Dates to Remember

December

- Tues 1st
  - Whole School Music Incursion Prep-6
- Tues 1st
  - 2016 Prep Info Night 7-8pm
- Wed 2nd
  - Last day for Uniform Orders for 2015
- Wed 2nd
  - Whole School Christmas Carols and Market
    (weather permitting) from 4pm with carols
    starting at 6.15pm
- Fri 4th
  - Prep/Buddy Excursion – Miniature
    Railway, Kilsyth
- Tues 8th
  - Step Up Day 9:30-11am – Reports go
    home and Grades announced
- Tues 15th
  - Grade 6 Graduation – Nathania Springs
- Fri 18th
  - Grade 5/6 Excursion Knox Leisureworks
- Fri 18th
  - LAST DAY term 4 – early finish at 1.30pm

January 2016

- Monday 11th
  - Uniform orders reopen on QkR (for delivery
    on 28th Jan)
- Thurs 28th
  - First day back for students
- Fri 29th
  - 5/6 Leadership Day
- Fri 29th
  - Whole School Welcome Evening

Qkr

If you need any assistance in setting up QkR on your phone or tablet please do not hesitate to come to the office.

We are more than happy to help you load the app and get you registered.

Hope to see you soon!

The Patch Christmas Angels

At this time of the year, we are reminded of the important values of compassion and consideration of others.

On behalf of the Monbulk Care Network we will, once again, be collecting non-perishable goods and Christmas items to be packaged and distributed to members of the community who may appreciate some assistance.

If you would like to help, donations can be placed in the boxes in front of the Prep room.

Thank you for your support.
From the Principal...

A reminder for the commencement of Term 1 2016 - We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red Day fire danger. More information will be available next year.

On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from drop off and no children will be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.

As part of continuing Emergency Management arrangements for roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. In the event of an unforeseen fire we would waste several precious moments trying to work out where children are if they have not been signed out. I can only implore you to make sure you follow this very simple procedure.

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days. Also as these days occur and you choose to pick your child up early it is an absolute must to sign your children out at the office.

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<td>Knox Leisure Works for year 5 &amp; 6</td>
<td>Friday 18th Dec</td>
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Last Assembly for the year

1.00 pm    Farewell our Year 6 students.
1.20        Drop off
1.30        School Finishes for the year.

2016

- Thursday January 28th 8.50 School Commences for 2015
- Friday January 29th 6.00 Whole School get together

In 2016 we are starting with a whole school gathering in the evening to celebrate the beginning of the school year. You will have the chance to meet and chat informally with your child’s teacher. Visit their classrooms and join the music in our garden and have some pizza. A few weeks after this we will have our get to know you interviews where you will have a more formal chat about your child. In the first week you will receive an information book for your child’s year level explaining important dates for the year and general information around the ins and outs of your child’s grade.
I am pleased to announce the teaching and grade structure for 2016. We do have some exciting and sad news. In 2016 Naomi has been offered an opportunity to work at MECS, Angie has retired and with these changes we hope to have employed 2 new graduates to announce before Step Up day on December 8th. We also will be welcoming back Sofia, Haley and hopefully Deb S from leave.

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<td>Sheila, Edith and Gloria</td>
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On Tuesday 8th December you will receive your child’s report and the class teacher. If you have anything you need to discuss with the teacher you are able to organise a brief interview with the class teacher after you have received your child’s report.

I will be on Long Service Leave from Friday 11th until the last day of school Friday 18th December. I am attending my brothers wedding in Sydney.

I wish you all a settled last week and holiday break. Whilst I am away I leave the school in the very capable hands of Michelle. I will still be checking my emails and Michelle will keep me up to date but mostly I think I will be focusing on not crying and looking after my mum and dad who are proud parents of the groom!

Have a great few weeks,

Deb

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Another Award for our Gardens and Grounds!

