Patchwork News
Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

Dates to Remember

September
Wed 11th
Fri 13th
Tue 17th
Fri 20th

Hoop Time
Kids Teaching Kids
Footy Colours FREE DRESS & Cupcake Day
Last Day of Term

Students Dismissed from 2.30pm

October
Thur 10th
Mon 21st
Mon 21st
Sat 19th
Tues 22nd
Tues 29th

Cooks Cottage & Enterprize Excursion
Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm
School Council Meeting 7.15pm
Staff Shopping Tour (everyone welcome 😊)
Puberty Education Parent Info Night
Showcase (Students at Discovery Church all day)

November
Fri 1st
Tue 5th
Wed 6th
Fri 15th
Mon 18th
Mon 18th
Thur 21st

Curriculum Day (students not required at school)
Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Prep – 2 Swimming Program
Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm
School Council Meeting 7.15pm
FREE DRESS supporting State Schools Relief – Gold Coin Donation

December
Mon 2nd
Thur 5th
Tue 10th
Thur 12th
Mon 16th
Mon 16th
Thur 19th
Fri 20th

Prep 2014 Parent Information Night
7pm – 8pm
Prep & Buddy Excursion
Year 7 Orientation Day
Carols Evening
Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm
School Council Meeting 7.15pm
Gr 6 Graduation
Last Day of Term 4

Election Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 7th September

The Grade 6 students, parents & teachers have organized a sausage sizzle & cupcake stall tomorrow during Election Day. Our Hall will be a polling venue for this area so if you are coming down to vote, treat yourself to something yummy from the stall and help raise funds for this year’s Grade 6 Graduation!

A big thank you to the members of the school community who have made this fundraiser possible.
From the Assistant Principal...

Deb is currently on a well-earned break and has taken some Long Service Leave until the end of term so you will find me in her office for the next two weeks.

The Patch Showcase
We have so many exciting things coming up during the remaining two weeks of term and early Term 4. Our wonderful Showcase is taking place in week 4 on Tuesday October 29th! Children in all grades have been practising their items to perform for parents and other family members and the Showcase will consist of a Matinee performance and an evening performance on this date. Tickets for the Showcase will be able to be purchased online and these will be available during the first week after the school holidays.

On the day of the Showcase (Tuesday 29th October) all children will need to be dropped off at Discovery Church in Mt Evelyn in the morning as there will be a rehearsal before the Matinee at 12.30 p.m. Children will need to be picked up from Discovery Church as well at the end of the day so it is very important that this date be noted and arrangements made with family or friends to help transport children to and from Mt Evelyn where our Showcase is to take place.

Staff and children have been working very hard on their performance items and you are all in for a special treat! More details will continue to come to you as we lead up to October 29th.

Footy Colours and Free Dress Day
During the last week of term, on Tuesday 17th September, we will be having a Footy Colours’ Day. Children can wear the colours of their favourite team or wear footy jumpers, tops etc. There will be a gold coin donation to wear free dress on Footy Day and there will be cupcakes available for morning tea. A note about this went home yesterday on pink paper – please look out for it as there is an order form for the cupcakes on this to be back at school by next Tuesday.

A Special Thank You
I would like to thank Janine Jenkins and her small band of helpers – Tara Niclasen, Bec Shing and Gillian Syres who collated all the Ashton Scholastic book club orders and packed them up for every child who placed an order. Because of the love of books that students at The Patch have, there were many, many orders to process and distribute and we are grateful to Janine for organising this. As well as the children being able to order a range of reading material the school receives bonus books for the library or for classrooms so we are very lucky.

Uniform Shop News and Request
A big thank you to Claudia Dykstra who has volunteered to work in the Uniform Shop and learn from our current volunteers. Edith Elias, Sue Flynn and Lynda Loveridge have been running the Uniform Shop for the last two years and can no longer continue due to other commitments. We are desperately in need of some new parents to learn the system with Claudia and work alongside her as it cannot be run by one person alone. Please consider this request – it is not only a chance to help the school but also a chance to meet some new friends and have a bit of fun at the same time. We are very grateful to Sue, Edith and Lynda for their efficient running of the Uniform Shop – they have provided a wonderful service for the school!

