messages.

Samuel

When we got there, Ashton, Samuel, Harry and I were a bit nervous but excited. Stepping into the school for the first time, we were amazed at the building, it all looked so modern and well done. Once we got into the classroom there were lots of displays and equipment to look at. We were really interested in the quartz, limestone and obsidian displays. The first lesson we did was based on a decoder used in World War II. It was used to send encrypted messages. We had to crack a code on the board. On the car ride back we thought we did pretty well even though we were nervous.

Joschka

It was lots of fun to teach our friends back in the classroom. Most of our class really enjoyed our lesson and were able to crack their partner’s secret code. It really helped me to understand it better when I had to explain it to the class.

Ashton

The VCE students come in and teach you about very complicated maths that will stretch you to the top of a Primary School student’s abilities. It was great for some first time teaching with VCE students.

Harrison





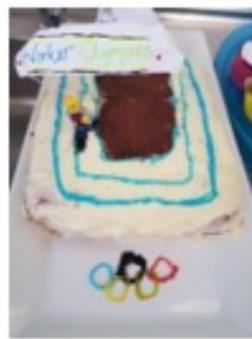
Home Learning in the Year 5-6 Learning Community

Home Learning in Year 5-6 has taken on a creative approach based upon the Winter Olympics. This fortnight's task was to "Make, Bake or Create".

There was plenty of creativity, with sports such as curling, snowboarding, ice hockey, speed skating, aerial and ski jumping represented. There were Olympic rings, gold medals and we even had a melted snowman!

The interest and engagement in learning has been most evident.

Please refer to some of our photos from the Year 5-6 students.



Student of the Week

Acknowledging positive learning behaviours

Student	Class	Positive Learning Behaviour
Savannah B	FP	Making positive choices in class to help her learning
Jack C	FR	Being ac conscientious and polite student
Lachlan C	3/4 H	Working hard this week and trying his best
Ben B	5/6 C	Showing maturity towards his learning. Well done!
Lidia S	5/6 M	For a confident approach to reading
Riley Mc	5/6 P	Taking responsibility in his learning
Samuel C	Performing Arts Award	In recognition of your experience in learning an instrument and sharing with the class
Alisha Gaida	Japanese Award	Managed her time effectively during her first Japanese class. She knew when to stop and packed up quickly.
Tyler M	PE Award	Setting an outstanding score for himself in the beep test in P.E. of level 10.2
River Scanlon	Japanese Award	Showing excellent manners during the class discussion and completing the task in time. Very well done!

Principal Learning Awards

Embedding school pride, through living our school values.



A huge congratulations to those students who were elected to join our Student Leadership Team.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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!

The next PTA meeting will be held in the staffroom at 9.00am on 14th March 2018

Anybody is most welcome to this meeting, it would be great to see some new faces.

*****There are still positions open for the PTA including President & Vice President*****

2017 was a great year for the PTA. We held a number of very successful events, raised a great amount of money to go towards our future goals, we are slowly growing in numbers and strength. Some of the events that we were involved in during 2017 were:

- Special Lunches – BBQ, Fish and Chips, Hot Dog and Pizza
- Open day BBQ
- Walkathon
- Mothers' and Fathers' Day Stalls
- Shindig
- Refreshments and Raffle at Grandparents' Day
- Silver coin challenge
- Scouts Australia Our School Raffle
- Trivia Night

UPCOMING EVENTS: 15th March 2018—Special lunch (BBQ)

FUNDRAISING IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION IN 2018

- ⇒ Fashion Swap
- ⇒ Trivia Night
- ⇒ Sock Disco (Evening)
- ⇒ Muffin Day

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is held in the Sapling end of Forest Oak every Thursday from 8.30am.

We are looking for an extra volunteer to help out every week from 8.15am to 9.15am.

If you would be interested in helping out please let Clare or Janette know in the office.



Extend at Upwey South Primary

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MOLLIE OSHC: 0487700024

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce the launch of a brand new and exciting platform for families.