Yesterday, six students from year 5/6 attended the 2015 Victorian School Garden Awards with Trish Lewis (integration aide) and myself. Since 2009, The Patch Primary School has won just about every category of these awards (valued over $10,000) in recognition of the work we have been doing to improve our school landscape. This year we entered a new category called “Most Habitat Friendly Garden” and focused on our school boundaries where we have been creating “green corridors” for wildlife. Over the last 7 years we have planted 800 ferns in the fern gully and over 3,000 indigenous plants, prepared sites and managed weeds and watched as local wildlife have moved into these new zones. We are very proud of our results so far and will continue to implement the habitat action plan developed by students of years 3 and 4 during their enviro lessons.

Our prize for winning this category is $1,000 and we are excited to consider how we will invest this in our grounds and projects.

Here is what some of our students thought about the day:

It took a long time to drive there but it was worth it! When we got there it was raining but then the sun came out when we had the smoking ceremony. We had to sit in a hall for the awards and it was squasy but when they announced that The Patch had won I felt excited! We won $1,000 and a framed certificate. I would love to go back to Royal Botanic Gardens again! (Dylan, Year 5)

We visited the Children’s Garden which was massive! There was a little stream and we put a leaf each in it and had a leaf race! Dylan found a cicada shell and raced it on his leaf. We saw a bamboo forest and if you put your ear on it you could hear the wind coming through the top. (Alex, Year 5)

There was a rope hammock in the Children’s Garden and I liked swinging on it. We all climbed into the hollow of a very old tree, I climbed right to the top! (Sylvan, Year 5)

The Children’s Garden was inspiring for us to look at and experience. We took home lots of ideas that we can use in our school gardens. My favourite tree in the Children’s Garden was the Boab. There were all different types of schools from all around Victoria that came to the awards and they were learning about gardening just like we were. (Jasmine, Year 5)

Michelle Rayner
Thank you Trish for taking such beautiful photos!
Host Families Urgently Needed for Japanese Exchange Student

We are hoping to find a voluntary host family for one of our Japanese exchange students, who would like to be placed with a family interested in them. The students are aged 15, 16 or 17, and are all excellent academic students as well as being outgoing and being keenly interested in activities and mixing with people, according to their profiles. The hosting would be for anywhere between 3 and 10 months from early February 2016 and you have a choice of boy or girl. You would need to supply a bed, share room or own, food at home that you eat, and treat them as a member of the family as much as possible. If you are at all interested in reading the profiles for yourself, which might help you make up your mind, please contact Klaus Schumann on 03 97584279 to have a chat.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann
SCCE Japanese Exchange Student Coordinator
klaus.schumann@hotmail.com
OSHC
END OF YEAR
FAMILY FUN

Monday 7th December
6:00 p.m. at the hall

Sausage Sizzle and Family Games
All OSHC families welcome
2016 Parent Payment Charges and Return Form

We would appreciate payment by February 11th Term 1, 2016.

The Patch Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. If you will have difficulty making payments please make an appointment to speak to Debra to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. We guarantee that any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

Essential education items

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<td>Individual booklist materials</td>
<td>Specific materials for each child such as pencils, exercise books and glue.</td>
<td>$80.00</td>
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<td>Essential bulk classroom materials</td>
<td>Shared requisites used in the classroom such as paper, photocopying, resources sets</td>
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<td>Essential Subject materials</td>
<td>Shared requisites used in specialist programs – Art, Environment, Music, Philosophy, Indigenous Education, P.E. equipment &amp; LOTE</td>
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<td>Essential Student Information technology</td>
<td>Computer related consumables, such as cartridge costs, paper and equipment, Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spell-o-drome</td>
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<td>ICT assistance fund</td>
<td>While the school budget provides access to computers, printers and ongoing maintenance, this ICT levy will go directly to funding new computers in classrooms, on an ongoing 4 year cycle.</td>
<td>$55.00</td>
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<td>Maintenance and Grounds</td>
<td>Pays for mowing of the school grounds and repair of school facilities undertaken by a Handyman. This is for school maintenance/repair tasks which cannot be done by parents at working bees.</td>
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Essential education items Amount $295.00

Voluntary financial contribution Amount $110.00

TOTAL $405.00

* Contribution includes $10 family discount for each subsequent child & the one-off Family Maintenance & Grounds and ICT fund voluntary financial contributions payment is charged to the first child only.
The Patch School Council has approved the school’s parent payments policy.

