

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7th February 2020

Tuesday 11th February  
Wednesday 12th February  
Friday 28th February

Swimming Carnival, Years 3-6  
Meet the teacher night  
U.P.S Billy cart Grand Prix



Byron



Meika



Jamie



Teak



Mackenzie



Angelina



Autumn



Sage



Melody



Mollie



Ty

*A warm welcome to our 2020 Prep students!*



Alex



James



Alanna



Esme



Hunter



Spencer



Eddie



Allegra



Anouk



Taleya



Elodie

### Hello and welcome from our new prep students!

We have had a lovely time settling in and making new friends. So far, there has been lots of playing with others in the café and teddy corner, using the cars and lego, drawing, coloring and pasting and of course enjoying new learning activities. This week we have been learning all about the letters A and S and next week we will learn about T and P. What a wonderful and enjoyable start to school!

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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**Prep  
Elodie**

For having a go at every learning activity this week. Elodie has worked with her friends, always sharing and listening to them. What a fantastic start to school Elodie!



**1/2E  
Will**

For having a go at all of the tasks; especially the group work to build a tower out of fifteen sheets of newspaper and masking tape. Wonderful effort!



**2/3J  
Freya**

For your hard work with our colouring and counting 'Maths Design'. You have taken time and care to do your best. Well done!



**4/5CK  
Maddi**

For being a capable, organised student who is always eager to begin work. You are a great role model for the students in class!



**5/6W  
Tristan**

For an excellent start to the year! You're working hard and concentrating well - keep it up!



**TRIBES AWARD  
TEAK**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. You are always ready and listening to your classmates and the teacher! Well done Teak!



**TRIBES AWARD  
RAY**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. Ray has been an excellent role model for the class. It was wonderful that he shared his love of music and played tunes on his Ukulele.



**TRIBES AWARD  
ALYSSA**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. Thank you for caring for younger students and being a great role model. Keep up the kindness!



**TRIBES AWARD  
NICHOLAS**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. For enthusiastically helping Mrs C with jobs around the classroom. This included transporting many boxes of paper to the office. Well done Nicholas!



**TRIBES AWARD  
ELISA**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. Thanks Elisa for being kind, caring and ALWAYS doing the right thing!!!

*Congratulations!*

## Principal report

What a great start to the year! I would like to welcome our prep students and families to our school. I would also like to welcome some new students Elke (Grade 1), Luke (Grade 4), Evelyn (Grade 5) and Mason (Grade 6) to the Upwey Primary School community. We had our first assembly this morning and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces. Our Preps will still not be attending on Wednesdays until the 11th March.



## Thank you

Thank you to the parents who joined me last week for the parent survey for our School Review. There will be another opportunity for this with the school reviewer in a few weeks if you would like to provide some feedback in a more formal setting.

## New Fence

The Minister of Education James Merlino is visiting our school next Friday to have a look at our plan for new fencing at the school. I have been informed that the Department will be funding this for us and will wait for confirmation in writing before we move forward. We are very excited for his visit and want to make sure that our school looks in tip top condition so we have some gloves ready for any students who wish to join us in a garden clean up over the next week.

I would like to thank Jacob's mum Emma for the beautiful garden of succulents outside the prep room. The garden looks amazing and was a lovely surprise on Monday when we came back to school. This is not the first time that some of our parents have come up and completed some gardening for us in their own time so I thank everyone who does contribute as it is an enormous help on our budget and makes the school so attractive and builds school pride.

## Compass

I hope now that everyone is logged onto Compass. Today will be the last paper version of our newsletter. All communication will go home through Compass including excursion payments. Payments for special lunch days through the Parents Association will still be taken as cash but anything else will go through Compass.

This year we are implementing Continuous Reporting. Instead of waiting until June to receive your Semester 1 report, you will receive updates every few weeks in different curriculum areas about how your child is progressing at school. This will take place of the traditional report that you are all used to. You will still receive a report at the end of the semester and it will consist of the comments that were sent to you throughout the semester and then the progression points to show you where your child is on the Victorian Curriculum Standards. We are excited about this system and hope you welcome the change so you will know how your child is going at that moment in time which is far more relevant.

## Meet the teacher night

This year our Parent Information Night will be replaced with 'Meet the Teacher Night'. Similar to parent teacher interviews, parents can book a time online through Compass, which is now live and meet with the teacher to tell them about your child. The focus of the interview is for you to tell us about your child and anything you think we need to know in a more personal setting and ask any questions you might have for the year. Asking questions in front of an audience can be overwhelming and waiting to speak to the teacher can be tedious so we hope you enjoy this opportunity.

## Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday for our grade 3-6 students. We are hoping that all students attend. Mrs Kittredge has told me that there are events and activities for all students so you need to go even if you are not confident to compete in events. It will be a great day out and full of fun.

## Leadership speeches

Our grade 6's presented their leadership speeches this morning at assembly. You would never have known how nervous they were as they all presented beautifully and with confidence. I would like to thank them for preparing so well and for having courage to put themselves out there. The rest of the school will now vote for the captaincy roles and we will let you know in a few weeks once this has been finalised and the new captains will be revealed at assembly with their new badges.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL  
Every Friday JSC will be selling Zooper Doopers for \$1 each.

