

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 19th June 2020

Friday 26th June
Monday 13th July

Last day for Term 2: 2.30pm finish
Term 3 begins



Thank you to Upwey High School VET students for hosting our PE session today at their amazing new Basketball stadium.



A message from Mrs Honeysett

4/5CK had PE at Upwey High School today in their brand new gymnasium with the VET students and Mr Costillo. We really appreciate the contribution Upwey High School makes for providing amazing opportunities for our students.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



**P1/B Art Award
Alanna**

For always listening carefully to instructions and taking your time to complete your artwork. You have created amazing art Alanna! Well done!



**Prep 1/B
James**

For trying super hard during reading sessions. You are doing a fantastic job of sounding out your words and being a 'Reading Detective'. Keep it up James!



**Prep 1/B
Taleya**

For having such a positive attitude when you come to sport sessions. You are always a happy and helpful student with such great listening skills. Super effort!



**1/2E
Verity**

For demonstrating her understanding of halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections at the beginning of the unit on fractions.



**2/3J
Liepa**

For your enthusiasm for writing this week has been so wonderful to see! I am looking forward to reading your story about the "Emerald King"!



**4/5CK
Yu-Jia**

For contributing great ideas during class discussions and having an excellent attitude to all learning tasks.



**4/5CK Art Award
Luke**

For being such an engaged student during Art classes and especially for being so helpful with assisting with the younger students. Well done Luke!



**5/6W
Ella**

For all of your wonderful character insights during our Narnia studies. Our 100 word recount and work on your diorama is something you should be really proud of. Well done Ella!



**TRIBES AWARD
MELODY**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement.

Well done on trying your Personal Best this week in your writing activities. Super work!



**TRIBES AWARD
INDIANA**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement.

Indiana has become more involved in class activities and strived to do her personal best, in particular with her writing and when working in groups.



**TRIBES AWARD
RILEY**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement.

You have been a valued member of the class this week, offering to help in the classroom and being willing to share your ideas. Keep it up Riley!



**TRIBES AWARD
CHASE**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement.

Well done Chase for always giving your best effort to your learning and contributing thoughtfully to class discussions.



**TRIBES AWARD
SYLAR**

Congratulations, you have been recognised by the community as an exceptional example of our TRIBES agreement.

For his assistance and leadership skills during Junior Sport.



School Review

I would like to take this opportunity to share our highlights and key directions from our School Review Report. The full report is available on our school website.

Highlight 1: Whole school approach to writing

The 2019 NAPLAN data Year 3 to Year 5 comparison indicated that 67% of students achieved high learning growth and 33% medium growth so no student demonstrated low growth which is a fantastic achievement. An assessment schedule was developed and whole school moderation took place with Community Writing pieces.

Highlight 2: Positive climate for learning

The panel found the classroom environment to be safe, orderly and calm. Behavioural expectations were clear. The school improved communication with the introduction of Compass and Continuous Reporting. The connections between the high school and early learning centres have flourished enabling supportive and positive transitions.

Highlight 3: Teaching and Learning

The panel found the introduction of a whole school inquiry model was engaging for students where students were provided opportunities to showcase their learning, e.g. Travel Expo. The introduction of STEM as a specialist subject has improved student engagement.

Key directions for the next Strategic Plan

- Enhance literacy and numeracy outcomes
- Enhance student understanding and ownership of cognitive engagement
- Enhanced student agency

Enrolments for 2021

We are currently taking prep enrolments for 2021. Please spread the word to friends and family who may be wanting to enrol. It is important that enrolments come through by the cut of date of August 7th so we can plan appropriately for 2021 and will know how many enrolments outside of the zone we are allowed to accept. We are unable to provide tours this term but are hopeful we will in Term Three if the restrictions ease.

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you for completing the Remote Learning Survey. We had many positive comments about the experience especially in relation to our teachers' contribution. We are so grateful of our appreciative community. Everyone was pleased to have our students return to school. We missed their laughter and smiling faces.

Parent Teacher Interviews via Webex

There will be Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 23rd June via Webex. The portal is now open and will close on Monday at 12pm as teachers will need to schedule appointments once the portal is closed. Bookings start from 2:00pm and continue through to 7:30pm. You will need to click on 'Open in Browser' to access the information below through the app on a mobile device.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Using Compass you can book your parent-teacher conferences online.

- 1 On the home screen, beside the student you wish to make bookings for, click 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews'.
- 2 A list of parent-teacher interview cycles will be displayed along with their booking status. Click 'My Bookings' on the relevant cycle.
- 3 Your booking sheet will be displayed and will show all available booking times. Click on a time in the grid to display teachers available for booking at that time, and then click the teacher's name to make your booking.

Note: You can view a teacher's availability by clicking on the teacher's name on the right side of the booking page.

The image shows three screenshots of the Compass app interface. The top screenshot shows a user profile for 'Harry POTTER' with options like 'Book Parent Teacher Interviews' and 'Book Parents/Teacher Interviews'. The middle screenshot shows a 'Conferences' list with columns for 'Cycle Name', 'Start Date', and 'End Date', and buttons for 'My Bookings' and 'My Settings'. The bottom screenshot shows a 'Term 2 2017 - Parent Teacher Interviews' booking grid for Monday, June 12, with a list of teachers on the right side.

