

## Diary Dates

### May

**8th:** SSS Dance Rehearsal & ICAS Digital Tech

**9th:** JMSS Science & House Cross Country

**10th:** Mothers Day Stall

**11th:** Mothers Day Morning

**14th:** School Council Meeting 7pm

**15th:** Naplan LC/ Writing: Yr 3 & 5

**16th:** Naplan Reading: Yr 3 & 5

**17th:** Naplan Numeracy: Yr 3 & 5; Book Fair

**18th:** Book Fair  
Grandparents/Special Visitors Day

**21st:** Education Week begins Book Fair

**22nd:** Book Fair

**23rd:** Book Fair  
JMSS Science  
Upwey Volleyball Cup @UHS

**25th:** District Cross Country

**29th:** ICAS Science

**30th:** Sherbrooke District Winter Round Robin

### Dates to plan ahead for:

### June

**8th:** Curriculum Day

**25th & 26th:** Student Led Conferences (parent-teacher interviews)

### July

**30th:** Curriculum Day

### October

**8th:** Curriculum Day



Our School Captains attending the Schools' ANZAC Day Service at The 1000 Steps

## A Message from the Principal

Welcome everyone to what will be a very exciting Term Two for our school community!

Last Wednesday, I was fortunate to accompany our School Captains to an ANZAC service at The 1000 Steps. As Principal, I am so proud of the manner with which our school leaders represent their peers through the promotion of our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Following the service, we held an in-depth discussion back at school, during which we made many connections between our school values and the four pillars of the ANZACs.

For those of you who attended our ANZAC Service on Monday afternoon, I am sure that you will agree with me when I say that during our assembly, our students showed a level of emotional intelligence and empathy beyond their years.

### *Are you staying up to date with school news?*

**This week we have relaunched our school website**, with a number of new and interesting pages being added to the site.

The updates reflect the current educational direction of our school, and we are proud of the:

- ⇒ easy to navigate menu items
- ⇒ simple layout of information and clarity of text
- ⇒ tablet and mobile friendly appearance
- ⇒ focus on who we are and what we do
- ⇒ strong educational lens with which information is available.

**A huge thank you to Rachel (mother of Alice 34M & Sarah 1A) for her support and guidance with the design and implementation of our website.**

The recent power outage on Tuesday, also highlighted the need for all families to have Flexibuzz installed on a mobile device, as during such incidences we communicate real-time and important information to families via this app.



## Learning Enrichment Schedule

Programs available during Term Two are so extensive that we have run out of room to print them here!

For details, visit our new Learning Community Wall outside of the school office,

or visit our updated School Website link @

<http://www.upweythps.vic.edu.au/extra-curricular-programs/>

### OSHC Hours

**Before School Care**  
7:00am - 9:00am

**After School Care**  
3:30pm - 6:30pm

**Holiday Program**  
7:00am - 6:30pm

[www.extend.com.au](http://www.extend.com.au)



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## Our School Values

On the previous page I mentioned our school values, which are listed at the top of each newsletter page. Last Monday, at our first assembly of Term Two, the School Captains read out what these mean to our student cohort. This understanding of “how we live” our values came from classroom discussions in Term One, and the development of our SWPBL Matrix.



Please see above the posters which are now displayed in each area of the school.

Can't read the above images? Please visit our updated website @ <http://www.upweythps.vic.edu.au/our-school-values/>

