IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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2/3J had a fabulous time at the Billy Cart Grand Prix on Tuesday. There were twists, turns and thrills for all! Students showed great support for their peers across the school with much enthusiasm and cheering during the races. A particular highlight were the presentations at the conclusion of the day, with the winning drivers standing on the podium and to spray sparkling water in celebration! Many thanks to the 5/6s who did an excellent job coordinating and timing the races and to those who brought their billy carts to share. By Miss Jenkins
### Prep B Sports Hunter
For being a super enthusiastic participant in all sport sessions, and always displaying fair and caring behaviour. Well done Hunter!

### Prep B Taleya
For always trying her best with her learning activities. Taleya, you never give up, even when it’s a bit tricky. What a wonderful attitude you have!

### 1/2E Art Award Ludivine
For your amazing-ly detailed armature of a bird! You are so careful and persistent in creating your artwork, and always such a kind class-mate.

### 1/2E Xanthe
For a hardworking attitude during the Essential Assessment tasks for Mathematics. She has participated with enthusiasm in each of the class activities.

### 2/3J Devon
For working hard to improve your stamina and write a narrative with beginning, middle and end. I look forward to reading it!

### 5/6W Sports Evelyn
For working incredibly hard during tennis to learn and improve your skills. Great job Evelyn!

### 5/6W Art Award Emy
For your creative and detailed Magiclay self-portrait design which is an excellent reflection of your personality and show so much care and consideration.

### 4/5C Phoenix
For approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and completing tasks to the best of your ability. Your hard work is paying off. Well done!

### 5/6W Zak
For an AWESOME effort in all areas of the curric-ulum! Your fo-cused and consci-entious attitude has resulted in fabulous progress. Well done and keep it up!

### TRIBES AWARD ESME
Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. You are always try your ‘Personal Best’ in all learning activities! Thank-you for your outstanding ‘Attentive Listening during class’!

### TRIBES AWARD JASPER
Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. Jasper has been a wonderful helper in the classroom with all sorts of jobs voluntarily with a cheerful manner.

### TRIBES AWARD JACE
Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. Thankyou for being a kind friend to others, and thinking about their feelings.

### TRIBES AWARD MAYA
Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. For being an excellent role model for other students in the class. You are always willing to help others and you show mutual respect in everything you do.

### TRIBES AWARD HERMIONE
Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement. Well done on abiding by all of the school’s Tribes agreements at all times. You are a wonderful role model and a great friend.
A message for our Principal

Billy Cart Day

We had a great afternoon on Tuesday with our annual Billy Cart Day. After some bad weather on Friday it was nice to get out there and enjoy some sunshine this week. I would like to thank Xavier J for sharing his billy cart with the junior school as it was the perfect size for little bodies.

Celebrating Naplan Data

Last week I attended the termly Principal Forum in Ringwood and we participated in a session run by the Executive Director for School Improvement at Region on Naplan Data. The session focussed on our school’s results in learning growth between years 3 and 5 at all primary school across the Outer East. I am very proud to say that we were in the top 15 schools (out of approximately 100 schools) for Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Only three schools were in the top 15 schools for every area and Upwey Primary School was one of them. It was a very proud moment and certainly something we should be celebrating. This is certainly a credit to the amazing staff and dedicated students we have at UPS.

Leadership presentations

Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning for our annual ‘Official Opening of the School Year Assembly’. Our 2019 School Captains came back to school to present our 2020 School Captains with their honourable badge and Tom Daly, Principal of Upwey High School presented the Grade 6 leaders and Junior School Council with their badges. We are very proud of our connection with Upwey High School and appreciate Tom’s time and commitment to this tradition.

Divisional Swimming

Congratulations Maya on achieving 3rd place at the Divisional Swimming event this week in Butterfly. Well done to Lawson and Elisa who also qualified to compete in this high level competition. We are very proud of your results.

School Review- Parent Forum

We are currently in the middle of our School Review. Last week the panel met to discuss the School Self Evaluation, participated in classroom observations and met with some students to hear what they think about our school. The panel consists of the Reviewer, the School Improvement Education Leader (SEIL, my boss) two principals known as Challenge Partners and the School Council President. On Thursday 12th of March we are running a Parent Forum at 2:30pm with the panel. This is your opportunity to tell the reviewers what you think about our school. We would love to hear your feedback as this will influence future decisions made by the school with strategic planning. He panel has promised me it will be quite informal but they want to know what you love about our school and what you think needs improving. We hope to see you many of your there on Thursday in the library. Please let the office know if you plan to come so we can prepare the space appropriately.

Compass

It seems that some people have been logged out of Compass over the break. This may be due to security issues with renewing passwords. We have tried to sort this problem out with Compass but they need to know the code that comes up. I will need to ring Compass with the code to rectify the problem. Once I know the code I may be able to apply this to others. In the meantime we have released an excursion on Compass for Grade 1-3. If you are having issues with Compass we can send a hard copy notice home until the problem is solved. Thank you for your patience as we transition into the paperless world.