A Worthwhile Sporting Social Service Activity – CAN YOU HELP?
Angie Martin’s daughter will soon be travelling to Vanuatu as part of the Olinda Ferny Creek Football Netball Club (OFCFNC). This club has an amazing opportunity to be involved with a Development Tour which has been organised with the sole purpose of promoting and developing sport in the Vanuatu community. OFCFNC is also committed to facilitating the development of Vanuatu school and club facilities and providing much needed sporting equipment. They are currently trying to collect clothes and sporting equipment (balls etc) which could be taken with them to donate to the clubs and communities they will be interacting with in Vanuatu so if you have any second hand or new sports gear/clothes that you no longer want (any size) or balls or other equipment that might be able to be transported easily you could send them along to the office or to Angie in Grade 5/6 and she will pass them on to her daughter and the group going to Vanuatu?

Lynne Pearce
Assistant Principal
No doubt many of you have come across our friend Lynda Loveridge (Yeomans) as part of your involvement either in the school, kinder or the community. Lynda has 3 beautiful boys Jack (Gr4), Kurt (Gr2) and Harry (Prep). Sometime ago Lynda was diagnosed with a genetic disease called Neurofibromatosis and subsequently both Jack and Kurt were found to have the same disease. On top of this, during the past few months Lynda’s family has been dealt additional terrible blows:

- Kurt has recently been diagnosed with Macular and Retinal Dystrophy which will result in Kurt eventually losing his sight.
- Jack has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumour and is undergoing further medical testing to determine the best course of action.
- Lynda is also undergoing testing as a result of spinal issues relating to the Neurofibromatosis.

As a single parent, this has placed a terrible burden on Lynda and her family both emotionally and financially. Lynda has to attend numerous medical appointments for both herself and the boys:

- Kurt is attending The Royal Children’s Hospital and Eye & Ear Hospital, as well as the Blind Association to determine the support and course of action going forward as his sight deteriorates.
- Jack is undergoing testing at the Royal Children’s Hospital.
- Lynda is currently undergoing testing through a Neurologist for her spinal issues and other issues related to her disease.

As friends of Lynda’s we have grouped together to form ‘The Patch Circle of Friends’ to help support Lynda through this journey. The purpose of the group is to support their family with costs associated with their illnesses and which will enhance their wellbeing.

To date we have provided meals and a weekly support group with her friends.

As the costs involved in attending numerous medical appointments such as fuel and parking can be onerous we would like to fundraise to help contribute to these expenses. We are also looking to help by purchasing an Ipad which can be used by the boys during their numerous appointments. Anyone who has had an unwell child, having to attend hospital appointments and sit in waiting rooms will know just how difficult it can be for both parent and child. Therefore, by providing some sort of respite during this time, may help ease what is always a difficult situation. They will be able to use the Ipad to download audio books, which would be particularly beneficial for Kurt as his sight deteriorates. Other educational apps can be downloaded such as Mathletics etc to help support Jack in periods of absence from school.

Upcoming potential fundraising events may include:

- Raffle (tbc)
- Diana Ferrari fundraising event (November 2013 tbc)
- Emerald BBQ (21st December 2013 tbc)

We have also established a community bank account managed by ‘The Patch Circle of Friends’ where all fundraising money will be deposited and distributed from. If you would like to contribute to this fund you can directly deposit funds to the following account:

Bendigo Bank Monbulk
Account name: The Patch Circle of Friends  BSB: 633000  Acc: 150105708

Understandably people will choose to contribute in many different ways, whether it be assisting at fundraising events, directly contributing financially or just supporting one of the events. If you would like to assist in any way, please feel free to contact us.