## Developments in Teaching and Learning: Term Two @ USPS

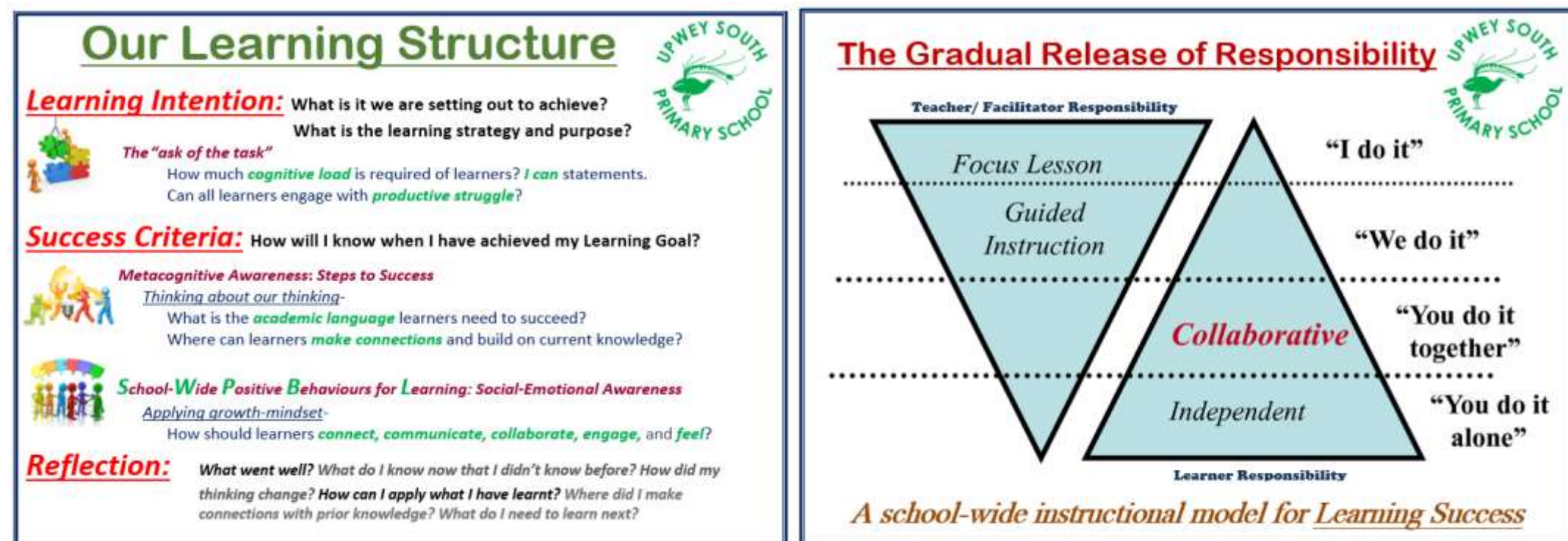
Throughout Term One, the staff of our school have been engaging in extensive professional learning regarding the importance of school-wide practices in teaching and learning. This has been led by our Strategic School Improvement Team (SIT), and we are proud to share with you our newly adopted school-wide instructional model.

There is a lot to learn about the model, which sets out the “how” and “why” of our daily teaching and learning. Over the next term, students will become more familiar with the language of our model as we explicitly broaden their understanding of how to be a “great learner”.

Keep your eye out for more upcoming information for families!


In the meantime, please find out more in-depth by visiting our updated website @:

<http://www.upweythps.vic.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/>



**2019 Prep Enrolments now open!**  
**Click here to enrol.**





## ILLNESS/INJURY PARENT NOTIFICATION

91 Morris Rd, Upwey VIC 3158 Phone: (03) 9757 0200

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm DUTY TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION IF INJURED: CLASSROOM ☐ EXCURSION/CAMP ☐ SPORT ☐  
SCHOOL GROUND ☐

**Dear Parent,**  
**Today your child received first aid attention**

☐ Was stung or bitten

☐ Vomited

☐ Complained of stomach ache

☐ Had a bad cold

☐ Had an asthma attack

☐ Received a blow to/knock to the head

☐ Received a heavy knock/bruising

☐ Received cuts/abrasions

☐ Complained of headache


☐ Had a nose bleed

☐ Complained of ear ache

☐ Suffered from rash

☐ Complained of toothache

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



TREATMENT: Your child was

☐ given First Aid at school (clarify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ contacted parents/guardians by phone: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Message left at: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

☐ contacted emergency contacts: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Message left at: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

☐ Name of person contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ First Aid Officer ☐  
Other staff member ☐

Contact information not up to date: ☐ Please update at office ASAP

## First Aid Notifications and Updating of First Aid Process

Towards the end of Term One, all staff at USPS underwent Level 2 First Aid Training.

Following this training, we discussed a number of areas in which we wanted to improve as a school.