Buildings and Grounds

We are so pleased with our new fences. The fence along the bottom of the slope will be locked during school hours for our students' safety. Once it is secure we will start to take the students back down there to play. The gates will reopen at 3pm so parents and the high school students can walk through for pick up. This means that the public can still walk through the slope area before and after school and on the weekends but will no longer have access during school hours.

Upwey High School has organised signs for both of us informing the community of the access times and that penalties apply at any time for smoking and drinking onsite. We want our students to be safe and for the community to know that they are not able to come onsite during school hours.



Rebecca Honeysett

Principal



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Contact Faye for all of your Tupperware needs.

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<https://tinyurl.com/fayestupperware>

Any questions, please email me on fayebax72@gmail.com

the tennis institute

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Enrolments now open for next term*
*Limited places

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4/5CK'S reflections about Remote Learning

Covid Refection: Working from Home

It was almost the holidays and we were told we would finish school early because there was a new virus call covin-19 which meant everyone had to stay home. I was looking forwards to going to Funfields and Time Zone over the holidays, but sadly we couldn't go.

Learning from home had its ups and downs, sleeping in was awesome. However the down side was not getting the help with my work. Also having fights with my mum dad and sister was annoying.

Dad was not able to help me, so I started to come to school. Being at school was great because I have learned a lot of new things along my journey. Google Chrome was something new that I got to learn.

When I heard that I was going back early I was filed to the brim of happiness and joy. When I got the news that my friends where coming back I was happy I guess. I was excited to play all the cool games with my friends again.

By Nicholas

I woke up at 7:50am Monday morning expecting my dad to wake me up. Suddenly he came into my room and said happy first day of remote learning all of your work is downstairs waiting for you. I opened up Slack and saw 48 unread messages one of them from Mrs. C which said I can't wait to see you all in our Webex meeting today.

I was so happy because I couldn't wait to see all my friends. I went to my google drive to find all my work but I couldn't so I went to go ask my mum for help. And she couldn't find it so I asked my dad for help. But he found it and he called me blind because I couldn't find it.

The things I didn't like about remote learning was my sister was jumping around laughing at me and not being able to see all my friends and family also listening to my dad on his phone calls all day for work.

The things I loved about remote learning were being able to sleep in and eating whatever I wanted and face timing my friends.

By Lila

Remote learning

The day before remote learning Mrs. C said tomorrow is the first day of remote learning. The first day of remote learning I woke up at 5:30am and started school at 9:00am. I did some spelling (PS I hated

that) then I read to my grandma. I feel like I am distracted less when working at home. Although I did not get to see my friends I still enjoyed the remote learning. I also don't get to go outside a lot when at home so I missed playing in the school yard. I did a lot of maths because that's my favorite subject. I loved that I could play with my kittens whenever I wanted.

By Sylar

My remote learning journey

I woke up this morning expecting my Mum to wake me up. I opened my iPad and looked at the time. "Oh, it must be Saturday!" then I looked at the time in the top left corner. "Wait Thursday, What?" I whispered. I slowly got out of bed and grunted, slid open the hall door and saw my school books on the dinner table ... "Good morning," Mum said. "It's your first day of remote learning go get your iPad," I got my iPad and soon learnt how to upload things, talk to people on Slack and see everyone on WebEx.

I got into the routine of uploading work and seeing everyone on WebEx. Sometimes it got stressful but most of the time I was happy, exited and a little bored without my friends. I couldn't wait to see them!

I am glad I got to experience this because now I know what it feels like to do remote learning. During remote learning I learnt many cool, interesting things. Plus I got a kitten called Tango! It was fun doing learning from home.

By Bella

Upwey PS TheirCare—Term 11 summary

This was the most unusual term we have ever experienced. For most of the term (due to school closure) we only had one or two regular children attending our service. Therefore, for most of the days, the activities were child driven and spontaneous. They were tailored to the needs and interests of these children. We were all happy when the schools reopened and the service became busy again. We were very diligent with our hygiene procedures and established a safe kiss and drop zone for parents.



Natural environment

During this term we also took advantage of beautiful autumn weather. We provided children with opportunities to engage in nature play, spending time in the school veggie garden and observing life there. Awareness of mini-creatures in our garden and everywhere around us lead us to an idea to make an insect hotel from natural materials found nearby.

Children also used natural materials found on the school slope to make their own self portraits. Towards the end of the term we planted in winter vegetables and now we watch them grow.



Dreamtime story & rainbow serpent

With Reconciliation week upon us we wanted to celebrate indigenous culture. We started by watching few dreamtime stories which we reflected on and discussed with children. We continued by engaging in indigenous craft activities. One of those activities has become an ongoing project—a rainbow serpent mural—which all children are encouraged to contribute to. This will be a permanent feature that we all can be proud of.



One of the favourite activities we put on the table this term was deconstructing old gadgets.

Finding an old stereo system provided a wonderful opportunities for the children to inspect what's inside. All children regardless age and gender seriously loved getting into it and were fascinated by the workings of the gadget. Even though bashing it open with a hammer seemed like the best option at first, exercising patience and their motor skills with screwdrivers was heaps more fun. They worked together, helping each other and later used the parts of it for their imaginary play.



Bode got so into it that he brought more stuff from home—an old telephone with an answering machine and a modem ...

Please book in if you need TheirCare on the last day of this term as school finishes at 2.30pm.

Bookings are open for Theircare Holiday Program, visit www.theircare.com.au