January 30th January

Dear Grade Two Parents of 2014,

Welcome back! It’s hard to believe that it’s that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for an exciting year. All of us are looking forward to working with your child over the coming year.

In the Ngarrert area, we have a collaborative approach to teaching the curriculum. This means that we plan, work together, interact with and teach all children in the unit. This allows for us as teachers to recognise and utilise each other’s strengths and provide our students with different perspectives and ways of thinking.

We believe good communication is the answer to running a successful classroom, particularly in a shared grade. All teachers in our area will plan together for the week and will be kept informed of any issues, and parent communication. All teachers in the area will be involved in assessing and reporting on student progress.

We encourage you to call or email us if you have any questions or concerns:
~ The Patch School - 9756 7463
~ Angie Martin’s email: martin.angela.b@edumail.vic.gov.au
~ Tania Blandthorn’s email: blandthorn.tania.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
~ Cheryl Powell’s email: powell.cheryl.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
~ Kent Agis’ email: agis.kent.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

We will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.
*A copy of this information will be stuck in the front of your child’s diary for use throughout the year.

The first couple of weeks will be devoted to settling in, establishing routines, developing good homework habits, launching our Reading, Writing and Maths Workshops. All this ensures a smooth transition for your child.

Our ‘Getting to Know You’ social event will be held in Term 1 Week 4 Friday 21st February after Year 5/6 Leadership Day. On the same day as the Year 5/6 Leadership Day the Year Fours will be holding a Launching into Leadership Day at school. Cheryl will be attendance at both. A formal Information Night will be held later in the term to provide you with more specific information about the year and answer any questions you might have.

Camps this year will run slightly differently due to an amazing opportunity extended to us by the shire for all Year 5s to attend Earth Keeper’s Camp.
Year 6 Camp is to Sovereign Hill on the 3rd to 5th March

Year 5 Earth Keeper’s Camp will be held in two groups in April during the week beginning 28th–2nd May

Year 4 Camp will be held later in the year at Oasis in Mt Evelyn

We will send our class Newsletter each fortnight as a hard copy. This can also be accessed via The Patch School website: www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Please find the following attached

- Leadership Day information
- Year Six Camp notice

The Grade Four, Five, Six Team,

Tania, Kent, Cheryl P, Angie, Courtney and Cheryl F