



UPWEY SOUTH
Primary School

Dear Students and Families of Class 5/6A,

Hello! My name is Sian Buddy, and I am so excited to be joining the wonderful Upwey South Primary School learning community in 2026.

Today, you will have received correspondence from the school letting you know that I will be the classroom teacher for Class 5/6A. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself, and begin building meaningful connections with both students and families.

Meeting a new teacher and moving up to a new year level can feel exciting, but also a little bit nerve-racking! It is perfectly normal to feel a mix of both. Our first day together will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another, but for now, I would love to share a little bit about myself.

I live in Mount Evelyn with my husband, Gavin, our 20-year-old son, Leith, and our 15-year-old daughter, Isla. We also have a very loveable German Shepherd named Star and a cheeky cat named Dusty. As a family, we love spending time at the beach whenever we can, especially during the holidays.

Prior to joining Upwey South Primary School, I taught at The Basin Primary School, and have many special memories from my time there. In my classroom, I aim to create a calm and predictable environment where students feel comfortable, engaged, and supported to do their personal best.

Before becoming a teacher, I worked in paediatric health care at the Royal Children's Hospital, as part of the allied health physiotherapy team. This experience strengthened my understanding of child development and the importance of supporting the whole child. I value strong relationships with my students, and believe in setting clear expectations together. I encourage a growth mindset by reminding students that learning takes time, patience, and a willingness to try new strategies.

I thank you for welcoming me to the school, and I look forward to getting to know you all.

Please note I will be in the school on **Friday 28th November** to say hello to the students during the school day. For any parent/carers who may have the opportunity to visit the school on **Tuesday 9th** and **Tuesday 16th December**, I will be at Upwey South Primary School all day on these dates. I will be available to say hello both before and after school.

I can't wait to meet you all!

Warm regards,

Sian Buddy

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