Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

**Dates to Remember**

**March**
- **Mon 9th**: Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Thur 12th**: Waste Management Excursion
- **Sat 14th - Sun 15th**: The Patch School Open Garden Weekend
- **Wed 18th**: Year 2 Drum Theatre Excursion
- **Thur 19th**: Waste Management Excursion
- **Tue 24th**: Close the Gap Day
- **Thur 26th**: Waste Management Excursion
- **Fri 27th**: Athletics Day
- **Fri 27th**: Last Day of Term 1
  - *(Students dismissed at 2.30pm)*

**April**
- **Mon 13th**: First Day of Term 2
- **Mon 20th**: School Holidays

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**The Patch School’s OPEN GARDEN 2015**

Once again The Patch School community has come together to produce another fabulous fundraising event! If you are yet to sign up to help on a stall there is still time – simply speak with your child’s teacher or add your name to the roster in the school foyer.

There is something for everyone to do, whatever your interests or skills may be. Our students love it when their families become involved at school and it is a terrific opportunity to get to know other parents and staff members in a casual, fun environment.

We hope you can be part of this big weekend and that we see you there both visiting for pleasure and lending a hand.

Thanks for your help!

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**Parent Contributions 2015**

Information regarding Parent Contributions (school fees) for 2015 along with policy documentation was published on our website last year. [Click here](#) to be directed to these documents.

Parent Contributions cover the cost of consumable items used by your child and are integral to the running of the school.

Please understand that we are very conscious of family budgets and Deb, Jody or Karen are always available to discuss suitable payment options with you to manage these educational expenses.

*We would appreciate payment as soon as possible and thank you for your ongoing support.*
From the Principal...

Thought for the week: Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. They’re what make instrument stretch – what makes you go beyond the norm.
- Cicely Tyson B.1933

OPEN GARDEN - ONLY 8 DAYS TO GO!

WE ARE REALLY PROUD OF OUR GARDEN

Our big OPEN GARDEN is rapidly approaching and Saturday the 14th and Sunday the 15th are the BIG days! There will be many activities for children to participate in – all for free and an entry fee of $8.00 per adult. We will have a wet weather plan, so will be all set to run from 10am to 4.30 pm.

The Garden Team and helpers have the grounds looking amazing and the Art Club has assisted in making our buildings and grounds sparkle and shine. The teachers have provided beautiful artwork for the hallways and the entrance has been spruced up and rearranged.

We have well respected speakers featuring each day including Basil Natoli, Andrew Laidlaw, Philip Johnson, Richard Bellamo, John Rayner and very own Michelle Rayner.

Thankyou to all those who have been assisting behind the scenes we are ready to go!!

BUT

HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED as there are several stalls that are short-staffed. Please contact your child’s teacher to see if they need helpers OR check the big roster outside the office area and add your name where there are still gaps. If you are willing to help on either day for an hour or so, perhaps you could offer to help wherever needed when you arrive at the Open Garden – please consider doing this.

PARKING

We will be able to have cars parking on the school oval weather permitting. Access will be via the first gate to the gravel car park for a gold coin donation which will go towards Kallista-The Patch Fire Brigade. Access to the ring road is for loading and unloading, disabled and elderly parking (in the front section of the teacher’s car park extending current disability parking). Some people need wheelchair access so it is hoped that as a school community, you will honour this intention to cater for those with a disability or who are elderly.

MUSICAL ITEMS

There will be a range of wonderful musical items throughout the day with several children performing items in the Garden area and bands playing near the rebound wall.

Have a great long weekend

Deb

Deb
herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the recent Eastern Metropolitan Region swimming competition. As always, each of you made us very proud with your efforts and sportsmanship! Well done!

James M: The competition was tough and I felt nervous not knowing the results, but then I found out we won!

Joel S: The pool looked like it was a mile long but when you went in, it felt like 20 metres!

Ryan S: It was a perfect day for friendly competition! It was heart pumping and stressful but it was an amazing feeling.

Jake M: It's a mind blowing experience to have it that far into the competition.

Alex M: It was tough, but we were tougher! When we were racing it was nerve racking to see someone catching up but we kept concentrating.

Callum T: It was really loud out of the water but when you hopped in, all you could hear was your breathing.

Molly A: It was really nerve racking but when you got in the water it was really exciting and it wasn't all about the competition but about having fun.

