### Dates to Remember

**August**
- **Mon 18th**  School Council 7.15pm
- **Tues 19th**  Murrundindi visiting
- **Fri 22nd**  Daffodil Day Free Dress Day

**September**
- **Sat 6th**  Shopping Tour
- **Thur 18th**  Showcase
- **Fri 19th**  Last Day of Term 3

**October**
- **Mon 6th**  Term 4 begins
- **Thur 16th**  Grade 2 Sleep Over
- **Fri 31st**  Curriculum Day

**November**
- **Tue 4th**  Melbourne Cup Day
- **Wed 5th**  Prep – Gr 2 Swimming
- **-Thur 13th**  Program
- **Mon 17th**  Grade 3/4 Camp
- **-Wed 19th**  

**December**
- **Thur 4th**  Christmas Concert
- **Tues 9th**  Step-Up Day
- **Wed 17th**  Grade 6 Graduation
- **Fri 19th**  Last Day of Term 4

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### Together We Make One

*by James Sands and Samuel VanDerHulst (Grade 6)*

This week we have been privileged to have had an opportunity to teach the Grade 1s about frogs in Enviro. We helped Madeleine, our relief teacher, by teaching both grades and we had a lot of fun. The Grade 1s seemed to like our teaching and enjoyed it as much as we did because of all the smiles and high fives we got on their way back to their classroom. Most people would think that Grade 6 students wouldn’t learn anything new from someone half their age but you would be surprised, very surprised. They taught us how to tell the difference between a male and a female cricket!

The best part was that they were teaching us, we were teaching them, Madeleine was teaching us both and learning from us both (she wasn’t too keen on holding the frogs at first!). That just proves that the Grade 6 motto, ‘Together We Make One’ is true.

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*Madeleine and Finn admire our lovely Green Tree Frog, Frodo.*
From the Principal…

Thought for the week: “You can teach students a lesson for a day; but if you can teach them to learn by creating curiosity, they will continue the learning process as long as they live.”

- Clay P. Bedford, Entrepreneur

The Importance of Curiosity

Developing curiosity in our students can provide a powerful learning tool helping to create the conditions and contexts within which every student has the opportunity to reach and even exceed their learning potential. On Tuesday, Wayne Craig who was previously the Northern Metropolitan Regional Director but now works with McRel International, spoke to the school’s Leadership Team at our Network conference in Mooroolbark.

Wayne states “Curiosity drives the impulse to learn. It thrives in the presence of high expectations and authentic relationships.”

Our school recognizes that alongside high curiosity, clear teaching and learning protocols and genuine positive relationships between teachers and students can enable huge improvements in student learning. Following our success in improving our Literacy outcomes, our school improvement strategy now includes a stronger focus on Numeracy. We have commenced coaching sessions throughout the school in Numeracy and look forward to igniting curiosity in Numeracy for all our students.

Some of the highlights of the day for our Leadership Team include discussions around:

- Ways of fostering intrinsic motivation of teachers and students to enhance engagement through autonomy (self-direction), mastery (urge to get better) and purpose.
- Questioning skills that stimulate and sustain curiosity
- Storytelling as a springboard for belief, connection and action.
- Developing High Expectations from rich learning tasks that are relevant, authentic, challenging and playful.

Wayne also discussed how children and young adults in our current society expect quick answers to everything - especially with the ease of access to the Internet. It is vitally important that they feel comfortable to not know all the answers straight away - that it is okay to allow ourselves to critically think, hypothesize, investigate, discuss and collaboratively look for alternative answers. These are the skills that employers are looking for and are needed in our developing society.

Have a great week,

Deb

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Safety at School and Dogs

You may be aware of a recent dog attack on the grounds of a neighbouring school. With this in mind, it is imperative that if you choose to bring your dog to school, they remain on their lead at all times and are handled by an adult. At no time are children to be responsible for a dog on a lead within school grounds.

At The Patch, we are a dog friendly school and we provide education around responsible pet ownership. Dogs are an important part of many families in our school community and, as such, I hope we can all work towards continuing to welcome your dogs at school.

The Patch
Early Learning Centre

3 YEAR OLD KINDER

Open Morning in the Kindergarten
THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST
BETWEEN 9am & 11:30am

53 Kallista-Emerald Rd, The Patch
ON THE SITE OF THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do You Have A Child Beginning School in 2015?