All parent payments and contributions can be made by Qkr online (preferred). While payment is not required until the start of the 2016 school year we would appreciate payment by **THURSDAY 11\textsuperscript{th} February 2016**.

Our payment options are:

1. Qkr online (this is the preferred payment option, details are on the school website or at the office).
2. Credit card/Cash/Cheque at the school office.
3. Credit card slip available on the school website.

The school appreciates that families may sometimes find it difficult meeting payment requests. A range of options is available to parents who are experiencing financial difficulties and the State Schools Relief Committee offers assistance with the provision of school uniform.

Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are also able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school. Should you require information about financial assistance please contact Debra on 9756 7463

Yours sincerely

Debra A Herrmann
Principal
The Patch Primary School

Sarah Tebutt
School Council President
The Patch Primary School

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**School Uniforms**

Please note that next Wednesday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December is the LAST DAY to place orders for 2015. After 3.30pm on Wednesday the uniform shop will be closed for this year. Orders will reopen on Qkr on the 11\textsuperscript{th} of January, any orders made during the three weeks before school starts will be packed and delivered on the 28\textsuperscript{th} of January, 2016.

Since its introduction, Qkr has proven to be the easiest and most effective way for our school community to pay for items & activities.

To make the most of this efficient process, the Uniform Shop will only be accepting orders placed via Qkr from the beginning of the 2016 school year. Also starting next year, all second hand items from the uniform shop will be $4.

If you have any questions please direct them to:

uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au

Thank you 😊
Assembly stars!

Congratulations to all our students who competed in the Spelling Bee 😊

Congratulations to our students who were awarded certificates for their efforts at the Junior Athletics!

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!
### Sushi Price List

**The Patch School**  
**October 2015**

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<th>Hand Rolls</th>
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| Californian Roll  
(crab stick, cucumber, avocado, mayo and carrot)       | $2.70 |
| Teriyaki Chicken Roll  
(chicken, cucumber, teriyaki sauce)  | $2.70 |
| Crispy Chicken Roll  
(chicken, cucumber, lettuce, mayo and sweet chilli sauce) | $2.70 |
| Avocado Roll  
(avocado)  | $2.70 |
| Vegetarian Roll  
(pickled radish, capsicum, green bean, beetroot, cucumber, carrot) | $2.70 |
| Tuna & Avocado Roll  
(cooked tuna, avocado, mayo)  |        |
| **Salmon & Avocado Roll**  
(Fresh Salmon & avocado)  | $3.00 |
| Any other hand rolls with **Prawns or Salmon**  | $3.00 |

**Dumplings**

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**Drinks**

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<td>Apple Pop Top</td>
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<td>Apple &amp; Blackcurrant Pop Top</td>
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Sushi supplied fresh on the day by

[SUSHI EXPRESS](http://www.mfsushirely.com)  
Belgrave * Rowville * Lilydale * Rye

Tel 9754 8283 / 9755 5001 / 6739 4966
A positive school community is the first KidsMatter Primary component area for learning, planning and action. In a positive school community, every face has a place, every voice is valued and everyone has something to contribute.
All children need to feel that school is a safe place where:
  - people care about them
  - their needs for support, respect and friendship are met
  - they are able to get help to work out problems.
At The Patch we already work hard to ensure that our cultures is positive and inclusive. Our Kids Matter launch saw the community come together for a wonderful Bush Dance and as we head into Christmas we will also have our Community Carols night on the 2nd December. Bree Downes and Sarah Tebbutt are working hard to create a parent collective that will also help to bring our community together and ensure every face has a place and every voice is valued. Email breedownes@gmail.com or sarasergz@gmail.com if you would like more information.
As we head into Term One next year it will be important to welcome our new families via our Meet and Greet night on the first Friday of Term One (details to follow) and then our major community event on 19th March The Patch Autumn Festival.
We also have a Boys for Beginners course being offered early in Term 1 being one of the ways of supporting our parents. This follows on from the successful ‘A Way to Happier Children’ workshop last term. A similar course for girls is being organised for term 2. Being connected is essential for good mental health, and a positive school community is just the place to find that connection.
CONTACTING OSHC

To contact OSHC staff during program hours please call the main school telephone number **9756 7463** and select Option 1 to be directed to the OSHC landline.

