Dates to Remember

March
Mon 14th
Tues 16th and Fri 18th
Thurs 17th
Sat 19th
Thurs 24th

Labor Day
Gr 4 Waste Management
Close the Gap Day
Autumn Festival
Last Day of Term 1

April
Mon 11th
Weds 13th – Fri 15th and
Mon 18th to Weds 20th
Mon 25th
Fri 29th

First Day of Term 2
Gr 5 EarthKeeper’s Camp
ANZAC Day
Prep to Two Athletics Day

SECONDHAND CLOTHING NEEDED!

The Autumn Festival is approaching very quickly and we are once again looking forward to having a secondhand clothing stall. We would love it if you could do a summer clean out and pass on any adults and children’s clothing you have no need for any longer. Please no underwear, or stained / badly damaged clothing. Tubs have been set up in the school foyer for your donations. Thank you in advance 😊
From the Principal...

Thought for the week: “Don’t be afraid to take big steps. You can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.” – David Lloyd George

ARE YOU READY?

Have you circled the 19th of March on your calendars?

THE PATCH AUTUMN FESTIVAL is coming!!!

Stay and make a day of it!

10 am till 3pm

The festival this year has been developed to create a fun, environmental and sustainable event that will connect our families and community. It will be full of family entertainment, market stalls, food stalls, music, children’s activities and garden talks.

We invite you to come along, settle down and listen to the music and bands that will be playing, join in the activities on the oval, relax and listen to renowned experts in garden designs. There will be performances throughout the day on the garden stage and at the rebound wall so sit back and enjoy. You might like to purchase some pizza, sushi, sausages, corn on the cob, followed by a purchase from our cake stall, then wash this all down with a coffee or tea from the coffee cart.

In the year 5/6 room you can buy second hand clothing, and bid at the Silent Auction or purchase a raffle ticket or two. The year 5/6 children have been busy propagating plants for purchase.

You can wander down to the garden and enjoy its tranquillity and peacefulness or have a guided tour by our Year 4 students in the wetlands. You can have a seat under the umbrellas and enjoy a slice of pizza, and enjoy listening to the music on the stage.

The Year 1 & 2 children will be creating and making objects with natural materials, including yarn bombing and the Preps will be creating miniature gardens.

The recycle team will be organising our waste management on the day as our aim is to make our Festival as sustainable as possible.

So come and join us all and have a great day connecting with our community of children, parents, teachers and friends. It is only 4 weeks away!

Have a happy weekend

Deb-

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Community Groups

Recently we held an introductory community meeting in the school library to discuss and establish ways in which parents and families can be more involved in school life. A number of newly created groups that aim to address specific needs in the school have been formed. These groups are very fluid and will always welcome anyone who can lend a hand at any time. If you would like to add your name to any group please email me your contact details or add your name to the sign-up list on the wall under the TV in the Staff Room; we would love to hear from you! A list of the Community Groups is listed below.

The events group has begun meeting to prepare for our upcoming Autumn Festival. Our Weed Group met yesterday in the garden at 12.30 and worked in our vegetable and pizza garden, the Chook Group is looking for a couple more volunteers as we need to address some structural issues with our chook shed before we can install some new chickens (repair door and some boards) and the art group will kick off shortly (we need to identify projects, times and students). The Buildings and Grounds members will be contacted when simple maintenance tasks are required; the Friend-Raising group aims to introduce new parents to others in the school; the Pizza Oven group will take responsibility for occasions when the oven is in use (eg. Autumn Festival), the Food Forest Group will prune and maintain our orchard (some summer pruning due), the Willow Weavers Group will oversee the willow domes - pruning, weaving pruning’s, etc, and the Class Representatives Group are the liaison people who will act as conduit between the teachers and the parents. This is an important role and a number of the classes are not yet represented. Please consider this role as it will improve communications between all members of your child’s class (if interested, please email me your details). The Fundraising Group has been absorbed into the Events Group.

If you have a passion to be involved in a way that is not identified in these groups, please let Sarah Tebbutt, Bree Downes, Deb Herrmann or myself know. We welcome new ideas.

Looking forward to lots of feedback,
Michelle Rayner
Rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

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SCHOOL COUNCIL TIMELINE

Vacancies -
- 2 DET representatives
- 4 Parent representatives

Call for nominations - Monday 8th February (special letter to school community setting the election process)

Nominations close - Monday 15th February - 4pm sharp

List of Candidates and Nominators posted - Wednesday 17th February

Ballot papers distributed - Friday 26th February

Close of Ballot - Monday 1st March - 4 pm sharp

Counting of votes - Monday 1st March - 4:15 pm

New 2016 School Council Announced - Monday 15th March - 7:15 pm

Nomination Forms can be collected from the office. Please note that the dates and times will be strictly followed.

