Homework Expectations:
- Mathletics several times a week. www.mathletics.com.au
- Reading for 20-30 minutes every day. Remember to track your thinking and record your reading in your diary.

What’s Coming Up
- Labour Day Holiday: Monday 9th March – no school!
- Open Garden Scheme: Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March
- Waste Management Excursion: Thursday 12th March (3/4B), Thursday 19th and Thursday 26th March (3/4C)
- Last Day of Term One: Friday 27th March
- Day One of Term Two: Monday 13th April

What we are learning about at the moment:

Numeracy: We continue to investigate and understand place value – how the placement of a digit within a number effects its value – as well as working with rounding, addition, subtraction and strategies for solving word problems.

Literacy: In Reading we are looking at visualising while we read as well as looking for the answers to the questions we ask ourselves throughout a text.

In Writing we have been looking at developing characters for narratives – what they look like, how they act, what they are like on the inside (traits) and how other characters perceive them. We are also looking at how problems (complications) arise and how they are solved within the text. We are learning that we always need to be mindful that when we are writing we are AUTHORS and we need to provide the reader with a fantastic description so they can visualise our stories.

All students are focusing on THREE spelling words at a time.

Before school...

There have been several accidents before school in the past few weeks involving children who have been dropped off at school too early. Please be aware that children are not to be dropped at school before 8.40am. Children are not supervised at school until 8.45am. The Patch PS offers a very reasonably priced before school care program to assist those parents who need to drop their children off before 8.40am. Please visit our website for further information. Please work with us to ensure the safety of your children.
Open Garden Scheme

Our multi award-winning two acre school garden with an emphasis on sustainability, designed and implemented by our students, will be open to the public on March 14/15 where you can enjoy their efforts in a village fete atmosphere. There will be wood-fired pizzas, a sausage sizzle, coffee cart and lots of wholesome food. Live music will be playing and you’ll be able to buy plants, garden related items and local produce.

The year 3/4 students will take tours of the wetlands, and there will also be talks on designing children’s landscapes and suitable plant selection by guest lecturers in the library. Special free activities for children include scarecrow making, miniature garden making and art activities.

Volunteers are needed in all classes to assist with the event. Please speak to your child’s teacher to see how you may help and bring your friends along for a fun-filled weekend.

What: The Patch Primary School Open Garden Event
When: Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15; 10am – 4.30pm.
Why: Our major fundraiser for the year and a way to showcase and promote our school
Cost: Adults $8, U18 free
Parking: gold coin donation (CFA)

Help please!
Grade 3/4 will be running 2 activities on both days of the Open Garden weekend. One activity is a student led tour of the Wetlands. The other is a children’s hands on activity using plastic soft drink bottles to make windmills. Both of these activities need to be supervised by adults. If you have some time available on this weekend that you can offer us to help supervise these two activities, please fill in the roster outside the grade 3/4 buildings.

Donations Needed:
Any donations of plastic drink bottles, super glue, wooden chop sticks and nuts & bolts would be GREATLY appreciated! Thank you

Notices:

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the Parent Information Evening. It was great to see so many of you there.

If you would like to read our information book, it can be found on our website

Boxes of tissues are always needed here at school. Please send some in with your child if you can.

Please contact us if you would like to have a chat regarding your child 😊