If this line is unavailable, please call the mobile **0419 515 494** and, if there is no answer, feel free to leave a message.

Also call this number during school hours and you will be re-directed to the OSHC Voicemail.

Staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

The Patch Store is on Qkr!

School lunch orders are now available for order on Qkr! This will be a great time saver, no longer will you have to scrounge for loose change in the morning rush! Lunch order days are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When you log on to Qkr simply click on The Patch Store then select the day you are ordering lunch for, then scroll through the products and select what you’d like. You will need to order individually for each child.

Remember that if you have ordered lunch on QkR, there is no need to place a written order in your child’s lunch order basket. As with any new process, there may be a few hiccups to begin with but the system is constantly being refined and your feedback is valued.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and understanding.
Paying Cash at School

As we are fast becoming a cashless school, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you are needing to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.

Garden Team

We are always looking for new members for our Garden Team. If you would like to come along to our monthly Tuesday night meeting, please see Michelle Rayner or email: rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Parking Restrictions Behind the Hall

Please note that there is no parking behind the Hall. This is a staff only area and we ask parents and visitors to use the gravel car park behind the shelter shed or parallel parking spaces along the ring road. Thank you for your co-operation 😊
LOCAL SCOUTS DELIVER

CHRISTMAS TREES

TOP QUALITY Christmas Trees (av. height 6ft) delivered to your home for $60 ea. ($110 for 2 trees to the same address). Water containing stands available for $35.
Deliveries on Saturday 28th Nov., 5th and 12th Dec. from 9am to 3pm.
Pickup & sales at Selby CFA depot Saturday 28th Nov., 5th & 12th Dec. from 8am to 3.30pm.
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Free Delivery
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Igniting children’s creativity through music and circus

18-19 JAN 2016 Spirit of the Arts, Upper Ferntree Gully
- OR -
20-21 JAN 2016 Brighton Beach Primary School, Brighton

$100 2 days

CIRCUS SINGING BAND JAM

Circus - Emily Huybers. Emily is manager & lead coach at Ruccis Circus School and has taught circus for ten years. The circus skills workshop will use juggling equipment to develop confidence through non-competitive physical activities, harnessing motor skills and creative expression. The children will learn object manipulation techniques alongside showmanship.

Singing - Fiona Seers. Fiona is an experienced piano teacher and chorister, her main claim to fame being singing with the Rolling Stones in 2014. The singing workshops will use technology and Minecraft-inspired games to introduce music-reading, part-singing & microphone technique.

Band Jam - Nicole Alexander. Music teacher Nicole has been an inspiration for many young musicians and her unique style of collaborative teaching allows the children to use their own creativity to build musical works. The Band Jam workshop uses a mixture of instruments and within minutes they will be performing anything from African greeting songs to hits like “Riptide”.

ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS Fiona T: 0438 833 592
E: fionaseers@gmail.com

Two-day workshop $100 includes morning and afternoon tea, RYO lunches. One-day option
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Good for your School

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MONBULK FUN RUN 2015

‘Run to the G’
4km and 8km Run / Walk

DATE: Sunday 29th November 2015
PLACE: Start / Finish – ‘MCG’ - Monbulk Cricket Ground
TIME: 8.00 – 8.30 registration for a 9.00am start (sharp)
ENTRY FEE
$25 Adults
$40 Family
$10 Secondary Students
$40 Family
Primary Kids Free

