What’s Coming Up

Monday 9th – Labour Day Holiday
14th & 15th March - Open Garden Weekend
Wednesday 18th March - Drum Theatre Excursion
Friday 27th March - Athletics Day & End of TERM 1, 2.30pm dismissal.

Looking forward to Stomp the Beat in the beginning of Term 2.

What we are learning in Literacy

In Literacy we are talking about how... “Good Readers Think While They Read”. If we think while we read we will make connections and ask questions. This is how we develop a deeper understanding of what we read rather than just recognising words. We are using and sharing sticky notes to reflect upon this thinking. The children have started to bring books home and conferencing has begun.

We have met Questioning Owl and Spinner the Spider who both help us to understand the strategies we use when we read. Spinner makes connections as he spins his web and Questioning Owl asks questions before, during and after we read.

What we are learning in Numeracy

In Numeracy we are focusing on counting and patterns. We are counting by 1’s, 5’s, and 10’s and looking at numbers before and after. We have started our work on counting by 2’s which extends into pairs, doubles and odd and even numbers over the coming weeks. We are beginning work on 2D shape identifying shapes in the world around us. We have had great fun cooking and cutting our cookies into the many shapes we are discussing.

Spelling

We are working through the coloured spelling lists. Testing and practice is happening on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and new spelling lists have come home. In 1A you will get an entire list of words in the levelled colour for your child. Work through this list 3 WORDS AT A TIME. In 1B you will receive the 3 words each week to be tested on Thursday afternoons.

In 1A we will call for testing of a colour every few weeks. If your child has not learnt all the words they do not need to do a test ..... only when they are ready. In 1B words will be tested each week. They will have time at school to practise their spelling words and we hope that you will help them at home alongside their reading homework.
Donations

Any donations for the prize boxes from parents are gratefully accepted. Anything from the $2 shop gives the greatest pleasure to the recipients.

We will also need things for our open garden so if you could send along any of the following we would appreciate it very much:

Rainbow wool  Natural String  Fishing Line  sticks 30-40 cms long

We will need lots of volunteers to fill in the 2 hour time slots on the Open Garden Weekend. Please come along to help with our activity, making pendants wind chimes and wool weaving.

There is a timetable on the window outside our classrooms. Please donate some of your time to this wonderful weekend and be a part of the generous community spirit here at The Patch.

Open Garden Weekend: 14th – 15th March

The Patch Primary School Open Garden Weekend

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)
Just a note to remind everyone that you to be on time for school.

We understand that some mornings go wrong and we don’t want anyone to feel awkward coming to school late on the odd occasion. If you are consistently or regularly late please reconsider your morning routines to be at school on time. The children do not like walking in late and they miss out on organisation and daily information. Thank-you 😊

Looking forward to our Open Garden Weekend,

Regards from the Grade One Team.