School Council Elections

Information was released on Compass last week calling for nominations for School Council members. There are five Parent positions available. We need to have more parents than staff on Council to have a quorum so we really need some new faces. Please come and chat to myself or Cindy if you have any questions about the commitment.

The ballot will close at 4pm on 13th of March.
Welcome to our Deakin University Master of Teaching Intern

As part of this school’s ongoing commitment to the induction and development of new teachers, we are pleased to welcome Leanne Koska to the school. Leanne is completing her Master of Teaching at Deakin University and has completed all theoretical and professional experience requirements to become a provisionally registered teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching and has chosen to commence her teaching career as an Intern, beginning on 16th March 2020. The Deakin Master of Teaching Internship Program is fully endorsed by the Department of Education and Training (DET), the Australian Education Union (AEU), and the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT).

Leanne will be working under the general supervision and expert guidance of Nadja Wood who will act as her mentor, advising and assisting Leanne to plan, prepare and take on the responsibilities of a teacher in the school over a period of 10 weeks.

Leanne will become fully involved in the life of the school including, where appropriate, communicating with parents. The school regards this as an opportunity for both the Intern and the Mentor Teacher to extend their professional skills in a collegiate partnership. We are pleased to be able to provide Leanne with a stimulating and supported transition to her teaching career. We hope you will make her feel welcome!

Our Division Swimming Champs!

Congratulations to Lawson, Elisa and Maya for competing in the butterfly at the Division Swimming this Wednesday. Maya came away with a third place ribbon, what an achievement for our Upweylian super fish!

State Schools’ Relief provides quality school uniform, footwear and our own-brand ‘Student’s Choice’ clothing from our stock and delivered to the school free of charge. Other branded school uniform items are subsidised. You will be asked to make a contribution to each branded item of clothing. MIKI concession cards are also available.

We will support any student attending a Victorian Government school on the advice of the school. Situations may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Health issues resulting in serious financial difficulties
- Unemployment
- House fires
- Bereavement
- Family violence
- Illness
- Independent living / homelessness
- Natural disasters
- Serious financial difficulty

Please contact Cindy if you would like to apply for any uniform items.
This week we focused on identity. We talked about where children from our group come from and whether they have any connections (family or friends) overseas. I tried to teach the children to pronounce my name correctly Z-D-E-N-K-A :-)

We listened to the music from around the world – Czech and Slovakian on Monday, French music on Tuesday (pancakes/crepes day), Japanese Rock on Wednesday (Sushi Day), Persian on Thursday (just for a change) and English on Friday.

We tried to write word “Hello” in different languages. We got a few from our own heads but then Mr. Google came to our rescue.

Playing dodge ball in the hall is starting to get more and more popular, we just need more children attending so we can have more fun.

We make fresh sushi every Wednesday morning and it is the best!!!

Titanic by Ethan (Gr.3)

Eggs on Monday morning
Pancakes on Tuesday morning
Sushi on Wednesday morning
Pasta on Thursday afternoon
Nachos or Toasties on Friday afternoon

Sandra made these awesome roos and goannas with children in the afternoon.
Come and meet the new owners of The Eatery Tecoma - 1551 Burwood Hwy, Tecoma. We are open Tuesday - Saturday from 8am-4pm. With an ever changing board of specials and the best coffee around, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Locals supporting locals

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6th March - 20th March
Jasper
Dominic P
Riley
Miles

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Invitation
The Board of the MANDENGGNG RANGES MUSIC COUNCIL INC. invites you to the opening of our new COMMUNITY MUSIC EDUCATION HUB
On Saturday, March 21st, 2020
Upwey High School
Burwood Highway, Upwey 3158.
The Official Opening will be performed by
The Hon. James Merlino, MLA
Minister for Education
at 2.30pm for formalities at 1.00pm
Community & Schools music and tours of the new building will occur between 12.00pm, and 5.00pm.
RSVP Karen on 9754 6556
4rmit@smc.org.au
by March 10th.

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GYMNASICS HOLIDAY PROGRAM
GYMNASICS SKILLS PROGRAM
Gymnastics skills, games and circuits
For Primary School Age Kids
No experience necessary
3rd March & 3rd, 7th & 9th April
10.30am - 12.00pm
1 Session: $20
2 Sessions: $35
3 Sessions: $50
4 Sessions: $65

NINJA WARRIOR DAY
Friday 13th March, 2020
Full Day Gymnastics Course
8.30am - 3.30pm
$60 per child, includes lunch
Enrolments available at www.eyegymnastics.com.au or from the gym office.

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Back to school essentials for your child's brain power
Nutrition Australia recommends to pick and mix one tasty option from each of the five core food groups to create a healthy lunchbox every day:
1. Fruit e.g. fresh, frozen, pureed and canned in natural juice
2. Vegetables, legumes and beans
3. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and alternatives
4. Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds, and legumes/beans
5. Grain (cereal) foods
6. Plain water

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