As a result, the following is now in place:

- ⇒ all injuries which are treated at school (both by a yard duty teacher or inside the First Aid Room) will be recorded on the attached form (see left). This form will then be sent home with the child, with a carbon copy remaining at school.
- ⇒ Students who are unwell, will be escorted to the First Aid office by a staff member or student leader; dependent upon circumstances. No child is to walk to the First Aid office without assistance.
- ⇒ Parents of Prep– Yr 2 students will be contacted via phone if their child presents at First Aid, and is given treatment. Contact will be made on a case-by-case basis.

## School Council President Report?

This month was our first regular Upwey South School Council meeting after the AGM in March. So it was my first opportunity to thank our new council members and give them an introduction to council and our roles and responsibilities. It's great to have such a large group of parents at our school that continue to want to be involved and be advocates for the school community.

We have a big year ahead of us, not just with council but all of the school community as some of the changes and new directions that are being put in place start to take shape and affect everyone's time at school.

Damien briefed us on some of the educational frameworks that are being used at USPS now, all of which are showcased on the walls near the office. Not only is this fantastic for our whole learning community, Damien has already been asked to present the concepts to other schools in our region. I'd encourage all parents to have a read over them when they have a moment.

We also have re-structured our sub committees this year, and now have three new committees: Finance & Facilities, Community Relations, and Policy Development. We're just starting to get our heads around the roles here, and I think we've all got lots of work to do in relation to these areas, so this meeting was more of a starting point and planning for the rest of the year.

Also a couple of smaller, but very noticeable things, we've approved are new full length zipper polar fleece jacket, (this will replace the half zip polar fleece jacket) for the school uniform, and we discussed a re-vamp of the foundation/1/2 take home readers. There are more books scattered around the school that could be utilised in these grades, and an opportunity to sort through what is there and perhaps look at acquiring some new readers would be great.

And finally, we're also going to work on more interaction between school council members and the rest of the school community, starting with adding our photos to the staff boards near the office. So you'll hopefully be able to recognise us in the school yard and chat about all the things the school is working on. I'm looking forward to speaking to everyone.

Cheers,  
Nick



# Student of the Week

Acknowledging positive learning behaviours

Student	Class	Positive Learning Behaviour
Chloe L	1/2D	Focussing hard to complete her work in class and producing a fantastic addition strategy book
Nathan D	1A	Ongoing persistence
Matilda M	1A-Visual Art	Always putting 100% effort into her Artwork
Chris P	3/4H	Being a wonderful leader and trying your best
Anthony T	3/4P	Being an exceptional role model at recess times modelling the 3R's
Chloe P	5/6C	Showing brilliant confidence in class
Ryley J	5/6P	For always being enthusiastic and engaged in your learning and showing respect and kindness to everyone in 5/6P
Lydia S	5/6M-Visual Art	Displaying a high level of skill when producing pieces of plasticine relief Art
Ruby G	5/6P-Visual Art	Creating an amazing piece of 'Plasticine Relief Art' of the Gruffalo
Brigitte A	1/2D-Japanese	Has not only learnt the question and the answer sentences by heart but also applied the answer sentence to classroom items in Japanese
Stella M	1/2D-Japanese	Always comes to the Japanese class with positive spirit. In week 1, she has worked hard to master the Japanese weather song

Principal Learning Awards

Embedding school pride, through living our school values.