## School Council

We will have a School Council meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:30pm in the staffroom. This will be our final meeting for this council before the elections take place. We are losing 3 School Councillor parent representatives this year as they were grade six parents so we will be looking for recruits including a new School Council President. If you are interested in joining please come and speak to me.

Some official documentation will go home regarding School Council Elections in the next couple of weeks.

## Parents Association

We are looking for recruits for our Parents Association. We had a number of year six families leave so we are looking forward to more families joining so we can continue to keep working on fundraising and other great events.

## CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications are open. If you have one of the following cards you may be eligible to apply. Health care card, Foster parent or Veterans affairs pensioner (gold card). Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office along with a copy of your Health care card.

## 2020 Essential Learning Items: Parent payments

Thank you to families who have paid their Parent Payments in full, have commenced a payment plan or chosen to pay in instalments. For remaining families, your fees are now due. If you have any issues with payments, please contact our Business Manager, Cindy, to arrange a payment plan in confidence that fits in with your current financial situation. We have had a number of families who have generously donated volunteer fees and we are very grateful for these extra funds. We will be purchasing new Reader books for all levels in the near future.

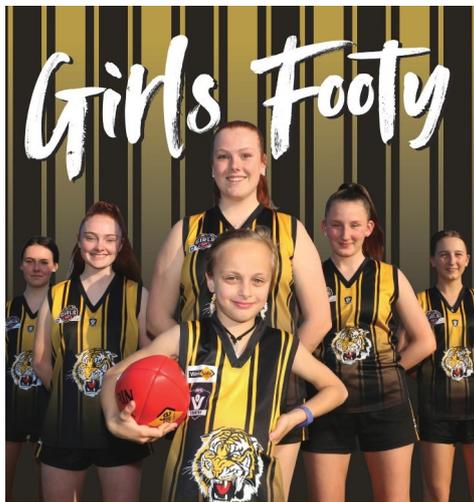
## Online Newsletter

Today will be the last time we will be sending out the newsletter in a hard copy. The newsletter will be available on Compass and email if you require. We will have a few hard copies available every fortnight at the office.



A minute to  
win it!!





## GIRLS PRESEASON U16/U18 TRAINING

MONDAY Talaskia Oval UFTG 5.15pm - 6.30pm  
THURSDAY Chosen Ave Upwey 5.45pm - 7.30pm

Contact Brendan Ferguson president@utffc.com or Gareth Phillips secretary@utffc.com

Yarra Ranges Council - Early Years, invite Parents, Carers and Early Years Professionals to attend a **FREE** information session.

### Supporting Children with Stress, Anxiety and Worries.

Healesville Link - Community Room  
110 River Street, Healesville  
Tuesday 3rd March 2020  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times?

- This session will cover:**
- Understanding the role of anxiety and normal child development.
  - The signs and symptoms in your child
  - Types of anxiety disorders
  - What's helpful and not helpful
  - Methods and strategies to support your children
  - Relaxation techniques and tools, mindfulness, breathing etc.
  - Where to go for more information and help



Registration is essential: [www.trybooking.com/BHASL](http://www.trybooking.com/BHASL)

For more information please contact:  
Michelle Lehmann - Early Years Community Support Officer  
1300 368 333 or [earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



# Irish Dancing Classes

## Tecoma

Thursdays & Saturdays  
Preschool to Adult classes  
New Beginners Welcome  
No joining fees  
\$15 per class  
Pay as you go for first term new enrolments  
Contact Kate: 0434 517 636  
[kate\\_bilton@hotmail.com](mailto:kate_bilton@hotmail.com)  
[www.victorianirishdance.com](http://www.victorianirishdance.com)

### Thinking about playing netball?

South Upwey Netball Club is currently open for 2020 registrations.

For further info:  
[southupwey.netballclub.com/registration-fees/](http://southupwey.netballclub.com/registration-fees/)

We pride ourselves on being a fun and friendly club and offer both junior and senior players the opportunity to play great netball whilst also enjoying the benefits of being part of a social netball club and staying healthy.

We have teams at every age level including players from 8 years old in our 11/under team, right through to our senior open players aged in their 30's and 40's and all ages in between.

# Kids Club

## 2020

Monday afterschool to 6:00  
Grade's 4-6  
Middle 6 weeks of each term  
Term 1 (Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 2, 16, 23)  
\$30 for the term.

Dinner and afternoon tea provided

Located in the KidZone building at Belgrave South Baptist Church

Program includes; Games, food, skills session, resilience and character building activities and a simple introduction to bible stories and themes.

To register your child please email [kidsclub@bsbc.org.au](mailto:kidsclub@bsbc.org.au) or contact Hannah Denny on 0438684727

Program run by an VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) accredited teacher. All leaders have a WWC card and adhere to Belgrave South Baptist Churches Child Safe Policy.

# Happy Birthday

31st Jan - 21st Feb

Cierra  
Britney  
Kylie  
Autumn

## Interested in playing football?

Upper Gully Juniors are looking for players for Season 2020 in the following age groups:

**Girls - U10, U14 & U18**  
**Boys U8, U9, U10, U14 & U15**

Contact the Club via email - [upperferntreegullyjnr@efnl.org.au](mailto:upperferntreegullyjnr@efnl.org.au)

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/legal guardian details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  OR

Foster parent\* OR  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

**Student details**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_