Riley H: I was really excited that I'd made it through to this day, then when I got in the pool I was nervous because I've never swam that far! But I did it!
Assembly Stars!

Congratulations to the amazing students who were awarded certificates at assembly! Well done everyone!

Have you been to Assembly recently? We hold our whole-school Assembly on Friday mornings at 9am either in the Hall or on the basketball court, depending on the weather. Hope to see you there soon!
Supporting Asylum Seekers & Refugees

Food Drive at The Patch School 16\textsuperscript{th}–20\textsuperscript{th} March

(food basket will be in front foyer of school)

This is the first collection of non-perishable items that our KINDRED (Building a kind and compassionate Australia) group is coordinating to donate to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. It’s the same group of people that coordinated the last two food drives but with a new name! After the amazing effort of our wonderful school community last year many people were helped with much needed items.

During this food drive we are asking for non-perishable items such as:

- Breakfast cereals
- Rice
- Chickpeas, lentils, kidney beans (tinned or dried)
- Honey
- Sanitary items
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Kindred is a group of local people who share the vision of an Australia which is kinder and more compassionate. Our current focus is on Asylum Seekers as we believe all people share a kindred humanity. Contact us to join our Facebook Group or email kindredkindness@gmail.com (Webpage and Facebook page coming soon!)
Daniel Blandthorn, the dad of Patrick 5/6C, Jonah 3/4C and Ollie 2A, is participating in this year Oxfam Trailwalker.

Daniel is participating as part of a team from his work Invetech and they are hoping to raise $2000 towards Oxfam. The money raised will help some of the world’s poorest people. Our fundraising enables Oxfam to continue its work delivering projects that support orphans and people affected by HIV and AIDS in Southern Africa, that educate people in Laos on efficient farming techniques and that improve Indigenous health and wellbeing in regional Australia.

Teams of four enter this event and have 48 hours to walk or run the 100km trail. It’s very likely that his team Bolters Invetech will walk through the night (with little or no sleep) until the end. The event raises vital funds for Oxfam Australia. Oxfam is an independent, secular, non-government organisation working in more than 28 countries and Indigenous Australia.

We ask that you support Daniel and his team in this massive challenge. Please consider how you may be able to get behind us, either by sponsoring us directly or referring us to others. If you would like to sponsor us please follow the link:

https://trailwalker.oxfam.org.au/team/home/19426

Team Bio – Bolters Invetech

Oxfam Trailwalker is Australia's original 100km team endurance event. It's an inspiring and challenging event that changes lives.
We're four colleagues from Invetech, of varying ages, backgrounds, waistlines and levels of fitness. We're all up for an endurance challenge in aid of a good cause, and in best management speak we've decided on a "stretch goal" of twenty-five hours. As Dave says, it shortens the pain and gets us to the beer faster.

Reality has now set in, and it's just dawning on us what we've let ourselves in for.
As charities go, we're big fans of Oxfam and what they stand for worldwide. We hope you agree, and will sponsor us generously!

Thank you.
The Blandthorn Family

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**Scholastic Bookclub**

**ORDERS DUE TUESDAY 10TH MARCH**

Scholastic Bookclub is back for 2015. New and improved!

Orders can now be entered and paid for online using the new Scholastic LOOP website and app.

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- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
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For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
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Watch the Qkr introduction video

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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 VPass 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.

CLASSROOM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Please familiarise yourself with the current approved Emergency Management Plan procedures. This will assist us when we are practicing our drills with your children.
In the event of an EMERGENCY the following plan will be used:

- An announcement will be made explaining Lockdown/Lockout/Evacuation details.
- Message will be repeated
- P.A. Siren will sound

One Continual Siren means Evacuate to Hall

Siren with Two-Second Intervals means: Evacuate to Oval

Procedure:

On hearing siren:
- Teacher will collect attendance roll and Emergency Management Plan folder
- Check adjoining withdrawal areas for any students
- Close windows and turn lights off as the class leaves the room
- Assemble children in an orderly fashion for evacuation to Hall or Oval using route depicted on evacuation map (on wall inside classroom door)
- Evacuate by external door to Hall or Oval
- Once at Assembly point all children are accounted for to ensure no child or visitor has been left behind.

The Patch School’s Emergency Management Plan is available on our website. Please click here.
CAKE STALL

Hi everybody! It’s that’s time again when we will be asking you to put on your apron and whip up something yummy for the cake stall. Items that sell well include: Cakes, slices, biscuits, cupcakes, chocolate crackles, homemade chocolates, honey joys, shortbreads.

