Dates to Remember

September
Mon 1st – Fri 5th
Sat 6th
Mon 8th
Mon 10th
Mon 10th
Mon 15th
Thur 18th
Fri 19th

Science Week
Shopping Tour
Stomp the Beat
Murrundindi Visiting
Choir Visiting Emerald Glades
Showcase Dress Rehearsal
Showcase
Last Day of Term 3

October
Mon 6th
Thur 16th
Tue 21st
Wed 22nd
Thur 30th
Fri 31st

Term 4 begins
Grade 2 Sleep Over
Murrundindi Visiting
CFA ‘Gather at the Gate’
Community Education Event
Prep 2015 Transition 9.30-10.30am
Curriculum Day

November
Tue 4th
Wed 5th
-Thu 13th
Thu 13th
Mon 17th
-We 19th
Thu 27th

Melbourne Cup Day
Prep – Gr 2 Swimming
Program
Prep 2015 Transition 9.30-10.30am
Grade 3/4 Camp
Prep 2015 Transition 9.00-11.00am
(Art, Enviro, Music & Phys Ed)

December
Wed 3rd
Thu 4th
Tue 9th
Tue 9th
Wed 17th
Fri 19th

Prep 2015 Parent Info Night 7pm
Christmas Concert
Step-Up Day
Prep 2015 Formal Orientation
Grade 6 Graduation
Last Day of Term 4

Do You Have A Child Beginning School in 2015?

If you have a child beginning Prep next year and have not yet enrolled them, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Accurate enrolment numbers assist greatly in the planning of classes and programs for the next school year. Thank you for your co-operation.
From the Principal...

Thought for the week:
A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.  - *Chinese proverb*

Showcase 2014 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September
4 weeks to go

As Showcase approaches, students at The Patch are busily practising their items for your entertainment. “Showcase 2014” will be a celebration of the Arts curriculum, including both the Performing and Visual Arts. Last year’s theme was largely based around storytelling, however, this year the Showcase is focused on movement and dance, with a sprinkling of science!

All levels participated in the “Stomp The Beat” dance program this year, and the development in their skills will be evident in this year’s production. Whilst all grades will be presenting an item, some students will be performing in additional numbers, such as orchestra, junior and senior choir and a special project from Andrew.

The Grade 6s will be going out with a bang in a variety of numbers – choir, band, orchestra, dance - for their last performance at The Patch. As well as superb performance skills, students are also working hard behind the scenes helping with props, programs and organisation back stage.

No doubt by now, you will have heard about dance steps, costumes and storylines. We are in for a wide range of performances comprising of:

- Preps: ‘Creepy Crawlies and Itchy Things’
- Ones: ‘Legomania’
- Twos: ‘Nits - the UNTOLD Story’
- Three & Four: ‘The Sun’
- Five & Six: ‘On a Beam of Light’
- Year Six: ‘Identity’

Tickets will be $20 per adult and $10 per child. Information around ticketing and performance times will be coming home next week - we are just waiting for the seating plan to be completed. As soon as this is finalised with Discovery Church the tickets will go on sale online on a “first in, best dressed” basis.

So please circle the date and get the grandparents organised as we are in for a fun time of entertainment. Stay tuned for more information. We are sure you will enjoy the show!

Have a great week,

*Deb*

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Garden Working Bee

Is it rain? Is it hail? Yes, both but the sun did shine during the breaks and illuminated the new plantings and the glistening, steaming pizza oven. Whilst we didn’t have a huge number of volunteers willing to give up their cosy inside jobs and trade them for muddy, outdoor ones, we did have a very committed and hardworking team who transformed our garden once again.

In preparation for our Open Garden Scheme event next March and to continue the development of our school garden (Learning Landscape), we have created a new Silver Garden to display some drought tolerant silver foliaged and white flowering plants. Interspersed among these are plantings of blue and yellow to give some contrast and climbers who will grow up the central teepee.

We also began replanting the Dry Garden with hardy, attractive low water use plants such as succulents and tough perennials and weeded existing beds.

Our exciting news is that we have partnered up with The Patch Landcare Group and a great team of workers launched into the fern gully restoration project, planting another 60 indigenous species to extend the plantings. It’s wonderful to have such diligent and dedicated community members coming along to our school and offering to be involved in improvement works. New links to learning opportunities also arise through these networks and build relationships further.

Our Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop was timely and informative and as a result, all our fruit trees were pruned and ready for another productive season. Thank you John for sharing your skills and keeping our trees in tip top shape.

Our pizza oven was fired up as usual thanks to our master pizza makers and cooks who produced more pizza than we could eat! The soup was also delicious! How wonderful to be working in the garden and to have a cup of steaming hot soup offered!

