• **Close The Gap day:**
   Tomorrow at The Patch Primary School, we will celebrate Close The Gap day. Students will work with Wurundjeri elder, Murrindindi, in our school Wetlands completing follow up activities of Math and Literacy in their classroom. The day always is a wonderful way to acknowledge awareness of the ‘health inequality’ of Indigenous people. We are asking for a **gold coin donation** on the day, to enable us to purchase timber for the signage we need in our Wetlands and our school buildings. All children are able to wear free dress on the day, incorporating a colour of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags - red, yellow, black, white or green. We all look forward to a great day.

• **Homework Expectations:**
  - **Mathletics** several times a week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)
  - **Reading** for 20-30 minutes every day.
  - **Spelling** - individual lists

• Is your child wearing his/her **hats** when leaving for school in the morning? Hats must be worn outside during Terms One and Four.

• Remember to check your child’s **communication folder** and diary each night and help your child to remember to return this folder to school each day.

• You can help your child prepare for **NAPLAN** at home by discussing and practising problem solving skills and ideas for approaching maths problems as well as questioning comprehension when you listen to your child read. The NAPLAN tests for Grade 3 will be held on Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May.

• **Penpal Conference**
  Grade 3 and Grade 4 students have been exchanging penpal letters with students at Ames Elementary School in Maine, USA. On the last day of term, 28th March, we have the opportunity to have a digital conference with the students in Maine. We will be using the large screen conference board in the library. The students are VERY excited at the opportunity to meet their penpals!

  Due to the time difference we will have to be at school at 7.30am for the conference (it will be their 4.30 in the afternoon). We would like to have breakfast at school afterwards (toast and cereal). If you are able to assist with serving breakfast for all students after the video conference, please fill in and return the attached slip. (PTO)

  **Digital Video Conference to Ames Elementary school in Maine**

  **Date:** Thursday 28th March (last day Term 1)
  **Time:** 7.30 am (Breakfast to follow)
  **Cost:** $2 donation
  **Dress:** Pyjamas (parents please make sure children are wearing underwear as well!)

• Our classrooms are **nut free** (traces of nuts are fine). Please keep this in mind when you prepare your child’s lunches.
- Our Level 3 Parent Information Book is now available on our website. These information books provide you with answers to most of the questions you will have about the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions. We are always happy to help 😊 Please also check the website for copies of any notices sent home. If your child misplaces a notice, you can print one from the website.

- Our first CAMP information came home last week. If you did not receive this, please see your child’s teacher ASAP. The total cost for camp is $260 and is due in full by Tuesday 23rd April.

- Congratulations to Jackson from 3/4J for your winning entry in our Homework Maths Challenge! Below is a new maths problem to solve with your child at home. Remember to return the completed answer slip to the Homework Maths Challenge box located in 3/4C. Another answer slip will be chosen at random and a student will win a prize for successfully completing the task. Good luck!

Marg, Naomi, Jennie, Judy, Lissa, Lynne S, Kerri and Cheryl F

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**Week 8 Homework Maths Challenge Solution**  Name: ______________________

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**Ocean Math Maze**

The school of fish need to escape from the shark or they will become the shark’s dinner! Help the school of fish escape to the coral by solving the multiplication problems. Colour the answers that are EVEN NUMBERS and follow the coloured answers through the maze to the coral. Show all of your working out. Can you find any short cuts for working these out?

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I would be happy to assist with serving breakfast to the grade 3/4 students on the morning of the 28th of April after the Digital Conference with our Pen Pals in the USA

Parent’s name:_____________________________________________

Student’s name: ____________________________________________  Class 3/4____