On TUESDAY 10th MARCH each family will have one plate sent home but don’t let that limit you! If you would like more plates to fill please help yourself from the tub in front of the office.

**Please pop down the ingredients on the slip provided, if you need more labels you can also collect them from the tub in front of the office or feel free to make your own**

Items can be dropped off at the staff room before and after school on Friday the 13th or Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March.

We are looking forward to lots of yummy things and a great Cake Stall for our Open Garden weekend!
Remember all proceeds help our kids!

Contact: Kim Bright 0406 943 419
The Patch

This multi award-winning two-acre garden with an emphasis on sustainability has been designed and implemented by the school's students, and this weekend 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 and local produce.

The students will take tours of the gardens and wetlands, and there will also be talks on designing children's landscapes and plant selection.

Special activities for children include scarecrow making, miniature garden making and art activities. There are chooks, an orchard and a one-acre fenced wetlands, and the various small garden areas include edible, alphabet, world, dry, bush food, Australian plants and biodiversity to attract butterflies.

Come and enjoy the day - there'll be something for everyone!

53 KALLISTA-EMERALD RD, THE PATCH

SATURDAY, 14 & SUNDAY, 15 MARCH 2015

OPEN • 10am-4:30pm
ENTRY • $8 (U/18 FREE)
INFO • opengarden.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.

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Community Notices

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL DAY 2015
The Upwey High School Festival will take place on Saturday 14 March. The day begins with a free Volleyball Coaching Clinic for all Primary school students from 11am to Midday in the Upwey High School Stadium. Featuring elite level coaches, this clinic caters for all levels of participants, from those new to the sport or just trying it out, all the way to regular players. There will also be exhibition games with local high schools, a sausage sizzle and refreshments available.

Following the Volleyball, a Market featuring local traders with products from new and second hand clothes to art and crafts will be held at the school. A range of food vendors and coffee will also be available for visitors. At the same time the Streeton Art Show and a Music concert will be held at the school. The music concert will feature a number of bands from Upwey High School, Dandenong Ranges’ ‘New Horizons Band’, bands and groups from local primary schools as well as bands from the local community. It is also not too late to be a performer at the concert, so if interested, check out the website at www.upweyartsfestival.com.

The Streeton Art Show
Thanks to the wonderful sponsorship of the Yarra Ranges Council, the Upwey Arts Festival Art show returns for 2015. This year’s Art show has been renamed the Streeton Art Show and prize money has increased. Again this year there is no set theme or medium for the entries. The categories and prizes are:

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For more information, or to make an individual entry, check out www.upweyartsfestival.com

Entries into the art show can be made by individual students of the school, or a bulk entry from the school will be taken.

Upwey High Festival Day Market Stalls
If you are interested in running a market stall on Saturday 14 March at Upwey High School, please contact Andrew McNeil at mcn@upweyhs.vic.edu.au

2015 BELGRAVE CARNIVAL
Good Friday 3rd April 10am – 3pm Rides, Food, Entertainment & Easter Egg Hunt
All profits donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital God Friday Appeal.
www.belgravecarnival.org

CARDIO TENNIS
Cardio tennis for adults starting at The Patch Tennis Court! FUN, FITNESS, MUSIC, & TENNIS.
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am, or 6:30-7:30pm. First session is FREE! If you play, or haven’t played in ages....it doesn't matter! ALL WELCOME!
Contact Renae for more details, or just turn up. 0403 498 085

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Community Notices

Calling all Under 11 and Under 12 Players, bring your mates and come down for training to play the 2015 SEASON! $10 voucher at our canteen for you and your mate!

We welcome all players (existing & new) to attend our day (includes Auskick)

Catch up with coaches & team-mates.

TRAINING DATES: Wednesday 11 & 18th March
TIME: 4:30pm – 6pm
At: Olinda Primary School Oval

Come along; we look forward to seeing you all there.

TEAMS WILL BE ENTERED for 2015 season
U10’s, U11’s, U12’s, U14’s & U16’s

Olinda Ferny Creek Junior Football Club Inc
Email: ofcjcfc@msn.com
W: www.olindafenrycreekjfc.vcfl.com.au
Contact Patrick Ford 0417244376 President: Jamie Brown Mob: 0418 734 585

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 290396 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

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