All in all, it was a very rewarding morning and our community once again demonstrated its commitment to our outdoor classroom and all that it represents. Thank you for coming and sharing your time, expertise, knowledge, enthusiasm and love of our school. It is always such a pleasure to meet new families and catch up with “old” ones.

Here are a few snaps of the day.

(Preparing pizzas for the hungry workers)
Planting up our new Silver Garden and getting some tips on fruit tree pruning.
Rylan and his mother Nanda work in our new Silver Garden.
The Patch Landcare Group came along and helped to continue our fern gully plantings. Thank you so much for your hard work and we look forward to seeing you next time. We have much to learn from this wonderful group!
Sunshine, rain, hail, we had it all!
Annalise is Stepping Up!

Hi, my name is Annalise VanderHulst. From the 1st to the 7th of September, I will be participating in a "Step-A-Thon" for the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute to raise money for childhood illnesses such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes and obesity. I am aiming to take 8,000 steps every day for one week and through sponsorship of my steps I shall be able to donate all the funds raised to the Institute for their very important work.

If you would like to sponsor me and help with this cause as well, please go to: www.stepathon.com.au and type in Annalise VanderHulst. My web page will come up and you can donate there.

Thank you.
Annalise

From The Patch PS: Wow Annalise! That’s a wonderful effort and a very considerate initiative. We wish you well in your endeavours – at least you will be getting active and that’s good for healthy bodies. Please support Annalise in this very worthwhile undertaking 😊

Safety at School and Dogs

You may be aware of a recent dog attack on the grounds of a neighbouring school. With this in mind, it is imperative that if you choose to bring your dog to school, they remain on their lead at all times and are handled by an adult. At no time are children to be responsible for a dog on a lead within school grounds.

At The Patch, we are a dog friendly school and we provide education around responsible pet ownership.

Dogs are an important part of many families in our school community and, as such, I hope we can all work towards continuing to welcome your dogs at school.

EBM Insurance Brokers – Insurance for Students

StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents & guardians a helping hand when they need it the most, at a very affordable price.

The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just $29.00.

The cover provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world* whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not and includes almost every sport*.

(*some conditions apply)

For further information click here or collect a flyer from the school office.
Safety is of the utmost importance at The Patch PS and our system for dropping off and picking up students has been developed and fine-tuned over many years to enable the most effective and protective method of moving children on and off the site.

Students are dismissed from class at 3.25 and those going home by car will walk straight to the drop-off area and stand with siblings if they have them, to await their parents/carers. The years 5/6 should be standing at the higher end of the concrete path unless they are with siblings and the junior grades at the lower end of the path; all students should be well clear of the painted yellow line that denotes the walking path to cars.

To ensure parents/carers do not need to do unnecessary “laps” of the school driveway, we aim to have all students at the drop-off by the 3.30 bell. Students need to be constantly watching out for their car and to move quickly and carefully to enable a steady flow of traffic into and out of the grounds.

All paths to and from the drop-off need to be clear for easy access and visibility. Our parent community is a very cohesive and friendly one and we value any opportunity that enables families to socialize and relax. Please continue to use this time to catch up with friends and arrange “plays” for your children but be aware that we need to maintain our access on paths and visibility to arriving cars. Dogs must be kept on leads held by an adult and only students whose parents are collecting them from the shelter shed are allowed to be in there (unless it is raining).

To encourage safe behaviour at drop-off, we shall be awarding certificates at assembly to students who are consistently responsible and punctual. Poor behaviour will result in students receiving a Red Card which informs their parent/carer of their behaviour and requires them to collect them from the office area instead.

As the winter months continue and the weather is unstable and often cold and wet, we need to ensure our pick-up system works effectively and that parents/carers are not having to drive around the loop multiple times. We shall be reminding students of our expectations at drop-off; please talk to your child about how best they can help you and stay safe.

Thank you for your co-operation
Our Art Extension Group

At The Patch, we are very fortunate to have many talented and generous community members who gladly give up their time and share their skills and expertise to enable us to provide a richer and more diverse range of learning opportunities for our students. When those same talents develop not only meaningful life skills but also improve our physical environment, then we really are benefiting twofold. Such is the case with our Art Extension Group. Last year, Murrundindi gave us permission to name our school buildings with Wurrundjeri names such as Bulum Bulum (butterfly – 1/2 building), Mindi (snake – main building), Djeri djeri (Willy Wagtail – year 3/4 building), Ngarrett (frog – 4/5/6 building), Lurki (lizard – Eco-Centre) and so on.