Contact details for ‘The Patch Circle of Friends’ are:

Sue Flynn: sue_flynn@bigpond.com       Lynne Stack: lmcstack@bigpond.com

We will keep you up informed of dates as they come to hand.

‘The Patch Circle of Friends’
Dental services for children

Your local community dental service offers

**LOW-COST dental services for all children**
**FREE if you have a Centrelink concession card**

Dental health is essential for overall health and wellbeing.
Regular dental check-ups are important to catch any problems early.

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| The Child Oral Health Program is available to all children aged 0-12 through your local community health service. Your child will have priority access which means there is no waiting list, they will be given the next available appointment. | This service includes:  
  - emergency care  
  - general care (e.g. fillings, extractions and sealants)  
  - dental health advice. |

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| Children (12 years and under) who:  
  - are government concession card holders or dependents of concession card holders  
  - identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people  
  - are in out-of-home care provided by the Children, Youth and Families Division of the Department of Human Services  
  - attend a special or special development school | **FREE** |
| **General care - For general course of care that includes an exam and all general dental treatment with a max $ cap per-family per-year.**  
Children (12 years and under) who do not fit into any of the above categories | **CAPPED AMOUNT PER CHILD** |

To make an appointment contact

Knox Community Health Service  
1063 Burwood Highway  
Fern tree Gully, 3156  
ph: 9757 6200

For more information visit [www.dhsy.org.au](http://www.dhsy.org.au)  
or follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/dhsy](http://www.twitter.com/dhsy)
**REMEMBER!!**

**No payments are to come to school on Fridays – thank you for your co-operation 😊**

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*Sushi Express*

Sushi Express now have online ordering available.

Just go to [www.mfsushiexpress.com](http://www.mfsushiexpress.com) and click on **Online school lunch orders**. Please ensure you put your child’s name, school and class in the **Instructions to Merchant** field in the via PayPal checkout, otherwise we won’t know who it belongs to!

Please ensure you place your child’s online order before 9am on Thursdays.

Sushi Express makes every effort to get your child’s order correct. However mistakes can happen. There are often extra handrolls in the office so if your child’s order is incorrect, ask your child to check with the Jody in the office.

Thanks again for encouraging healthy eating choices in your children.

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**Have you noticed lately...**

- the beautiful **magenta blossom** of the trees as you exit the ring road?
- the enormous amount of **bright green new foliage**?
- the **sweet fragrance of spring** in the air?
- the **uplifting sound of chirping birds** everywhere?
- the **happy sound of children playing** in the fresh air, growing stronger every day?
- how fortunate we are to live in this special place?

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**Head Lice**

We are currently experiencing a higher than usual number of reported cases of head lice in our classes.

Please, please, please check your child’s hair at least weekly for live lice or eggs (both dead and alive) and don’t hesitate to contact the school office if you require any further information.

Thank you for your co-operation as we try to manage this time consuming and frustrating problem.

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**PREPS 2014**

Do you have a child intending to start Prep at The Patch School in 2014?

If you haven’t enrolled yet, please do so as soon as possible as we are about to start planning classes for the next school year.

Thank you.
Get ready for a BIG day of shopping!!

The Patch Staff Fundraising Shopping Tour
Saturday 19th October 2013 – Everyone Welcome!

Don’t miss out!
Date for $20 Deposit
extended until Thursday 19th September!

If this year’s Shopping Tour fundraiser is as much fun as last time, you will be in for a terrific day!

We will be visiting a few new outlets & incorporating some toys and childrenswear, enjoying a delicious lunch and still returning around 6pm.

Being closer to Christmas you can get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

Cost will be $50 and pick up/drop off will be The Patch School and opposite City of Knox offices, Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card and feel free to pay in instalments if that suits your budget better (min credit card payment $15).

The more the merrier so why not bring a friend?

Please see Jody to make a payment or if you would like any more details 😊

Payments

At The Patch School we try to incorporate valuable excursions & incursions to support the curriculum and add another dimension to your child’s education. We also offer a wonderful OSHC program invoiced fortnightly. Thank you to those families who make a big effort to pay for these school activities on time.

