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Term 4 is racing along at an alarming rate! We are in the midst of planning for 2023 and at the same time preparing reports, activities and events for the remainder of this term.

Child Safe Report

There is a significant amount of media discussion currently relating to cyber bullying and internet safety. This is a concern for all families and young people in particular. In the interests of child safety it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that our children know about online safety. A useful resource to support children is the Esafety website. This is a government resource designed to educate children and support parents. Please refer to the following website.

www.esafety.gov.au



Welcome

It is with great delight that we welcome the Thomas family to our school community. We welcome Kristen and Brian and their children Bella, Maddie and Jay Jay to our school. Bella will be attending transition with our new preps this year and Maddie and Jay Jay will commence in the senior class and junior class early in December. We are delighted to have this wonderful new family at our school.

Shade Sail Update

After a long delay due to weather conditions, we will finally have our shade sails completed by the end of this week. This shade sail is the result of a successful Department of Education grant and will be erected over our outdoor learning space on the deck that includes the sandpit.

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Remembrance Day

Last Friday (11/11/22) we paused for Remembrance Day. The staff and students came together to reflect and pay tribute to the many men and women who fought in our world wars. Our senior children read passages including 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. After a minute's silence and listening to the Last Post we concluded with the National Anthem.

Thank you to Amanda and Sophie for organising this ceremony.



Junior School Sport Day

Luckily the rain stopped just in time for the oval to dry out at Upper Yarra Secondary School for the junior school sports on Friday the 4th of November. The day was set up as a round robin of 9 different activities such as Sprint, Parachute, Bean Bag in Bucket/Target, Hungry Birds, Baton Relay, Tunnel Ball, Sack Race, Tennis Skills and Obstacle Relay. The activities were run by different local schools and some of the students from Upper Yarra. Some of the favourite activities from the day included, the sprint, sack race, hungry birds and tennis skills.

The aim of the day was to encourage participation in all activities, and I am very happy to report that every junior was very happy to participate in every activity.

Stepping into Prep Transition

The junior children are very excited to welcome 3 2223 preps to the room. Bella, Chelsea and Hazel had their first transition day on Monday 14th for an hour. Looking forward to the next two prep transition days, which are Monday 21st 9:15 to 11:00 and Monday 5th 2.00 to 3.30.



PE News

We are in the middle of a busy period on the PE calendar. Fortunately, we were able to secure a Sporting in Schools grant for this term which has allowed us to offer both the TriSkills Gymnastics and Bike Ed programs.

The children are currently halfway through the four gymnastics sessions and have been working on movement, balance, symmetry and landings. The swimming program was a great success last week. It is impressive to see how the quality of instruction and the sequence of lessons, condensed into a week, allows the children to develop their confidence and skills. The improvement for each child was notable. You will have recently received notification of the Bike Ed program on Compass along with some take home information and notes. They have been sent home with plenty of time for families to check over the bikes and make sure that helmets fit correctly. Don't forget to return the tear-off slip and fingers crossed for some fine weather on each of our Bike Ed days!!



Having fun at the Junior Sports Day



Save the Date

Bizarre Bazaar and Puppet show

You are invited to attend our senior class market place and junior class puppet show on Wednesday 7th December from 2.30 – 3.30pm.

After being entertained by a sensational show you will have the opportunity to buy products from our bazaar including jewellery, waffles, pot plants and more. Bring along your small change. The students will also be able to buy products during this time.

We hope to see you there!

Foggy Mountain Song Writing Performance (SAVE THE DATE!)

Last month our children participated in a songwriting workshop to create a song entitled "Dangerous Animals in Toolangi". The workshop was led by Merelyn and Dan Carter and using the children's incredible imagination and ideas they created a very complex and entertaining song about Toolangi.

We are invited to perform our song at the Kinglake Twilight Market on Sunday 18th December from 3 -4 pm. Please save the date in your calendars and we encourage as many families as possible to attend. A flyer with more details will be sent home next week.

End of Year Concert

With the end of year rapidly approaching we are gearing up for our end of year concert. The date for this community event is Thursday 15th December. The concert will commence at 5.30pm and families are asked to provide a plate for supper to enjoy after our performances. Please mark this date in your diaries and invite your extended family and friends. We will be looking for volunteers on the day so please let us know if you can help out.