Ever since our names were chosen by students and staff, we have wanted to create some artistic representations of them for our buildings. Finally, we have begun an art class that is run by parents and helpers to facilitate five groups of Year 5/6 students to design and implement their designs under the guidance and direction of the multi-talented adults. These wonderful people are talented artists in their own right with additional skills in design, construction, display, etc. They have given up their Wednesday afternoons to spend two hours with our very excited students and we can already see great progress in their individual projects. See below for some inspiring images of our artists at work.

A big THANK YOU to:

Natalie Latham
Simone Broekman
Steve Warburton
Lily Rayner
Steve Page

We are LOVING your work!
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know, that 1 in 5 children living in a remote indigenous community can’t read at the accepted minimum standard?

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is a charitable foundation committed to improving literacy in remote indigenous communities across Australia.

September 7th is Indigenous Literacy Day so, to help raise funds for the foundation, The Patch is taking part in the Great Book Swap Challenge!

It is easy and fun to do! Kids and staff bring one of their favourite books – either new or pre-loved – and pay a gold coin donation to swap it for someone else’s book.

So bring a book to school, ready for the book swap starting in September!

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Thank You from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

To all who donated from The Patch Primary School,

On behalf of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, I wish to express our deep gratitude for your very generous donation. The ASRC provides a wide range of help to hundreds of asylum seekers. The ASRC provides food, clothing, counselling, casework support, English classes, employment advice, medical care and other services. Many asylum seekers are denied the right to work, and therefore have no income whatsoever, while others receive just small amounts of income. The burden of keeping together the body and soul of asylum seekers in our community is falling on a range of charities, including the ASRC which can only exist due to the generosity of people such as yourself.

We have added your address to our mailing list for the Food and Aid Newsletter. This is a monthly email we send out to our subscribers regarding the Foodbank. The newsletter is a useful way to keep up-to-date with what the Foodbank is doing and any goods we may need urgently (you can unsubscribe if necessary).

We find it uplifting when donations such as yours come into the ASRC and the Foodbank volunteers have asked me to pass on their thanks and appreciation.

We placed the items on the Foodbank shelves immediately, and many of them will be in the homes of asylum seekers already.

Warm regards,

Rhiannon Smolski

Foodbank Communications

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account;
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
Congratulations to all students who received certificates at assembly recently. Keep up the great work!
For the Love of Poetry

Recently we have been treated to some wonderful poetry reading at assembly by students from Years 4, 5 and 6. All material is original and developed with great enthusiasm and patience during literacy lessons and we are proud to share some of it here with you.

**Tripwire Disaster**
I didn’t see the tripwire trap
Waiting in the hall
I didn’t hear the stifled snicker
Just behind the door.
Not until I tripped that is,
And felt my sticky hair.
I heard distorted laughter
I smelt wet paint everywhere.
But I didn’t see that troublesome tripwire
Waiting, lurking for me somewhere
By Yasmin

**Happiness**
Happiness is an elephant
Blowing water at its owner
Because there’s no food.
By Max

**Poem for Cheryl**
You are a wise old owl
Perching on a tree

**Emotions**

**Fear**
Is a quivering mouse
Shaking as he walks
In the corner of his cage
Hiding from the cat

**Hilarity**
Is a laughing kookaburra
Happily calling and flapping her wings
Watching me fall over

**Anger**
Is a mother wolf
Lunging and snarling in the woods
Fighting and growling
Protecting her young
By Yasmin
“One Blade More” by Erica Shipsey
Thousands are gathered
One by one.
They scatter vigorously
Across the plain.
But wait,
Clouds bellowing
Come towards
Great power
And destruction
Flooding the plain
The beauty in water
Takes all hope within
Its power.
Just one blade more

“Blue” by Keshet Tahar
Blue is happiness
Like the salty ocean against my skin
Like a turtle swimming in the ocean like a tie-dyed shirt against my skin
Is the happiness in my life.

“Life”, by Daniel Oudyk
The sky is blue, isn’t it?
The grass is green, bit – by - bit.
Houses are strong,
As strong as a gong.
Mud hats are weak,
They always leak.
Houses were made in the olden days.
They were made near bays.
These days, houses have robots, example, a Roomba.
The Roomba will clean, while you play Zumba.
I wonder what things will be like in 50 years.
I don’t know though, because it isn’t near.

“Not a Poem”, by Jackson Jones
Is this a poem?
I’m going to say no,
’cos it doesn’t have much rhythm, tune or flow.
It doesn’t have purpose,
Not one bit at all,
This is poetry’s
Total downfall.
This sounds so boring,
Nobody cares,
It isn’t as cool as three robotic bears.