Receiving full payment by the ‘pay by’ date is important in administering the programs we can offer your child for many reasons:

- It confirms definite numbers attending
- Enables appropriate planning for the required number of adults to supervise
- Allows office staff to plan their work schedule effectively
- Ensures that the school covers all expenses associated with the activity

If you chose to pay by sending your credit card details in, please be sure that all digits and expiry date are correctly recorded on the slip and funds are available as we sometimes find card payments are declined for these reasons. Unfortunately this creates double and sometimes triple the work before the payment is finally processed.

We appreciate how busy life is for our families but your assistance with this matter would be appreciated greatly. Thank you.
Community Notices

Curves Belgrave Open House
In conjunction with Jean Hailes Women’s Health Week, Curves Belgrave are holding an Open House between 2nd - 14th September. FREE to join during this time (monthly payments apply).
For more information on Women’s Health Week visit www.womenshealthweek.com.au or www.curves.com.au
Curves Belgrave is located at 13-15 Bayview Rd, Belgrave 3160 Phone 9754 1522

The annual Kids Fun Run With Thomas will once again be held at Gembrook Puffing Billy Station on Sunday, 24th November. There will be fun and games for all the family. The Kids Fun Run with Thomas is a Rotary Club of Emerald & District fundraising event with the theme ‘Kids Helping Kids’. What better way to raise funds to improve the health of children, than through the exuberance and enjoyment of healthy children. Thomas the Tank Engine has such a special place in the hearts of children, young (and old), that the day is filled with bright-eyed excitement as the children run alongside the train.
The funds raised by the Kids Fun Run with Thomas 2012 will be used to purchase needed equipment for the Children’s Ward at the William Angliss Hospital in Ferntree Gully.
For more information and REGISTRATION, visit www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

Yarra Ranges Athletics
Season 2013/2014 is ready to start on Saturday the 5th October 2013 at the new Regional Athletics Facility in Mount Evelyn-Morrison Reserve (off Hereford Road) Registration Day Saturday 14th September 2013. See www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au for more information

Belcoma Netball Club
Belcoma Netball Club would like to hear from girls and boys aged 8 to 11 years who want to play netball on Saturday mornings. Uniform provided. Contact Jenny 0408 933 956, belcomasec@gmail.com

Tecoma Dental – Winter Specials 2013 – It all starts with a smile 😊
Maximum out of pocket expense:
$20 Check up for kids under 14
$160 Check up, clean, x-ray & treatment plan
$1000 Porcelain veneer, crown (per tooth)
$130 Personalised sports mouthguards
$450 In chair teeth whitening
$1000 Porcelain veneer, crown (per tooth)
Check ups & other services could be FREE based on your health insurance cover.
Call 03 9754 2148 Book online at www.tecomadental.com.au Visit us at 1586 Burwood Hwy Tecoma All health insurance accepted. Offers expire September 2013.

FASHION PARADE Thursday 19th September 1pm & 7.30pm
Jenny’s Shoppe in conjunction with Monbulk Christian Fellowship are holding a fashion parade on Thurs 19th September. Tickets available from Monbulk Christian Fellowship 9756 7866 Fax 9752 1326, Jenny’s Shoppe Monbulk 9756 6102. Shoes by RJ Footwear.

New Group Piano Lessons available at The Patch.
To complement the existing piano and music programs at the school, group keyboard lessons are now available for kids from Prep to Grade 6. Groups of 2 or 3 children (of similar ages) will learn piano and music-reading skills in a fun and inspiring way. $15 per child for half an hour.
Teacher: Fiona Seers (a Patch parent) with over 20 years teaching experience and a love and passion for music education. To enquire about booking a spot for your child please call Fiona on 0438 833 592 or email fionaseers@hotmail.com.

