Homework Expectations

- **Reading**: for 20-30 minutes every day. Record your reading in your diary.
- **Reading Letters**: One per fortnight. Each student has a special day to hand this in.
- **Spelling**: individual lists for testing on Thursdays or other tasks.
- **Mathletics**: At least 45 minutes per week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

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**What’s Coming Up**

- **5/6 Parent information evening**: Next Monday 16th February in 5/6 Rooms.
  - 6.00 pm Get to know you. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.
  - 6.30pm - 7.15pm Information Session
- **District Swimming**: (squad swimmers only) Tuesday, 17th February
- **Taming the Butterflies (Grade 6) Empower Program (Grade 5)** - starts Monday, 23rd February
- **School Photos**: 20th April
- **Earthkeeper’s Camp**
  - **Camp 1** - (First ½ Grade 5) Wednesday, April 22nd - Friday April 24th
  - **Camp 1** - (Second ½ Grade 5) Monday, April 27th - Wednesday, April 29th
- **School Banking** – Every Wednesday

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**5/6 Team**

All the Grade 5/6 teaching team are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning. We encourage you to email us if you have any concerns. Email is a great way to touch base and to arrange an appointment to see us if needed. In an emergency or unforeseen circumstance please call the school directly on **9756 7463**.

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**Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to those parents who have completed and returned the questionnaires. We are still waiting on many more! If you have lost your copy it is available on Tiqbiz or the website.
**What are we learning about at the moment?**

**Maths**
In maths we have been learning about what the word average means and have started a survey on the average Patch student. We have decided on 10 questions which we will pass around the class.

**Reading**
In reading we have been focussing on chances to infer, predictions, visualisations and finding interesting words throughout our books.

**Writing**
Recently, we have been using a story starter website to give us a head start with our stories, then making up a story to follow.

**Rotations**
This year we have started some new specialist subjects on rotations day which include ICT, where we are learning about finding kid safe websites; Sustainability where we are learning how to be sustainable and keep the world as it is today or maybe even better; Philosophy, where we are learning how to control our feelings; PE, where we are preparing for the Interschool Sports and Athletics Day, and others which include Art, where we are making a whole school artwork display, and Music, where we are making a tribute band.

*Remember to wear your runners on Tuesdays.*

**Leadership**
Recently, as you probably already know, the grade 5/6s went to the Monbulk Hub for Leadership Day where they were involved in a number of activities set around leadership. The activities included making a web of compliments with Jennie, leading each other blind folded through a mine field with Kent and making a platform that could hold a wooden cube with Andrew. All of the activities involved teamwork, trust and respect. It was a great experience and every one had a great time.

By Anastasia Armitage and Hannah Lukey  56C

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**Diaries and Grade Six Jumpers**

Diaries for this year will not be delivered to the school before the week beginning 16th February. We apologise for any difficulty this causes.

At this stage we have no firm date for the delivery of the Grade Six jumpers. We have been informed that they should arrive before the end of February.
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)