Is Your Family Entitled to the CSEF?

The Victorian Government has put in place the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible beneficiaries. This program provides $125 per child to be used to pay any of the above activities.

For further information on the CSEF and an application form, please visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=1#link80

Applications for this year's round must be submitted to the school Office no later than 29th February 2016.

If you have any questions about CSEF, please contact the school.
The World’s Greatest Shave

My name is Tania Prescott and I have two boys at The Patch. On Saturday March 12th I will be shaving my head for the Leukemia Foundation, World’s Greatest Shave at my hairdresser’s home in Endeavour Hills. If anyone from the school community would like to help out with donations I will be at the shelter shed at drop off from 3.20pm every school day until the shave to accept and receipt any payments. Any donations over $2 are tax deductible. If you would like to contact me, my number is 0435 551 185 or you can message me through Facebook. Thank you!

Smiling Minds

After a busy day at school the preps are enjoying ‘putting a smile on their minds’ with some meditation. Smiling Minds take children on a relaxation journey and helps them to relax their bodies and minds.

Prep Picnic

What a wonderful turn out to our Prep picnic! The sun was shining and there were picnic rugs, food, and happy faces as far as the eye could see. It was a great afternoon for parents to make some new connections and to put faces to names of their children’s new friends. Thank you all for making the effort to come along. You are all starting a wonderful journey together so it’s great to make connections early on.

Tania, Alesha and Lesley – The Prep Team x
2016 Parent Payment Charges and Return Form

We would appreciate payment by February 11th Term 1, 2016.

The Patch Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. If you will have difficulty making payments please make an appointment to speak to Debra to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. We guarantee that any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

### Essential education items

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<td>Computer related consumables, such as cartridge costs, paper and equipment, Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spell-o-drome</td>
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<td>Pays for mowing of the school grounds and repair of school facilities undertaken by a Handyman. This is for school maintenance/repair tasks which cannot be done by parents at working bees.</td>
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**Amount**

| Essential education items            | $295.00 |
| Voluntary financial contribution     | $110.00 |
| **TOTAL**                            | **$405.00** |

**No. of Students in Family**

| 1 | $405.00 |
| 2 | $690.00 |
| 3 | $975.00 |
| 4 | $1260.00 |

* Contribution includes $10 family discount for each subsequent child & the one-off Family Maintenance & Grounds and ICT fund voluntary financial contributions payment is charged to the first child only.
School Uniforms

Since its introduction, Qkr has proven to be the easiest and most effective way for our school community to pay for items & activities.

To make the most of this efficient process, the Uniform Shop will only be accepting orders placed via Qkr from the beginning of the 2016 school year. Also starting this year, all second hand items from the uniform shop will be $4.

If you have any questions please direct them to: uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au

Thank you 😊
Paying Cash at School

As we are fast becoming a cashless school, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you are needing to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Restrictions Behind the Hall

Please note that there is no parking behind the Hall. This is a staff only area and we ask parents and visitors to use the gravel car park behind the shelter shed or parallel parking spaces along the ring road.

Thank you for your co-operation 😊

The Patch Store’s Important QkR Lunch Order Tips

To ensure your child’s receives their lunch order, could you please:

- Order via QkR no later than 9.30am on the day of the order or personally at The Patch Store
- Be sure your child’s class is correct in QkR (and update each year)
- Check your receipt to ensure the order & payment have processed correctly

The Patch Store thanks you for all your support with the school lunch program.

Thank you,
The Staff at The Patch Store
CONTACTING OSHC

To contact OSHC staff during program hours please call the main school telephone number 9756 7463 and select Option 1 to be directed to the OSHC landline.

If this line is unavailable, please call the mobile 0419 515 494 and, if there is no answer, feel free to leave a message.

Also call this number during school hours and you will be re-directed to the OSHC Voicemail. Staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you 😊
Monbulk & District Community Bank ® Branch

CLUB REWARDS PROGRAM WITH THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Good for your School

We will reward The Patch Primary School by contributing funds for each new loan, credit card, personal account or everyday account opened at Monbulk & District Community Bank ® Branch.

When banking with us your school will receive:

Product Contribution
- Bendigo Home Loan $500
- Bendigo Personal Loan $250
- Insurance Cover $100
- New Business Account $50
- Appointment with Financial Planner $50
- New Personal Account $25
- New Term Deposit over $10,000 $25

It starts with U

The more banking you do with Monbulk & District Community Bank ®, the more you and your school will benefit.

We look forward to presenting you with a large cheque in the near future.