Eastern Suburbs School Holiday Cricket Expo
Tuesday 24th September 2013 10am – 1pm at Bayswater Park #2 (cnr King St & Mountain Hwy Bayswater) or Box Hill City Oval (cnr Middleborough Rd & Whitehorse Rd Box Hill)
All boys & girls are invited to enjoy the FREE activities including Information on where you can play cricket; Mega Cricket Clinic; BBQ; Melbourne Stars giveaways, meet Starman, Door prizes which and bat signed by the entire squad!
Community Notices

Monbulk Milo In2Cricket 2013/2014
Milo Cricket is back at Monbulk! With over 140 participants last season, this program is one of the most successful in the state, including being largest in the state for female participants. The Milo In2Cricket program is an introductory program for kids between 5 and 9 years of age. The aim is to provide young people with a fun and enjoyable way of learning the fundamentals of cricket while promoting the values of the game – teamwork, friendship and fair play.

Where: Monbulk Cricket Club on Fridays 5.45pm – 6.45pm.
Registration Day is Friday 11th October 5.30pm @ Monbulk Cricket Club Rooms
Cost: $75 (includes bat, ball, t shirt, back pack, hat & drink bottle and more)
Contact: Steve Bohun 0419 581 575

Sherbrooke Little Athletics Club (in Ferntree Gully)
JOIN NOW TO BE PART OF SUMMER SEASON 2013-14 Get fit and meet new friends!
We focus on individuals improving and achieving their personal best whilst having fun
Where? - Kings Park, Willow Rd, Upper Ferntree Gully (Melway Ref: 74 D 6)
Registration:
Step 1 - Go to the website - http://sherbrookelac.org.au and pre-register online to save time
Step 2 – Come to our registration days at Kings Park (Melway Ref: 74 D 6) on Saturday, 14 & 21st September, 2013 from 9.00am - 11.00am. Make sure you bring a print out of your online registration and copy of your Birth Certificate for proof of age. For those who have not Pre-registered – that is fine – we can do it all on the day!
Program: Starting: 5th October, Ages U’6-U’15 *Cheap to join, no hidden costs for uniform, entry fees etc...
Saturday mornings: 8.45am – 12.00pm Family, fun & fitness
For more details contact Richard Wicks on 9754 2759 or go to our website: http://sherbrookelac.org.au.

Funky Makey Sampler Suits  Artist: Jeremy Collings and Dani-Ela Kayler
Making costumes is fun... synthesizers are cool... OMG! Let’s make synthesizer costumes!
Be in the first band in the world to wear your instrument, an instrument that you have designed and built yourself!
Then, create a performance where the dance makes the music and the music makes the dance...
This unique school holiday experience runs over four afternoons and culminates in a performance on Saturday evening 5 October.
You will create stylin’ costumes and add musical triggers using a mix of op-shop gear, craft bits and pieces, Makey Makey computer software and simple wiring. You will take home a DVD of your performance, Makey-Makey device (what's that?! Check out Makey Makey), wireless Bluetooth adapter and rechargeable battery, your costume rigged up and ready to go. Plug it in at home and the party never stops! Age: 9 to 12 years
Dates and times: Wednesday 2 October, Thursday 3 October and Friday 4 October, 1pm to 4pm and Saturday 5 October, 2pm to 6.30pm (must attend all sessions) Bookings essential: Book online Workshop cost: $110 per child
Free public performance: Saturday 5 October, 6pm

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 9756 7515, 0407 049 012 or email chrisjw@netspace.net.au.

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!***Semi private lessons $15-2 students half hour.
**Private lessons $30 for half hour. Call Jennie on 0410 543 946 or email joey24@optusnet.com.au

Spanish For all Ages
A playful and creative introduction to a second Language this program offers lots of opportunities for developing an interest in Spanish and its Culture. Preps to Grade 6’s are welcome, small groups only.
Mondays from 4:15 to 5pm in the Uniform Room. Forms at the office or contact Pilar on 0427881572  HASTA LUEGO!