All families requiring bookings for 2018 Before School Care and After School Care (existing and new families) must create a new account with LookedAfter. <https://www.lookedafter.com/>

New Term 1 Monitors

Congratulations to the children who were successfully chosen as our Term One monitors

Sustainability- Helping with recycling, feeding the chickens left overs and promoting and creating compost for the garden	Oliver M Daniel O Ferm M Leigh P
Sunsmart- Giving out sunscreen, making sure children are wearing their hats and updating the service about the UV rating for that day	Nathan D Thomas D Dylan B
Time Monitor- Informing staff of the time at different stages of the session	Alexis B Ruby G Rachael A
Comfort Monitors- Giving out bean bags and our fluffy Extend friends during circle times.	River S Archie A Luca B Charlee-belle C
Kitchen Monitor- Helping with the dishes, setting out the table and cutting fruit	Hannah F Angus F Abigail P Tahlia R

Term 1 2018- Fortngiht plan	
Monday 26th Feb	BSC: All about me chatter box ASC: Science: Rainbow shav-
Tuesday 27th Feb	BSC: Create your own game competition ASC: Common-
Wednesday 28th	BSC: Basketball round robin ASC: Cooking: Decorating cook-
Thursday 1 st March	BSC: Commonwealth games playdoh symbol ASC: Sceince: Glitter slime
Friday 2 nd March	BSC: Pancakes and cartoons ASC: Commonwealth game sport- table tennis
Monday 5 th March	BSC: My family 3D ASC: Cooking: Sherbet
Tuesday 6 th March	BSC: Dodge-ball ASC: "My best painting" exhibition
Wednesday 7 th	BSC: Loomband workshop- how to make an octopus ASC:
Thursday 8 th March	BSC: Commonwealth games word search ASC: Science: Rainbow skittle experiment
Friday 9 th March	Pupil Free day- EXTEND PROGRAM RUNNING



AFL- HAWTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB SCHOOL CLINIC

Last Wednesday we were paid a visit by Paul Puopolo and David Mirra from the Hawthorn Football Club. They answered questions about their paths to the AFL and the requirements of being elite sportsmen. They also ran a clinic and played a few games. This was “Poppy’s” 5th visit to our school and he told us that he loves coming to Upwey South.

Gary Monopoli



SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please note that school supervision commences at 8.45AM before school and ceases at 4.45PM after school. Students arriving at school before or leaving school after these times are required to attend Before & After School Care. This is a safety requirement to ensure our full attention can be given to supervising your child.

Parents are asked to contact the office if you are running late to collect your child in an afternoon. Emergency situations arise but it would not be expected that this would be a daily or weekly issue.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter and helping to keep all our children safe.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ashlea J, Lara R, Ryley J, Tahlia R, Kye S, Archie A, Liam Mc, Alex C, Will M, Emily T, Nathan D, Zoe H, Abbey G, Tara D, Rebekah W, Thomas D, Lavinia M, Rhiannon C, Alisha G, Luther G, Lincoln C, Alexis B, Jack E, Noah H, Mikayla H, Thomas B, Nathaniel C, Reagan Y,

Is it your birthday?

With parent permission, students may wear casual clothing to school to make their birthday even more special.

Charlie J-P, Oliver R, Noah V, Aidan G, Holly B, Lillie D, Mason E, Tia S, Jack C, Charlize N, Quinn C, Samuel C & Leah B-J

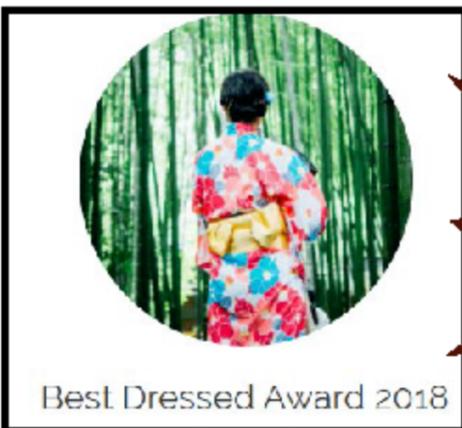
MELBOURNE JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 25 2018
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The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival continues to bring the best of contemporary and traditional Japanese culture to your door step. This festival features traditional acts such as Taiko drumming, Okinawan folk music, along with exhilarating martial art and dance performances. (Website: <http://jcjsm.org.au/fest/>)



Best Dressed Award 2018

Lots of food
stalls and
shops!