If you have a child beginning Prep next year and have not yet enrolled them, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Accurate enrolment numbers assist greatly in the planning of classes and programs for the next school year. Thank you for your co-operation.
A Big Week In Sport!

The senior school has had a very big couple of weeks participating in both our school Athletics Carnival and District Athletics finals. All children from Grades 3 – 6 dressed in their house colours and braved the cold to participate in shot put, discus, javelin, hurdles, 100m sprint, long jump and triple jump. They all had a great day rotating through events in their age groups and proudly representing their houses. Students headed home with chests full of colourful ribbons and grins from ear to ear.

The winners who were successful in placing top of their age group and event progressed on to the District Athletics Carnival where they competed against neighbouring schools. We had a very successful day with lots of ribbons being handed out to our talented Patch students.

The next level of participation will be the Divisional Finals. Children will be notified if they have qualified to represent our school in this competition. We wish those students luck and congratulate them on such a fantastic achievement.

Stay tuned for more news and pictures from our terrific sports program in the coming weeks. Our focus over the next few weeks will be training for a round robin winter sports carnival and in the junior grades the children will be busy practicing their dances for the Showcase at the end of term.

Cheers,

Kate Haley – Phys Ed/Sport Co-ordinator
Get ready for a **BIG** day of shopping!!

**The Patch School**
Staff Fundraising Shopping Tour

Saturday 6\textsuperscript{th} September 2014
7.30am – 6.30pm

😊 Parents & Friends Very Welcome 😊

Just $55 for a full day of shopping, goodie bag, morning tea, a 2 course lunch and plenty of laughs along the way.

We hope to fill the bus so why not bring a friend along!

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**Full payment required by Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} August 2014.**

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All enquiries to Jody at The Patch School Office on 9756 7463.

We look forward to seeing you there!!
The Patch Primary School

Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedure

Safety is of the utmost importance at The Patch PS and our system for dropping off and picking up students has been developed and fine-tuned over many years to enable the most effective and protective method of moving children on and off the site.

Students are dismissed from class at 3.25 and those going home by car will walk straight to the drop-off area and stand with siblings if they have them, to await their parents/carers. The years 5/6 should be standing at the higher end of the concrete path unless they are with siblings and the junior grades at the lower end of the path; all students should be well clear of the painted yellow line that denotes the walking path to cars.

To ensure parents/carers do not need to do unnecessary “laps” of the school driveway, we aim to have all students at the drop-off by the 3.30 bell. Students need to be constantly watching out for their car and to move quickly and carefully to enable a steady flow of traffic into and out of the grounds.

All paths to and from the drop-off need to be clear for easy access and visibility. Our parent community is a very cohesive and friendly one and we value any opportunity that enables families to socialize and relax. Please continue to use this time to catch up with friends and arrange “plays” for your children but be aware that we need to maintain our access on paths and visibility to arriving cars. Dogs must be kept on leads held by an adult and only students whose parents are collecting them from the shelter shed are allowed to be in there (unless it is raining).

To encourage safe behaviour at drop-off, we shall be awarding certificates at assembly to students who are consistently responsible and punctual. Poor behaviour will result in students receiving a Red Card which informs their parent/carer of their behaviour and requires them to collect them from the office area instead.

As the winter months continue and the weather is unstable and often cold and wet, we need to ensure our pick-up system works effectively and that parents/carers are not having to drive around the loop multiple times. We shall be reminding students of our expectations at drop-off; please talk to your child about how best they can help you and stay safe.

Thank you for your co-operation
Commonwealth Games **GOLD** for ex-Student Renae Hallinan

Congratulations to ex-Patch School student, Renae Hallinan, and the Australian Diamonds netball team on their fantastic win against New Zealand to take out the **2014 Commonwealth Games Gold Medal**! We are so very proud of Renae and her mum, teacher Marg Hallinan, who have worked hard for many years to see this magnificent achievement come to fruition. Both women are true champions! [Click here](#) to listen to an audio interview with Renae on ABC Grandstand.

[Image of a group of people in yellow uniforms, celebrating with medals.]

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**Wednesday’s In The Garden**

Our Garden is now open on Wednesday at lunch times for all students to enjoy – we have dress ups on the deck, games on the tables in the pizza eating area, garden jobs to do with Michelle and places to sit and chat and enjoy the surroundings. We also have an Art Extension Class happening in the Eco-Centre run by some dedicated and talented parents and staff – more on that next week.