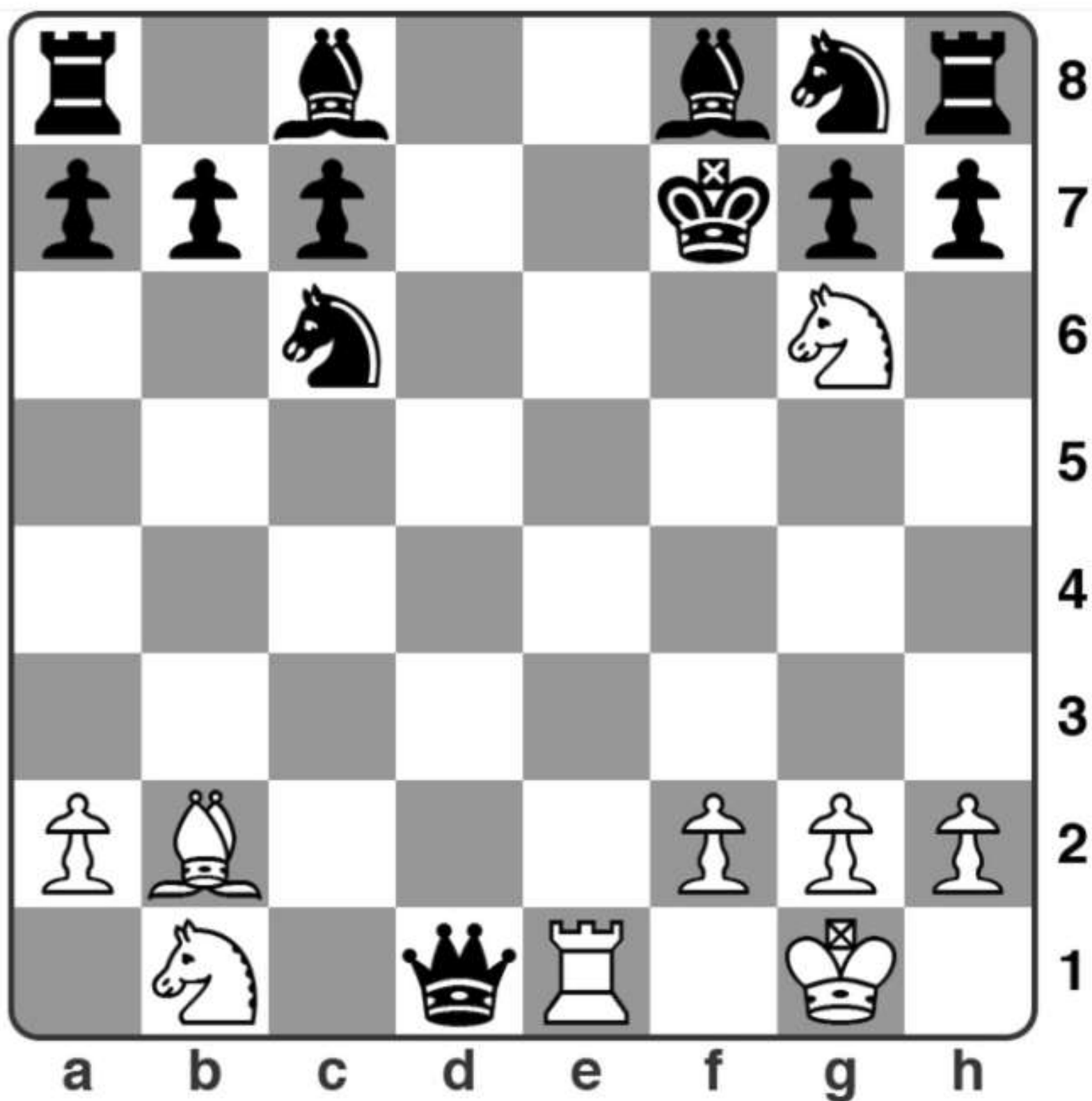
Stephanie and Olivia (56M)

During the recent holiday break, Stephanie and Olivia were selected to be part of an expert panel for a book launch by locally renowned author Pauline Hoskings.

Please see below some great photos of the girls when they presented to a huge audience at Belgrave Library.