“Food” by Cadhla Schmidli
There is someone who loves to eat,
He especially likes meat.
One day he ate some chicken,
Which he started finger lickin’
Then he went to KFC,
And bought all the chicken he could see.
But on his way back home
He managed to trip on a stone
He landed on the floor
And also hit the door.
He fell on his head
Then it turned out he was dead!

“My Bed” by Oriane Cleary
Snuggie and always lets me in
The smell of fresh linen
Covers me head to toe
A massive blanket, plump as dough.
Our students are thoroughly enjoying the garden being open at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and we are now investigating how to extend the opening hours and maintain adequate supervision. Whilst it is wonderful to have such expansive grounds, we do need to ensure our students are supervised whenever they are outside. Our garden offers a wonderful opportunity for imaginative play, dress ups, creativity and developing gardening skills. Here are some snaps of some of our students in the garden this week.
Senior Environmental Science

Senior school lessons in environmental science are exploring, through some rich assessment tasks in a variety of forms, some of the characteristics, features, habits, classification, care, etc of our eco-centre animals. Here are some images to enjoy...
Supporting Asylum Seekers & Refugees
Food Drive at The Patch PS: 8-12 September

This is the second quarterly collection of non-perishable items that our AMBER group is coordinating to donate to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. After the amazing effort of our wonderful school community during the collection in June, we look forward to your continuing support!

As part of our ongoing commitment to building bridges within our community, we hope to share with you a story, photo, piece of writing or artwork from a refugee or asylum seeker each time we make this call for your support. This time around we would like to share a poem written by a friend of ours who is living in Community Detention near Dandenong. He and his wife fled from their country over 2 years ago after their lives were threatened from a powerful political faction. They were forced to flee without their children, and although they have had another baby since arriving in Australia, they desperately long to be with their other two children every single day. This poem was written while they were still being held in a detention centre on mainland Australia. (For reasons of safety, I will not publish the name of the author).

**Behind the Fence**

The boy wonders  
Gazing through the  
Eyes of the metal fence.  
A question is raised  
Too far and too faint for me to hear.  
But it seems as if he got the answer.  
The smile on his face tells me so  
But the mother's face says something else  
A different story.  
I write down every detail  
Of the curious child and the mother.  
I look up as I write few words down  
And I look up to write more  
But they're gone.  
Vanished behind the fence.

During the second last week of term (September 8-12) there will be a collection point in the school foyer where we will collect non-perishable food items to donate to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. The ASRC provide a food bank, legal advocacy, and medical support among other fantastic programs for Asylum Seekers in the community. It is our aim to collect a donation from each Patch PS family during this week, which will then be delivered to the ASRC in Footscray. The items we are collecting this time are:

- breakfast cereal (Weetbix, cornflakes)
- rice
- chickpeas, lentils, kidney beans  
  (tinned or dried)
- honey
- sanitary items - tampons, pads
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste

AMBER is a group of mothers who care about the future society their children will inherit. We see one of the most pressing moral issues in Australia currently as the fear that exists in the community toward the ‘other’. No where is this more stark than in relation to asylum seekers and refugees. Drawing on our rich heritage of Mothers’ movements of the past, we as Mothers, driven by our solidarity with other Mothers across the world and our knowledge and experience in the area of asylum seekers/refugees, are seeking to open the eyes and hearts of our fellow Australians to the inspiring possibilities that lie ahead for our Australian community.

A local AMBER group has recently been established and is working passionately to support and advocate for asylum seekers, both in detention and in our community. Please contact dandenongamber@gmail.com if you’d like more information. We would love you to join our Facebook page, or to visit the website.
New Payment Options for OSHC

The Patch School is now offering all parents the opportunity to pay your OSHC fees regularly with a Credit Card or by Direct Debit using **Child Care EasyPay**.

This will allow you to set up an automated process to pay the outstanding balance on your OSHC statement and remove the frustration of having to arrange payment each fortnight.

Parents only need to fill in the Parent Set Up Form available from OSHC, from the school website or at the document display at the school office, select their preferred method of payment, Credit Card or Direct Debit, return to the school and we will set up your automatic fortnightly payment.

For the parents who already use our in-house fortnightly payment plan, please fill in your details on the Parent Set Up Form, return it as soon as possible and we will arrange for your payment to continue to be debited on a fortnight basis on this new system.

*Alternatively, this system also offers parents the choice of paying by direct deposit when they choose to. A separate form will be available soon to enable personal login details to be issued to use this service.*

**The benefits to you as a parent include:**

- No need to carry cash or cheque
- Once set up, there is no need to remember to pay your OSHC account each fortnight
- Ability to earn additional points and rewards on your credit card
- The cash flow benefits of interest free days (most cards offer between 40 - 55 days interest free period)

We have also been able to negotiate a lower transaction fee for these payments:

**Parents pays (incl GST)**

- Mastercard & Visa: 1.2%
- American Express: 2.2%
- Bank Account: .90c

We feel that moving forward with these payment options is in the best interests of both you and the school.