Please pop into our branch at 70 Main Rd, Monbulk or phone 97521130 for more information.

Offer valid for eligible products taken out at Monbulk & District Community Bank ® Branch. Terms, conditions, fees, charges and eligibility criteria apply. All loans subject to the bank’s normal lending criteria. Rewards are capped at $1,000.00 per customer.
PLEASE NOTE
Sushi Express has updated their menu and prices.
Please be sure to have the correct payment in your child’s envelope.

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GF = Gluten Free
SUNSBASKETBALLERS WANTED
PLAYERS & TEAMS
SHERBROOKE BASKETBALL ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES TO JOIN OUR JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION.

The competition has grown from 8 teams to in excess of 30 teams in the last few seasons and we are looking to build on this growth by continuing to provide for families from the Yarra Ranges and Cardinia regions.

CONVENIENT LOCATIONS
All of our junior basketball takes place at Cockatoo Reserve Stadium and Monbulk College Stadium Saturday mornings and afternoons.

ALL AGES
We currently run competitions for Rookies (first timers and/or 9 and under), Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14 and Under 16.

THE SHERBROOKE DIFFERENCE
We welcome participation and can accommodate any age group/gender. A competition can be included, so long as there are four teams entered.

To Register Your Interest
Pam Ball - pam@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au
James Caradice
juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au

GIRLS ONLY FOOTY IS COMING TO UTJFC IN 2016!
FREE GIRLS FOOTY CLINIC AT UPWEY TECOMA JFC

SUITABLE FOR GIRLS AGES 7+

6PM - 7PM MONDAY 22 FEB 2016
TALASKIA RESERVE, UPPER FERNTREE GULLY
FOLLOWED BY FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR PARTICIPANTS & FAMILIES

REGISTER BY EMAIL
GIRLSFOOTY@UTJFC.COM
PLEASE INCLUDE PLAYER NAME & AGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT DION KUPFEL 0406 700 421

#UTFCGIRLS #GIRLSCAN

AFL YARRA RANGES
BELGRAVE JFC
UNDER 10 and 12 and GIRLS ONLY U/12

NEW GIRLS ONLY competition
(must be aged 9 by 1/1/2016)

For more information call:
Maxine Armstrong
0417 391 283
or
belgravejfc@yahoo.com.au

We also have Friday night Auskick.
Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia’s official junior game development program for children aged 5—10 years.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**WHEN:** From Sat. 13th February - Sat. 19th March; Sat. 16th April - Sat. 23rd April (No sessions on Sat. 12th March—Labor Day)

**WHERE:** Monbulk College Stadium
David Hill Road, Monbulk
Mel Ref 311 J3

**TIME:** 10:00am until 10:45am (approx.)

**COST:** $70 for new players
$50 for returning players

**All Participants Receive:**

- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops backpack
- 1 x Spalding size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops reversible singlet

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Email: hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au or juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au

Detach and bring with cheque made payable to: Sherbrooke B.A., P.O. Box 1121, Upwey. 3158.

Name: .......................................................... Age: ............. Birthdate: .................. Gender M/F

Address: ........................................................................................................................................

Postcode: ................................. Phone number: .............................. What school do you attend?

Parents Names: ................................................................................................................................

Do you require any medication? Y / N If yes, for what condition? ..............................................

Singlet size: 8 10 12 14 Email Address: ..........................................................................................
Boys for Beginners
FREE WORKSHOP

Want to understand the ‘nature’ of boys? To improve communication with them? Overwhelmed by their non-stop energy?

Join us to learn tips and new strategies to better understand and nurture your sons.

Mondays from 7pm to 9pm
15 Feb to 21 March (excluding 14 March)
5 sessions

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

These two-hour ‘Boys for Beginners’ sessions are held at The Patch Primary School, 53 Kallista-Emerald Road, The Patch

For more info: Helena Laverie at Anglicare Victoria
9735 6134 or 0488 501 204
anglicarevic.org.au
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@bendigoadeelaide.com.au
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 VPPass system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or yellow 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

Cardio Tennis
Run during the school terms, this fun and energetic cardio workout to music, allows you to get great exercise whilst hitting the ball! Run by me, you will be instructed through a warm-up, tennis drills, and fun tennis games. 9:30-10:30am Tuesdays at The Patch Tennis Club (not on if it’s raining). All standards welcome. You don’t even have to have played before!
Contact Renae on 0403 498085.

Group Piano Lessons
To complement the existing piano and music programs at the school, group keyboard lessons are available for kids from Grade 1 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. Classes are within school time. Teacher: Fiona Seers (Sadie and Charlie Mustoe’s Mum) has 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