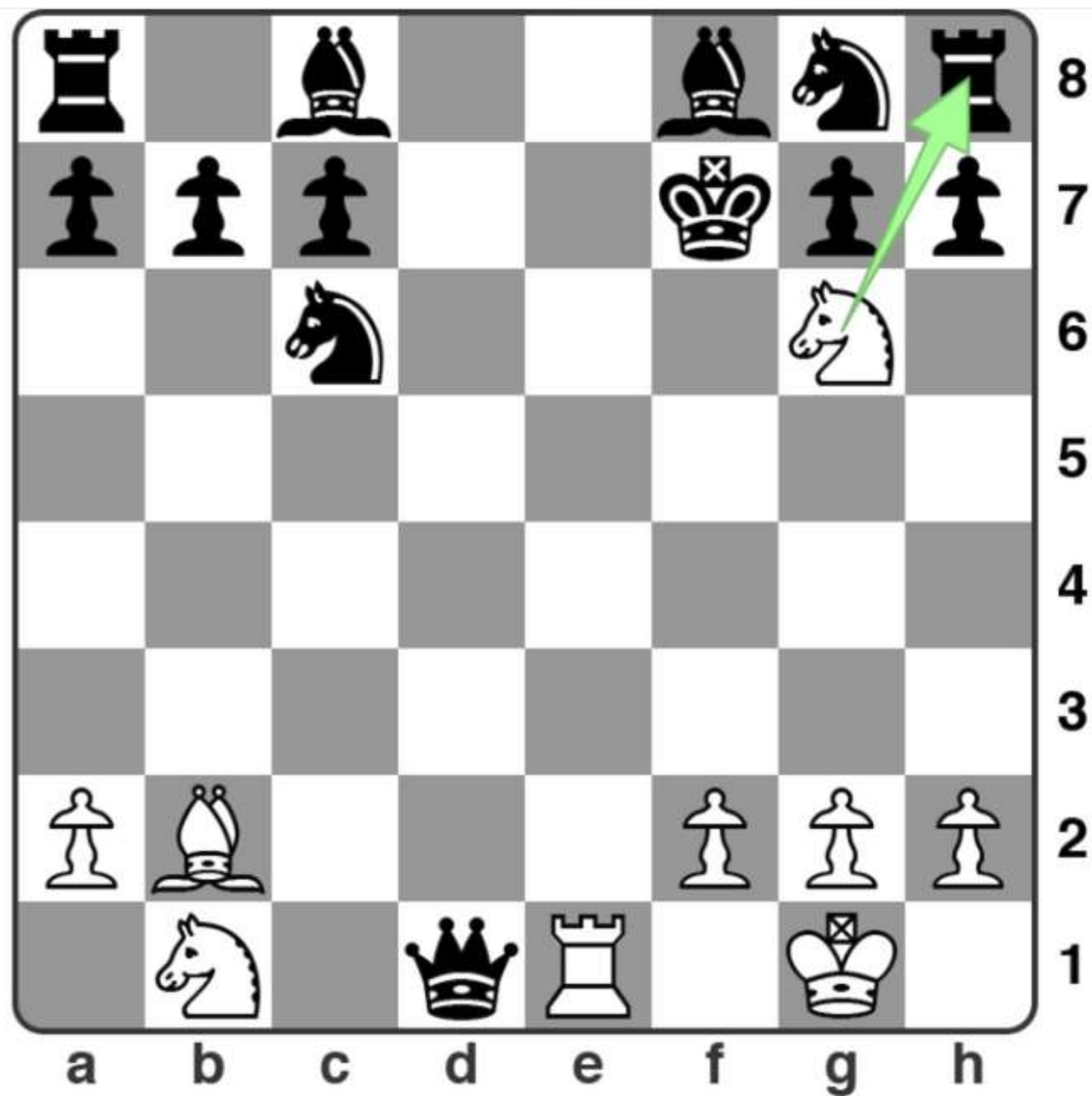
# Afternoon Recess Chess Club, Every Wednesday 2.00-2.45pm,



*White to play, what is the best move?*



# Afternoon Recess Chess Club, Every Wednesday 2.00-2.45pm!



*Checkmate as played by 11 year old  
Paul Morphy, a Chess Prodigy!*

### Mothers' Day Open Morning 8:30-10am 11/5/18.

All mothers are invited to join us on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

The school will open at 8:30am for students and mums to enter.

Mums are welcome to get a cuppa in the staffroom or Junior Building.

Each area will offer small nibbles for Mums to enjoy. Scones, biscuits, dips or other nibbles will be prepared in advance by the students.