[Image of a child wearing a dress up hat and costume.]
StudentCover accident insurance was developed to give parents & guardians a helping hand when they need it the most, at a very affordable price. The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just $29.00. The cover provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world* whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not and includes almost every sport*. (*some conditions apply)

For further information click here or collect a flyer from the school office.
Visit from Chinese Students

Last Friday, we were pleased to host a Chinese Study Tour and to show off our beautiful school and Year 5/6 leadership skills. Whilst we were expecting 12 students, late cancellations resulted in a mere four arriving! Despite the small group size, they were treated to a great day of getting to know our blue tongue lizards, frogs, turtles and bearded dragons, touring our school and gardens, making and eating pizza and participating in some games with our 5/6 students. Feedback from the Chinese parents was effusive and many photos were taken of the boys extending their experience of Australian animals and honing in their cooking skills.

A big thank you must go to Jess Holden and Lily Rayner for supervising the activities, largely run by our students, and to Andrew Hanson, our music teacher, for organizing and cooking the pizza (as well as keeping the home fires burning). Other helpers include Mark Dysktra and Rosie Kennedy (our parents) and Andrew’s partner Penny.

Thank you Kean (our Sushi Man) for giving us this opportunity to extend our own learning and to have an impact on that of others.
Grafters

Early last year, Angus Horton in Grade 5, expressed an interest in learning to graft fruit trees, having been inspired by a relative who had skills in this area. He was not to be put off, despite it being nearly 4 months before I could arrange for my husband, John, a skilled horticulturist, to come to the school and run a workshop for Angus and three other students - Lachlan DV, Keegan McG and Benji.

Grafting is an exacting process and out of the six trees grafted, it was hoped that one at least would take. How delightful that despite the long, hot summer we now have six apple trees for the boys to share between themselves and our school garden. During assembly today, Angus and Lachlan were presented with their apple trees and applauded for their efforts - a fine example of persistence and perseverance.

Well done boys!
Michelle Rayner

More Photos From Assembly (left to right)

- Ben received a maths award
- Sadie recited poetry
- Gil brought gifts from his trip to Japan
Congratulations to all students who received certificates at assembly in the past two weeks. Keep up the great work!
New Payment Options for OSHC

The Patch School is now offering all parents the opportunity to pay your OSHC fees regularly with a Credit Card or by Direct Debit using Child Care EasyPay.

This will allow you to set up an automated process to pay the outstanding balance on your OSHC statement and remove the frustration of having to arrange payment each fortnight.

Parents only need to fill in the Parent Set Up Form available from OSHC, from the school website or at the document display at the school office, select their preferred method of payment, Credit Card or Direct Debit, return to the school and we will set up your automatic fortnightly payment.

For the parents who already use our in-house fortnightly payment plan, please fill in your details on the Parent Set Up Form, return it as soon as possible and we will arrange for your payment to continue to be debited on a fortnight basis on this new system.

Alternatively, this system also offers parents the choice of paying by direct deposit when they choose to. A separate form will be available soon to enable personal login details to be issued to use this service.

The benefits to you as a parent include:
- No need to carry cash or cheque
- Once set up, there is no need to remember to pay your OSHC account each fortnight
- Ability to earn additional points and rewards on your credit card
- The cash flow benefits of interest free days (most cards offer between 40 - 55 days interest free period)

We have also been able to negotiate a lower transaction fee for these payments:

Parents pays (incl GST)
- Mastercard & Visa: 1.2%
- American Express: 2.2%
- Bank Account: .90c

We feel that moving forward with these payment options is in the best interests of both you and the school.

Please come to us with any questions or concerns you have about this new payment option.

Please, please, please don’t park on the grass.

Grassy areas such as the oval and the centre of the ring road are not suitable for vehicles and can be easily damaged at this time of year when the ground is wet and soft. To keep our beautiful grounds in good condition and to avoid accidents & slipping, please park in the designated public parking areas or use the drop-off system.

