Homework Expectations:
- Reading for 20-30 minutes every day. Remember to track your thinking and record your reading in your diary.

What’s Coming Up
- **Parent Information Evening:** Wednesday 18th of February, 6.00 - 7.15pm
- **Labour Day Holiday:** Monday 9th March – no school!
- **Open Garden Scheme:** Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March
- **Waste Management Excursion:** Thursday 12th March (3/4B), Thursday 19th March (3/4A) and Thursday 26th March (3/4C)
- **Last Day of Term One:** Friday 27th March
- **Day One of Term Two:** Monday 13th April

Parent Information Evening
We would love to see you all at the Parent Information Evening in the school library on *Wednesday the 18th of February from 6.00 - 7.15pm*. Join us for a cuppa at 6pm before the information session begins at 6.30pm. We will address camp, homework, learning expectations, classroom routines, NAPLAN and many other aspects of our grade 3/4 year.

Open Garden Scheme
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)
Waste Management Excursion

As part of our Sustainability program this year we are investigating how our waste (rubbish) is dealt with. We will tour two waste management companies and learn how about recycling and landfill processes. Only one class can attend at any given time so we have scheduled the excursion over three weeks as follows:

- Thursday March 12th (3/4B)
- Thursday March 19th (3/4A) and
- Thursday March 26th (3/4C)

This is an amazing opportunity and we are all looking forward to learning about how we can make a difference by focussing on the rubbish we produce as individuals and as a community.

Payment for this excursion ($15) must be made by Tuesday the 24th of February. The school does not accept payments on a Friday.

What we are learning about at the moment:

**Numeracy:** Our current Numeracy focus is on Number – place value, addition and subtraction. We are learning to identify and explain the value of each digit within a number (eg: the 2 in 3278 is equal to 200) and to add and subtract confidently. We are using card and dice games as well as open ended questions to help develop a deeper understanding of these concepts. You can help your child at home by asking them to add the value of two items when you are grocery shopping or to find the difference between the prices of two similar items to work out which item is cheaper.

**Literacy:** Our current Reading focus on selecting a “just right book” to read and ...

Our current Writing focus is on personal reflections of familiar topic.

We are working on setting up our individualised Spelling program for this year. Your child will be focussing on THREE spelling words at a time.

**Rotations:** Tuesday is our ‘Rotation Day’ and students will participate in a wide variety of specialist programs each week. The subject areas covered in Rotations are PE, Philosophy, Music, Art, ICT and Sustainability. The day begins in their regular classroom and it is extremely important that students are in their classrooms by 8.50am in order for the day to run smoothly. All students need to wear runners on a Tuesday in order to safely participate in PE.

**Smiling Minds:** We are participating in short mediation sessions after recess several times a week from the Smiling Minds program. This program helps to refocus students after a busy morning and teaches ways to calm ourselves.

Tissues

URGENT!! We would love for you to send a box of tissues to school with your child as soon as possible to restock our supply for runny noses 😊 Thank you!