At 9am join your child/children in class to participate in the lesson.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Upwey South Primary School Staff

### Choir/Glee Performance – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

We are very excited to announce that our school Choir (including all SSS singers) and Glee Club will be performing on the radio at the 3MDR studios (our friendly neighbours in Forest Park) on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May on The Imaginary Friends Show. All singers need to meet me and Mr Kitch at the Forest Park Homestead at 8.00am. Please do not be late and try to do your vocal warm up before you arrive (sorry parents). The broadcast will start at approximately 8.30am and run for 20 minutes. We will be singing 'I am Children of the World' and Glee Club will sing 'The Banaha Song' with Amaris. Our Arts captains will also be interviewed and talk about the exciting Arts program we have at our school. This is a great opportunity to showcase the talent we have at our school. I so hope you can join us.

Choir and Glee club will also be performing at Grandparents/Special Visitors Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for supporting the arts at Upwey South Primary School.

Penelope Lang

### Fresh Fruit Fridays

*Fresh Fruit Fridays will be starting this Friday 16th March 2018.*

Each Junior School class will receive a platter of cut up fruit.

If any parents could volunteer their time to cut up and distribute the fruit each Friday morning from 8.50am it would be greatly appreciated.

You must sign in at the office and have a current Working with Children check.

*All fruit is donated by our local IGA in Upwey, we thank them for their continued generosity.*



### SWIMMING LOST PROPERTY

**We have a Year 6 top size XS at the office. This top was left in the change rooms at Monbulk Swimming Pool after swimming lessons and has not been claimed.**

**If this is your top please collect from Janette at the office.**

**Thank you**

# 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 fundraise 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 on **Wednesday 9th May 2018** at 9.00am on

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

**President: Kaye Walker**


**Vice President & Treasurer: Mel Hutchings**


**Secretary: Janette Clarke**

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018

- Mothers & Fathers Day Stall
- Grandparent/Special Visitors Day
- Special Lunches
- Scout Raffle
- Trivia Night
- Silver Coin Challenge
- Shindig

Further details will come out later in the year for all the above activities.





### The PTA is raising funds to benefit our kids!

Each year, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) comes together to raise much needed funds for our school. This year, we are running a number of events and special days to raise funds for school classrooms to be updated and refreshed. We plan to replace furniture and décor to bring the rooms up to modern standards. This will benefit your children and enhance their learning experience this year, and into the future!

Please support us by contributing donations via our special events. We have many fun and educational events planned for 2018, including:

- Mother's Day stall (10<sup>th</sup> May)
- Special Friends/ Family & Grandparents Day (18<sup>th</sup> May)
- Fish & Chips Lunch (7<sup>th</sup> June)
- Trivia Night (28<sup>th</sup> July)
- Shindig Student Market (9<sup>th</sup> November)

Plus a number of other great events planned throughout the year!

**Help us fill the lead in this pencil and reach the 100% mark!** Every dollar spent will go towards making Upwey South PS the best primary school for your children!

Watch our pencil fill! It will be displayed near the Library. Be on the look-out for notices about our special events, which are distributed via Flexibuzz, and advertised on the PTA Community Board.

**THANK YOU!**

Contact the PTA via email - [upweysouthpta@gmail.com](mailto:upweysouthpta@gmail.com)

To view the above flyer, visit our updated school website @ <http://www.upweythps.vic.edu.au/our-school-values/school-council-and-parents-association/>



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Phillipa L, Frankie A, Campbell C, Noah P, Hydee R-B, Evie R, Patrick H, Penny K, Eli W, Hannah F, Charlotte L, Angus C, Mitchell B, River S, Rosalie B, Mila B, Ashlea R, Charlee-Belle C, Tahj K, Asher C, Kaelyn H, Charlie S, Lily P & Mitch C

*Is it your birthday?*

*This is a reminder, that in 2018 we will continue to celebrate birthdays in a special way.*

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

## Breakfast Club

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

**We thank all the volunteers who help on Thursday mornings.**





CHRISTIAN PIZZI  
ANTHONY VARGA

30th OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 28TH APRIL

11AM - 3PM Official Opening at 12 noon

Forest Park Homestead  
Riley Road, Upwey South  
[Off Griffiths Rd]

Finger Food &  
Beverages Provided



## 2018 Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)



### 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 is 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

#### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## 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.