Thanks for your understanding.
Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule. **NO FEES ~ YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED!**

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth (must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on **9757 6200** at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200
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@bendigoadaelaide.com.au
Community Notices

Free Computer
Dell Dimension 3100 computer with flat screen monitor. Approx 8 years old, a little slow but works fine. Great for kids to play games or word processing. Free to good home. Please contact Kellie at school

Upwey South Primary School 50th Birthday Reunion
If you know anyone who was a student or a teacher at Upwey South Primary School tell them about our huge 50th Birthday Reunion! Saturday 9th August 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Harry’s Tree Services
Tree & Stump Removal; Pruning; Mulching; Cabling & Bracing; Possum Guards; Contract Climbing.
FREE QUOTES & Fully Insured. Cal or email Harry 0498 484 009 H.cole.j@gmail.com
Ex-The Patch School student 😊

Craft Classes for Patch Kids
Learn to sew, knit, crochet and felt! Classes are starting at The Patch Community Hall after school on Thursdays until 4.45. Cost is $8 per session and a $10 per term materials fee. Full term or casual options available. To sign up or for more information contact Jess Dunn 0408 102 542 or jessdunn.arts@gmail.com

Term 3 Kids Art Classes At Tiffany Bishop Collective.
Bringing together creative play and development of skills, these art workshops allow your child to find and express their own unique voice through painting and drawing. Mondays 5 - 6:30pm, August 4th - September 15th, tiffany bishop COLLECTIVE 1658a Burwood Highway, Belgrave.
$150 full term or $30 single drop-in session. shelleykrycer@gmail.com 0410 145 875
Bookings essential. Adult classes also running.

Monbulk Junior Cricket Club
If you know anyone who was a student or a teacher
Junior Registration Night Wednesday 13th August 6pm at Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin
Junior Indoor Pre-Season Training U13, U15 & U17s only Friday 5th & 12th September 5pm-6pm Cost $5 at Lilydale Saxon Sports 2/64 Cavehill Rd Lilydale
Junior Development Indoor Coaching Clinic – All Juniors Specialist coaching during September School Holidays FREE Tuesday 23rd September 10am-12pm – U10s & U11s 11.30am-1.30pm – U13s, U15s & U17s BBQ & drinks supplied at end of each session Bayswater Saxon Sports 14 Gatwick Rd Bayswater North
Milo in2Cricket Registration Night Friday 17th October 5.30pm Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin
Contacts: Junior Co-ordinator Steve Utting 0402 344 895 utting.steven.c@edumail.vic.gov.au Bronwyn Badgery 0488 566 443 bronwynbadgery@yahoo.com.au
More information on our website www.monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au

Sassafras-Ferny Creek Netball Club for Spring 2014
Sassafras Ferny Creek Netball Club is open for registration for our Spring Competition and welcomes new players.
You don’t need to have any experience, just the will to join in and become part of a team.
Registration closes 8th August 2014. Spring season runs from September 2014 to early December with no finals for 11 & under.
Age: 8years old to open Training: Teams train at the netball court in Olinda
Matches: All matches are on Saturdays Venue: Mountain District Netball Complex, Ferntree Gully for all matches
Contact Ann-Maree Baker on 0418 395 070 or Deb Andrich on 0407 514 103

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Community Notices

Bollywood in Monbulk – Living & Learning Centre, Moores Rd Monbulk (opp Safeway)
Put on your dancing shoes, colourful dresses, scarves & bangles! A prize for the best adult costume & best boy & girl. Expert Bollywood Dancer from Bollywood Dance Co. Admission $15 per person with children under 12 accompanied by parents half price. Cash & credit card welcome. Tea, coffee, cold drinks & snacks provided. Tickets available from Monbulk Christian Fellowship 84b Old Emerald Road Monbulk 9756 7866 (Business Hours)

Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015
There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Japan, Finland, Canada and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from February next year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.

In Schools Music
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Tuba, Drums, Percussion, and Bass Guitar. New students. Enrolments to Andrew McAllister 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

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! ONE FREE LESSON available on request so why not give it a try? Call Jennie on 0410 543 946 or email jennieanastass@gmail.com

Spanish For all Ages ¡Hola Amigos!
After School Spanish classes at The Patch P.S. will run on Wednesdays for Grade 1 to 6 children from 3:45 - 4:30pm and Mondays for our Semi-Private group from 4-5pm
STARTING..... WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12th in the Uniform Room!!!
Come and learn the Language through songs, storytelling, music and dance.
For more information please contact Pilar Nesvara directly on 0435358802 or Pilar7@live.com.au
LUNITA BLUE Creative Spaces ABN 80898480 ¡HASTA PRONTO!

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

Junior School Singers
Our Junior School Singing Group is up and running!
We are rehearsing every Wednesday at lunchtime in the music room. If your child would like to attend, this coming Wed 30th is the cut-off date for registration. We are working on fantastic songs for the The Patch School Showcase in September.
Cost: $48.00 per child, $72.00 for 2 children in a family. Open to students from Prep, Grade One and Grade Two.

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