Dates to Remember

August
- Weds 10th-Fri 12th: Year 3 & 4 Camp
- Thurs 11th: Reach Rookies
- Fri 12th: No Assembly
- Tues 16th-Thurs 18th: Year 6 Camp
- Fri 19th: No Assembly

September
- Weds 14th: Circus Practice (at school)
- Thurs 15th: Circus Showcase
- Fri 16th: Last Day Term 3 early finish

October
- Mon 3rd: First Day Term 4

GARDEN WORKING BEE!

September 20, 10am – 12noon
Wood fired Pizza
(donations of toppings gratefully accepted)
Weeding, planting, pruning, removing, eating, chatting.

Pop it in your diaries now and come along!

Grade 6 Camp

Please note that the Grade 6 Sovereign Hill Camp has been moved to Monday 12th December to Wednesday 14th of December due to teacher absences. We understand how important it is to have known teachers going on camps. We are deeply sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your understanding.
NATIONAL TREE PLANTING WEEK AT THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

As always, our efforts at transforming our school landscape have been exemplary! Last week, as temperatures remained low and the skies threatened to empty (and in one session did!), our students and staff planted an estimated 920 tubes of native Australian plants in a range of zones across our school.

Beginning in front of the kinder, and with the help of our gorgeous 3yo kinder students and their very attentive year 4 “buddy” and our prep students, the once weed infested and muddy landscape has now been completely covered with a range of meadow-like plant varieties that will provide colour and interest all year long and beautifully complement and outstanding pole art that has been created by our art club and Ewa.

The year ones planted up the area at the top of the stairs so there will be vegetation instead of plain mulch and the year twos transformed the area at drop off beneath the huge manna gums. We want to protect these trees from soil compaction and prevent the damage that has been done to a couple of large trees in our playground so no access to their root zones will now be possible and the new vegetation will allow greater air flow around their roots.

Year three students have finished planting the area near the hall and the older pole art. This zone will blend in beautifully with the rest of the planting zones nearby and also complement the art work.

Year four students began planting indigenous species in our fern gully at the bottom of the garden until they had to “abandon ship” due to heavy rain and plummeting temperatures.
Their dedication was admirable as they regrettably returned their tools to the shed and entered the eco-centre to dry off and share the excitement of the adventure.

Year five and six finished planting along the front of the main building to tie in with the rest of the plantings and this will look stunning next year when it is established and in flower.

At all times throughout the week and in all situations, our students demonstrated their resilience, a readiness to do their best, co-operation with their peers, a sound knowledge of good planting technique and the needs of plants, and a keen sense of adventure, fun and good will. It was a wonderful opportunity for all staff to join in and see their students in a different setting – hard at work and learning on the job. Thanks also to our lovely parents who helped with the task, it was wonderful to have your extra hands, ears and eyes!

Well done everyone! 1,000 plants! Not a bad effort at all! Where to next year?

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WE PLANTED 920 AUSTRALIAN PLANTS! WOW!
Open Door Community Church / Monbulk Care Network
Youth Art Competition 2016

Congratulations to the following amazing artists who won prizes in this fantastic local art show!

Encouragement Award: Samantha D
Highly Commended: Hamish F
Commended: Leah H, Elise L & Niamh

Well done to all our young artists who entered this competition.

The Patch Early Learning Centre
3 & 4 year old kindergarten program- ENROLMENTS OPEN for 2017

- Nurturing and supportive relationships - Welcoming and friendly environment
- Dedicated and caring staff - Beautiful natural learning environment
- Play based learning program - All children supported to participate - Guidance of behaviour
- Preparation for school

To book a tour of the kinder or to make an enquiry call 9751 9810
BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB

If you would like to start netball, Belcoma Netball Club is looking for girls and boys aged 8 and up for the Spring season starting in September, playing at Knox Netball Centre on Saturdays. We will give you a uniform, you just need a pair of good runners and be ready to play our fun game!

Enquiries - Jenny belcomasec@gmail.com

CONTACTING OSHC

To contact OSHC staff during program hours please call the main school telephone number 9756 7463 and select Option 1 to be directed to the OSHC landline. If this line is unavailable, please call the mobile 0419 515 494 and, if there is no answer, feel free to leave a message.

Also call this number during school hours and you will be re-directed to the OSHC Voicemail. Staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

Paying Cash at School

At the request of the Department, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you need to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.
THE FEELINGS TOOLKIT
HELPING YOUR KIDS COPE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED UP TO 12 YRS

- Does your child worry?
- Does he/she feel anxious or angry?
- How do you feel about feelings?
- Are you uncomfortable talking to your child about feelings?
- How do you teach kids skills to deal with strong feelings?
- Discover how our thoughts play a part in feelings and how to make good use of them.

Come along to share your experiences, learn new strategies and talk to other parents.

WHEN: Tuesday 26th July to 30th August (6 weeks)
TIME: 7pm to 9pm
WHERE: Kallista Community House,
2 Church Street, Kallista
COST: FREE of Charge.
Bookings are essential.

BOOKINGS:
Helena - Anglicare Parentzone
03 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

03 9735 6134 | anglicarevic.org.au
Body Confident Children & Teens
Information for Parents & Community Members
Locally supported by

Every year, since its inclusion in 2006, body image has been one of the top three areas of personal concern for young people
(Mission Australia, Youth Survey)

When: Monday, 15th August, 7pm – 8.30pm
Where: Belgrave Library Meeting Room, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave, 3160

What: An interactive presentation focused on how to better support children and/or teen’s body confidence during puberty and adolescence.