# Community News

## MOUNTAIN TIGERS BASKETBALL CLUB



**2018 WINTER SEASON  
COMING SOON**


**SIGN UP NOW!**

**FREE  
REGISTRATION  
FOR UNDER 8  
PLAYERS**



**WWW.MOUNTAINTIGERS.COM.AU**


ARE YOU A GO GETTER ??  
ARE YOU A PROBLEM SOLVER ??  
ARE YOU A RISK TAKER ??  
DO YOU WANT OPPORTUNITIES ??  
AND DO YOU WANT ADVENTURE ??  
THEN JOIN US NOW ...



**YARRA RANGES GIRL GUIDES**

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 5 AND 65 THEN WE  
HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.

ENQUIRIES TO MARGARET BROOKS 0407042746  
MBROOKS@GUIDESVIC.ORG.AU



**KNOX  
BMX**

**YOUR CHANCE  
TO TRY BMX**



**5th May 2018**  
11am – 12.30pm  
**Knox BMX Track**  
Bunjil Way, Knoxfield

Knox BMX is a beginner friendly track. Please wear pants and a long sleeve top. Bikes and gear will be available to borrow. This is a free event.

**BMX AUSTRALIA** **RIDE IN 2 BMX**



# Community News

*South Upwey Netball Club Reunion*

**50 years**

~ South Upwey Netball Club celebrates 50 Years of netball ~  
Join us and take a trip down memory lane we welcome past and present committee members, umpires, coaches, players and spectators.

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
7:00pm  
at  
the Mulgrave Country club  
(Wellington Rd & Jells Rd)  
Wheeters Hill Vic 3150

**\$60 pp**  
(drinks at bar prices)  
Dress code Semi Formal

Purchase tickets by April 19<sup>th</sup> at [www.southupwey.netballclub.com/shop/](http://www.southupwey.netballclub.com/shop/)

Finger Food, Beverages and Band are just the start of the things you will enjoy!  
Merchandise can also be purchased on the night!

Yarra Ranges Council in partnership with  
Kimberley Place invite Parents, Carers  
and Early Years Professionals



## Kinder and School Readiness Information Session



**Thursday 10th May 2018**  
**7pm—8:30pm**

**Is your child ready for Kinder or school?**  
Your child may be able to start kinder or school  
in the new year due to their age, but are they  
actually ready to embark on the next 13+ years  
of education?  
This session discusses the skills, behaviours  
and development of children approaching kinder  
and school readiness.

For registration and enquiries contact:  
Michelle Lehmann  
1300 368 333 or [earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)

Kimberley Place  
33 Kimberley Drive,  
Chirnside Park  
Jinting Li—Kimberley Place  
Preschool Teacher, will be  
available for Q and A at the  
end of the information session.



## Surviving Parenthood

A Parents Building Solutions Program for parents of children 3 to 13 years

Do you want to:

- Do you wonder what is the difference between punishment and discipline?
- Why do kids choose the behaviours they do???
- Want to help your child deal with the tough stuff?
- Develop strategies to manage anger?

Come along to these 5 sessions to  
learn strategies, share stories and take  
some time out for you!

When:

Thursday 31 May - 28 June  
(5 sessions)

Time:

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where:

Anglicare  
47 Castella Street, Lilydale

Cost:

Free of charge. Bookings essential.

Bookings:

Helena at Parentzone 9735 6134  
or 0488 501 204



[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)

BETTER  
TOMORROWS

FLETCHERS

## Autumn in the Hills Amateur Photography Competition

*Capture Autumn  
your way*

Winner will be voted by the public from the top 10  
entries in each age group at the Kalorama Chestnut  
Festival - Kalorama Reserve on Sunday, 6 May at 2pm.

Please bring your photos to our Olinda or  
Tecoma Offices by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Gold Coin Donation Entry - Proceeds are  
donated to Mt Dandenong Preschool

**First Prize: \$250 for each age group**

Age groups: Up to 15 y.o & 15 y.o and over

Photo size to be 8x10"



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