Breakfast and Awards Presentation followed by
Monbulk Cricket Club 20/20 match after Fun Run

Monbulk & District
Community Bank® Branch

All money raised to go towards a new community pavillion
at the Monbulk Recreation Reserve

Event proudly sponsored by Monbulk & District Bendigo Bank & MADCOW

For more info on the event or to volunteer your time please contact Steve or Kelly Utting
utting.steven.c@edumail.vic.gov.au / kellyembellish@hotmail.com
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
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GIRLS AGED 8–14
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW FOR THE 2016 SEASON

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL GIRLSFOOTY@UTJFC.COM
OR CONTACT DEON 0408 700 424

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Open to Primary kids Grades 4–6 in 2015 (& 9 year olds in Grade 3).

All activities are fun activities, from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.

Visit www.kidsofgold.org.au to see who we are, what we do, and to download a form for the Feb 16th camp.

KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN
VIC 3795 - ABN 57 327 231 83

For New Campers
Fri 12th - Sun. 14th Feb 2016
$65 Full Fee* (Subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.)

Held at: Lyrebird Park Beenak Rd, Yellingbo

Contact Kids of Gold
0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 or 0415 427 396 (Gary) to hold a place and/or find out more.
Expand your family and add some Japanese flavour to your life with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
Invite a Japanese Leadership student into your home

Who are these Japanese Leadership students?
These students are handpicked by the Japanese government as part of a national leadership campaign. They have exceptional qualities, positive attitude and they are high achieving in their studies. The students will attend a local secondary school and pay their own school fees and uniform expenses. The students will arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

When do the students arrive into Australia?
They will all arrive Friday, 29th January 2016

These Japanese leadership students wish to share family life to:
- obtain firsthand knowledge about Australian cultural values
- improve language skills
- develop their personal tolerance of different values
- understand other people and cultures, thereby understanding themselves and their own culture better

Can you see yourself being part of this great adventure of volunteering to host a Japanese leadership exchange student arriving in late January 2016 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange? Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.
To become part of a global friendship campaign, visit our website www.scce.com.au email outbound@scce.com.au or contact Inga Hoeltz (Program Coordinator at S.C.C.E.) toll free on 1800 500 501.
Moores Road Medical Centre
5 Moores Road, Monbulk
P: 03 97521087

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- Health Assessments
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- Children’s Health
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- Healthscope Pathology on site
- Minor Surgical Procedures
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- Practice Nurse On Site

WALK INS WELCOME
Boys for Beginners

FREE WORKSHOP

Want to understand the ‘nature’ of boys? To improve communication with them? Overwhelmed by their non-stop energy?

Join us to learn tips and new strategies to better understand and nurture your sons.

Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm
15 Feb to 21 March (excluding 14 March)
5 sessions

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

These two-hour ‘Boys for Beginners’ sessions are held at The Patch Primary School,
53 Kallista-Emerald Road, The Patch

For more info: Helena Laverie at Anglicare Victoria
9735 6134 or 0488 501 204
anglicarevic.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.

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 😊

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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.

Community Notices

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 290 396 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

Cardio Tennis
Run during the school terms, this fun and energetic cardio workout to music, allows you to get great exercise whilst hitting the ball! Run by me, you will be instructed through a warm-up, tennis drills, and fun tennis games. 9:30-10:30am Tuesdays at The Patch Tennis Club (not on if it’s raining). All standards welcome. You don’t even have to have played before!
Contact Renae on 0403 498085.

Group Piano Lessons
To complement the existing piano and music programs at the school, group keyboard lessons are available for kids from Grade 1 to Grade 6. Groups of 2 or 3 children (of similar ages) will learn piano and music-reading skills in a fun and inspiring way.
$15 per child for half an hour. Classes are within school time. Teacher: Fiona Seers (Sadie and Charlie Mustoe’s Mum) has over 20 years teaching experience and a love and passion for music education. To enquire about booking a spot for your child please call Fiona on 0438 833 592 or email fionaseers@hotmail.com