Topics covered include:
- Background on body image and importance of prevention
- Brief overview of eating and body related issues and warning signs
- Key influences on body confidence
- Importance of role modeling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Understanding ‘Fat Talk’ and handling ‘stuff’ they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral and support information
- Please note, this session does not cover dealing with fussy eaters

No cost involved but bookings essential

To book online: thebutterflyfoundation.org.au > Education > For Parents
More information: helen.bird@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au 02 8456 3908

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INFORMED
Monbulk Junior Cricket Club welcomes players for the 2016/17 season

U16, U14, U13, U12, U11, U10
Junior Girls Team (U12/13)
Milo in2Cricket (5-8yo)

Junior (U10-U16)
Cricket Registration Night
Wednesday 10th August, 6pm,
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin

Junior Indoor Pre-Season Training
– All Juniors
Sunday 11th and 18th September. Cost $5.
U10, U11, U12 & Girls Team: 2pm-3pm
U13-U16: 3pm-4pm
Lilydale Saxon Sports – 2/64 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale

Stuart Lever Junior Development Clinic
– All Juniors
Specialist Coaching – September School Holidays
Tuesday 22nd September. No cost.
U10, U11, U12 & Girls Team: 10am-12pm
U13-U16: 11.30am-1.30pm
BBQ & drinks supplied at end of each session
Lilydale Saxon Sports – 2/64 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale

Milo in2Cricket Registration Night
Friday 14th October, 5.30pm,
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin

For more info go to: monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au

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UPWEY FERN TREE GULLY BASEBALL CLUB

LOOKING FOR A GREAT SPORT TO PLAY??

TRY BASEBALL!!

BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

GREAT GAME. GREAT FAMILY CLUB

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DAY
SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST 9:30AM TO 1PM

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www.upweyftgbaseballclub.com  juniorpresident@upweyftgbaseballclub.com

OR CALL: 0418 591 921

KINGS PARK, WILLOW ROAD UPPER FERN TREE GULLY
Ranges Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA) Inc. a NOT FOR PROFIT organisation.

At last The Hills have an Academy for the arts with creative programs designed and delivered by industry professionals with extensive experience in various fields of the arts, and with a passion for making a difference in young people's lives. An Academy that develops confidence, personal motivation and self-worth. A place of encouragement where young people can express their own rich fertile imaginations.

FILMMAKING For ages 8-11, 12-14, 15-18
From storyboarding through to shooting and editing, all students gain hands-on practical experience, with the opportunity to see their films on the big screen thanks to the Cameo in Belgrave.

DANCE ages 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 15+
One of Melbourne's most sought-after contemporary dance instructors, Anton Cleaver-Wilkinson brings contemporary dance to The Hills like never before. These classes are more than learning steps, students learn how to choreograph from their own rich imagination, with an opportunity to create their own dance piece.

SINGING/VOICE For ages 8-12, 13-18
This early voice development series will establish healthy foundation skills in your child. Carefully crafted exercises teach fundamental musical and 'body' language while being fun and immersive. Older children will learn to listen more deeply and interpret sounds and music, and vocal technique becomes a focus in natural ways. Recording techniques are covered and students are given an opportunity to spend time in a professional recording studio.

DRAMA For ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-14
From fun foundation classes, improvisation, movement and character development, to interpretive skills and performance confidence, the dramatic imagination will fly in this series of drama classes. Look out for RAPA's Youth Theatre in 2017 with original works created by students.

TED-I SLAM For ages 6-11, 12+
Develop confidence & self-esteem to speak with ease for the stage or screen, and in fact for all walks of life, whether as a future leader or performer. Students will write, create and present their own work & spoken word. Finishing with a RAPA TED-I TALK style multi media presentation including SLAM POETRY, where every young participant is celebrated.

HOW TO REGISTER
RAPA's third term program has strictly limited places. You can secure a place now, or express interest in future classes, even for next year. We want to hear from you, and we want you to discover who these amazing teachers are. Message us on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/RAPA including class and student age or our website: www.rangesacademy.org or email: rangesacademy@gmail.com
The Importance of Attendance

Please remember that all students are expected to be in their classroom, ready to begin lessons by 8.50am.
We understand that now and again things don’t go to plan but all families should aim for their children to be at school by this time.
Parents should also remember that late arrivals or early leavers must be signed in or out by their parent or guardian using the system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or red tag must also be given to the classroom teacher when collecting your child.
The Department of Education & Training has very specific expectations about school attendance and we ask that all parents be mindful of the importance of prompt and regular attendance at school.
Thank you.

Community Notices

In Schools Music
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Tuba, Drums, Percussion, and Bass Guitar. New students. Enrolments to Andrew McAlister on 0408467147 or email ismusic@bigpond.com

Music Tuition with Chris Walker
Lessons in piano, guitar and bass guitar during school hours and after.
Phone 0407 049 012 or email chrisw7@ymail.com

Violin, Viola & Cello Lessons
Lessons are available at school on Fridays with experienced strings teacher Jane Coleman. For further information call: 0431 290 396 or email: janeliz.coleman@gmail.com. Be quick as there is currently only a small number of places available for new pupils.

Private Ukulele Lessons
The Patch School students now have the opportunity to take private ukulele lessons, starting next term on Mondays, from week 2 onwards. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 5 years' experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and is looking forward to teaching at The Patch. The cost is $14 for a 20 minute individual lesson or $10 for a paired lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email. 0408 102 542 jessdunn.arts@gmail.com.au