Dates to Remember

December

Mon 19th
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Tues 20th 1pm
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Last day for Lunch orders
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Grade 5/6 Knox Leisure works
Grade 6 farewell assembly

Last day of school for the year
- 1pm Grade 6 farewell assembly
- 1:20pm Drop off
- **1:30pm** School finishes

January

Tues 10th

Uniform shop ordering opens on Qkr!

February

Wed 1st
Thurs 2nd
Fri 10th
Mon 20th
Tues 21st – 20th

First day back for **ALL** students
8:50am start
Uniform shop opens
Monitors Assembly + Parents 9am
School Council
Getting to know you interviews

Reminder:

2017 Parent Payment Charges will be available to make your payment via Qkr! Early Term 1.

2016 charges will remain on Qkr! If you wish to finalize your account by the end of this year.

9 Days until Christmas!
From the Principal...

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year. It has flown by so fast!!! We hope you enjoyed the Principal Award Assembly on Thursday morning and for those parents who joined us, there were many moments of pride and joy on the parents and their children’s faces. What a wonderful way to end the year with a celebration of our students and their achievements throughout the year.

We have managed to raise with our events this year the amount of $17,000, has secure storage and shelving, with a specialised sink and plumbing for the Art room. Thank you to Kellie and Brett, owners of Surefire Plumbing Supplies, who have reduced the costs to the installation of the specialised plumbing. It will be fantastic to finally have water and a system to take away the waste in the Art room.

Our Autumn Festival, Calendars, Showcase Circus and a secured a donation from Bendigo Bank sourced by Jess Dunn who has made this possible.

A special thank you to our uniform ladies with the sale of second-hand uniforms, our raffles at the Circus Spectacular and the Autumn Festival, which raised money for our community fund.

We would like to acknowledge the following students for their nomination in the Principal Awards and the final winners of each category.

**Prep**

**Most Improved**
Lucy Cremean (Winner)
Hunter Dakis (Nominee)
Max Westig (Nominee)

**Civics & Citizenships**
Alex Cree (Winner)
Millie Kainbacher (Nominee)
Ollie Gay (Nominee)

**Academic Excellence**
Oscar Toohey (Winner)
Abi Horsefall (Nominee)
Joshua Brooke (Nominee)

**Gr 1/2**

**Civics & Citizenship**
Jasper Francis (Winner)
Hayden Hammerstein (Nominee)
William Van Der Hulst (Nominee)
Indigo Armstrong (Nominee)

**Most Improved**
Jayme Savin (Winner)
Leni Clarke (Nominee)
Robbie Smith (Nominee)
Amelia Amoruso (Nominee)

**Academic**
Neve Walvisch (Winner)
Eamon Dawson (Nominee)
Jasper Francis (Nominee)
Rohan Jenkins (Nominee)
From the Principal continued...

Gr 3/4

Civics & Citizenship
Josh Dawson (Nominee)
Olivia Langrish (Nominee)
Ruby Davidson-Tuck (Winner)
Noah Wain (Nominee)

Most Improved
Jordan Hundle (Winner)
Miette Gollin (Nominee)
Oscar Landorf (Nominee)
Bailey Komiazky (Nominee)

Academic
Jack Cotter (Winner)
Finn Horsfall (Nominee)
Caitlyn De Ryk (Nominee)
Mitchell Jenkins (Nominee)

Gr 5/6

Civics & Citizenship
Jasmine Andrews (Winner)
Nathan Van Der Hulst (Nominee)
Anastasia Armitage (Nominee)

Most Improved
Bradley Lee Wrenn (Winner)
Nathan Van Der Hulst (Nominee)
Noah Van-Haren (Nominee)

Academic
Isaac Sands-Smith (Winner)
Amy Elias (Nominee)
Liam Horne (Nominee)

A great effort by all

Thank you and enjoy Christmas

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A reminder for the commencement of Term 1 2017

We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red Day fire danger. More information will be available next year.

On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from drop off and no children will be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days.

As part of continuing Emergency Management arrangements roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. Please remember to sign out your child/children if they are leaving early. In the event of a fire we would waste several precious moments trying to work out where children are if they have not been signed out.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
From The Patch School
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

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