Costume Categories:

1. Yukata & Kimono
2. Cosplay

If you have a passion for cosplay or you'd like to dress up in a Yukata/Kimono, then this is a great chance to have fun and maybe even win a prize!



Community News

KUMON

Confident to learn each day

Strengthen the skills your child learns at school with Kumon Maths and English.



Contact your local Kumon Centre to hear how we can support your child's learning.

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Instructor: Sophia Ngu

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<http://au.kumonglobal.com>



An Invitation to Early Years Services, Schools and Community Groups

Early Years Strategic Action Plan 2018-21 Consultation Sessions

Yarra Ranges Council is developing an Early Years Strategic Action Plan (2018-2021) to confirm and act on key priorities, and make informed decisions, that will improve services and facilities for families and children aged 0- 8 years old in the Yarra Ranges.

Schools and early years services providers are a key, and very important, stakeholder group we are seeking to engage with and we are extending an invitation to you to attend one of the following consultation sessions.

Thursday March 8th . 4.00– 5.30 pm
Monbulk Living and Learning Centre.
21 Main Rd, Monbulk

Wednesday March 14th 4.00—5.30 pm
Coldstream Primary School .
Kelso St, Coldstream

Afternoon Tea provided

To book - Click on Preferred Date. Register on Eventbrite.

[Thursday March 8th](#)

[Wednesday March 14th](#)

For more information contact :-
Anne Monichon, Coordinator, Early & Middle Years Partnerships,
Community Services. Tel: 9294 6243.
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Email: info@keyassets.com.au

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Community News



FREE RUNNING CLUB

THURSDAY MORNINGS 8AM

Do You Want to Improve Your Running?

Come join us for our early morning running club 8-8:30am on Thursday mornings. Kellie Macknamara, qualified personal trainer, will be taking 30min sessions to help improve technique, endurance and speed.

Together we will train for cross country, athletics and general fitness.

There is no cost to join the program, however bookings are essential.

Please call Kellie 0417 367 816

YEAR 36 STUDENTS

IMPROVE FITNESS,
TECHNIQUE AND
ENDURANCE

BUILD FRIENDSHIPS AND
TEAM MORALE

QUALIFIED PERSONAL
TRAINER

HILL REPS, SPRINT WORK,
LONG RUNS, BODY WEIGHT
EXERCISES!

*All activities held within
the grounds of USPS

MEET AT UPWEY
SOUTH PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Breakfast Program available
afterwards

Commencing Thursday 8th
March

Bookings Kellie 0417 367 816

Community News

Tiger Squad



Summer Junior Development Program

This is open to all boys and girls (Separate boys and girls groups will be run.) from U9's through to U14's to help further develop their AFL football skills with our experienced coaches.

Monday Nights from 6:00pm — 7:00pm
12th February — 19th March

To be held at the
Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club Talaskia Reserve
Cnr Talaskia Street and Edward Street,
Upper Ferntree Gully 3156
Cost: Only \$10 per child
(First session free for new players)

Come along and join the fun

For more information contact president@utjfc.com

UPWEY TECOMA J.F.C U14—U18 Pre Season Training



Where: Talaskia Reserve Upper Ferntree Gully
When: Every Wednesday starting 14th February
Time: 7.00pm — 8.00pm

Girls 12 years to 17 years old who are interested in playing football are invited to attend our pre season fitness and skills training and register for the 2018 season.

Contact girlsfooty@utjfc.com



OnPsych School Psychology Services

Do you find that your child is displaying emotional or behavioural issues? OnPsych are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services working in primary and secondary schools in both individual and group settings. Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent through Medicare bulk billing.

We are now lucky to have an OnPsych staff member at Upwey South Primary School, Lily.

Who is Lily?

Lily is a passionate psychologist who works with both children and adolescents who are experiencing a range of psychological issues such as anxiety and mood disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, interpersonal, learning and behavioural disorders, exam stress, self harming and adjustment difficulties (social & situational). Lily employs psychological techniques such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, client-centred and solution-focused therapy with psycho-education. Lily firmly believes that a collaborative approach will produce the most successful outcomes for a child. If you believe that this might benefit your child, please contact your child's classroom teacher for further instructions.

If you would like any further clarifications about the onPsych service, please call us at 1300 659 350.