Please come to us with any questions or concerns you have about this new payment option.
Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

**NO FEES ~ YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED!**

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

**Our normal dental care** continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth (must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on **9757 6200** at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200
Remember your weekly school banking is collected on a Wednesday.

Every time you deposit you will receive a sticker for your certificate and with only 6 stickers per term you will receive a prize at the end of term.

Application forms and certificates are available at the school office.

By banking with Bendigo Bank you also support all the animals at the Monbulk Wildlife Shelter.

Have fun saving and don’t forget you can contact us at the Bank with any questions at all 😊

Monbulk & District Community Bank® Branch
70 Main Street, Monbulk, VIC 3793
P 03 9752 1130
E monbulkmailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au
Community Notices

Free Computer
Dell Dimension 3100 computer with flat screen monitor. Approx 8 years old, a little slow but works fine. Great for kids to play games or word processing. Free to good home. Please contact Kellie at school.

Harry's Tree Services
Tree & Stump Removal; Pruning; Mulching; Cabling & Bracing; Possum Guards; Contract Climbing.
FREE QUOTES & Fully Insured. Cal or email Harry 0498 484 009 H.cole.j@gmail.com
Ex-The Patch School student 😊

Craft Classes for Patch Kids
Learn to sew, knit, crochet and felt! Classes are starting at The Patch Community Hall after school on Thursdays until 4.45. Cost is $8 per session and a $10 per term materials fee. Full term or casual options available. To sign up or for more information contact Jess Dunn 0408 102 542 or jessdunn.arts@gmail.com

Term 3 Kids Art Classes At Tiffany Bishop Collective.
Bringing together creative play and development of skills, these art workshops allow your child to find and express their own unique voice through painting and drawing. Mondays 5 - 6:30pm, August 4th - September 15th, tiffany bishop COLLECTIVE 1658a Burwood Highway, Belgrave.
$150 full term or $30 single drop-in session. shelleykrycer@gmail.com 0410 145 875
Bookings essential. Adult classes also running.

Monbulk Junior Cricket Club
If you know anyone who was a student or a teacher

Junior Registration Night Wednesday 13th August 6pm at Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin
Junior Indoor Pre-Season Training U13, U15 & U17s only Friday 5th & 12th September 5pm-6pm Cost $5 at Lilydale Saxon Sports 2/64 Cavehill Rd Lilydale
Junior Development Indoor Coaching Clinic – All Juniors Specialist coaching during September School Holidays FREE Tuesday 23rd September 10am-12pm – U10s & U11s 11.30am-1.30pm – U13s, U15s & U17s BBQ & drinks supplied at end of each session Bayswater Saxon Sports 14 Gatwick Rd Bayswater North

Milo in2Cricket Registration Night Friday 17th October 5.30pm Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin
Contacts: Junior Co-ordinator Steve Utting 0402 344 895 utting.steven.c@edumail.vic.gov.au Bronwyn Badger 0488 566 443 bronwynbadgery@yahoo.com.au
More information on our website www.monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au
Community Notices

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015
There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Finland, Canada and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from February next year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

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

Come and join The Voice Maker School of Singing!
Students are now having Singing Lessons at School in school time by a Professional Vocal Coach! For all children that love singing and want to develop confidence within themselves the fun way! They will also perform in live shows! ONE FREE LESSON available on request so why not give it a try? Call Jennie on 0410 543 946 or email jennieanastass@gmail.com

Spanish For all Ages ¡Hola Amigos!
After School Spanish classes at The Patch P.S. will run on Wednesdays for Grade 1 to 6 children from 3:45 - 4:30pm and Mondays for our Semi-Private group from 4-5pm STARTING..... WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12th in the Uniform Room!!! Come and learn the Language through songs, storytelling, music and dance. For more information please contact Pilar Nesvara directly on 0435358802 or Pilar7@live.com.au LUNITA BLUE Creative Spaces ABN 80898480 ¡HASTA PRONTO!

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

Junior School Singers
Our Junior School Singing Group is up and running! We are rehearsing every Wednesday at lunchtime in the music room. If your child would like to attend, this coming Wed 30th is the cut-off date for registration. We are working on fantastic songs for the The Patch School Showcase in September. Cost: $48.00 per child, $72.00 for 2 children in a family. Open to students from Prep, Grade One and Grade Two.

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