



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February Term 1 Issue 1

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## Dates to Remember

### February

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Community Meeting 7pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Welcome Picnic 5 - 6.30pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Get To Know You Interviews
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	New Monitors Assembly

### March

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> and Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 4 Waste Management
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Close the Gap Day
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Festival
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 1

### April

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 2
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> to Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5 EarthKeeper's Camp
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prep to Two Athletics Day

## Welcome Back!

**We are looking forward to a great 2016!**

**Thank you to all our parents who have updated their children's class details on QkR!**

**If you have not yet done so, please do ASAP 😊**

## EMA replaced with CSEF

*The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) commenced in 2015 for four years and will provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students, with \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. A special consideration eligibility category also exists. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. CSEF applications are open now and close on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. More information and application forms are available on the school website. Please return your completed application to the school office as soon as possible.*

## From the Principal...

*Thought for the week: 'The most powerful thing we can do to change the world is to change our own beliefs to something more positive.'*

What excitement there was last Thursday, Friday and Monday with well refreshed and rested children, relaxed parents chatting with teachers and toddlers racing in and out. Visiting each classroom with Michelle was a joy, we saw settled and busy children working away as if they had been at school for nearly a month - a tranquil start to our new year (besides the buildings works going on around us).

Our Meet and Greet for parents and teachers last Friday was successful even though the weather was overcast and bleak. We will be continuing this new initiative at the beginning of each year to develop engagement between teachers and parents.

Please note our "Get to Know you Interviews" will commence on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February till Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, times and days for booking will be released next week. Details will be on the website and emailed as soon as the system is live. We are looking forward to these times as a continued part of our school program.

You will have seen that we are endeavouring to send information via email. If your email address has changed please update this information urgently. You should have received the following via email

- an invitation to the "Community Meeting" on Monday night at 7pm in the School Library
- the Getting to Know You questionnaire sheet
- if you are in year 1 a welcome and information note regarding Samantha
- this newsletter
- and on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> the school council elections information

We also welcome a number of new students and teachers this year. They have all settled in well and we look forward to getting to know you more as the year progresses. Welcome to

- all our new prep families
- Year 1 our new teacher Samantha, and students
- Year 2 our new teacher Tim, and students
- Year 3 welcome back to Haley and students
- Year 4 our new teacher Ella, and students
- Year 5 students
- Year 6 students
- And Sophia in Art and Leanne and Lissa in Music.

We continue to be very vigilant about nuts being at school. We have several children and staff who have severe and life threatening allergies to nuts. We have reviewed our anaphylactic policy and training to encompass all the steps necessary to keep our children and staff safe.

We request sending no nuts or nut products to school. Class teachers have been discussing our process and procedures around this with the children. No food or papers are allowed outside during recess and lunch. Children will eat their snacks and lunch inside, could you reinforce with your children the importance of following this rule as we need all children to feel safe at school.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful dedication and enthusiasm of our staff that spent many hours preparing for the commencement of school. We are fortunate to have such high quality and committed staff throughout the school.

We are currently seeking payment for student requisites for 2016. On the front page of the school website is a link to more information. Or enter <http://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/school-life/general-information/> in your browser.

Information is available on the website or the office from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February regarding 2016 School Council Election and the call for nominations. Usually there are two categories that make up membership of the School Council - Parent and Department of Education and Training (DET). You will also receive an email in regards to School Council Elections.

As always the strength of this school is in the conversations that we have. I encourage you to continue to come and express your views as your input is valued. I look forward to an exciting year with a great community of children, staff and parents.

Have a great week

*Deb*

[herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## 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:

Evacuate to Hall

Siren with Two-Second Intervals:

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.

## PARENTING ONLINE

*I think the internet is a wonderful resource for children to use, but it is also one that needs guidelines and monitoring and I would encourage all parents to think about how they are doing this at home.*

*The Cybersmart program provides a range of cybersafety materials for parents and their children. For more information, resources, advice and tips, visit the Cybersmart website at [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au). Encourage your children and teens to take a look around the website. If you have young children, you may like to explore it together to help them understand how to protect themselves against online risks and make the most of their experiences online*

*If your child shows changes in behaviour or mood that are concerning, explore your concerns with them and if necessary seek professional support, including through the Cybersmart Online Helpline at [www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx). The Cybersmart Online Helpline provides free, confidential online counselling for children and young people.*

## SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016

*School Council is the important decision making body of the school. The School Council deals with most areas of the management of the school (other than selection and supervision of teaching staff and classroom management).*

*The School Council must ratify all school policies after consultation with the wider school community. Monthly reports of the school finances must be presented to the School Council. sub-committees are convened or attended by school councillors and provide the School Council with important recommendations.*

*These sub-committees are vital to the successful running of the School and parents are strongly encouraged to be a part of these committees. If any parent would like to be co-opted onto one of these committees the office will enthusiastically put you in contact with the convenor.*

*A school councillor represents all members of the school community - students, parents and staff. An effective partnership between the school council and the school ensures a quality education for all students.*

*If you are interested in being a school councillor and wish to have more information about the work of the council, please contact Deb at the school, or speak to our School Council President, Sarah Tebutt ([tebbutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tebbutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au)).*

## SCHOOL COUNCIL TIMELINE

Vacancies -	2 DET representatives 4 Parent representatives
Call for nominations	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February (special letter to school community setting the election process)
Nominations close -	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - 4pm <u>sharp</u>
List of Candidates and Nominators posted	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Ballot papers distributed	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
Close of Ballot -	Monday 1st March- 4 pm <u>sharp</u>
Counting of votes	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March - 4:15 pm
New 2016 School Council Announced	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March - 7:15 pm

*Nomination Forms can be collected from the office. Please note that the dates and times will be strictly followed.*

## Around the School

*You will have noticed a few changes around the school ground. Over the holidays the department addressed some of our storm water and drainage issues by replacing all the storm water drains and pits across the front of the school. Whilst these works caused considerable disruption to movement and access, we now have a greater capacity to cope with rain events and reduce damage to our buildings and grounds.*

*Unfortunately some of our beautiful plantings in front of the kindergarten and main building had to be removed for these works to be completed. However, new plantings will be carried out during the Autumn and Winter months, so keep your eye out for an opportunity to be involved in this very therapeutic activity.*

# News from your School Council

Welcome back for 2016 and a warm welcome to all our new families for 2016. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and that the year has started well. The feeling around the school so far seems to be that most of the kids have settled in well and looking forward to the year.

We have a busy first term with school Council, The Patch Autumn Festival on March 19th, initiation of combining all our volunteer groups into a parents community group as well as continued works around the school.

I would like to invite anyone that is interested in getting involved with the school somehow, to attend the upcoming Community Meeting on Monday 8th February at 7.00pm in the Library. We will be discussing how to put together the teams in all areas for school helpers and also looking for new ideas or areas that parents would like to contribute to around the school. We will put up sheets in the hallway of the main building indicating the areas that you can assist with, so please feel free to add your name to an area of interest. These will be up for a few days after the meeting if you are unable to attend. This is a very exciting change to the way these groups have operated and I think that all volunteers around the school will benefit. I hope to see many of you there.

Over the coming weeks we will be working on all the organising for The Patch Autumn Festival being held at the school on the 19th March from 10-3pm. There will be plenty of ways to get involved in this event and I encourage you to look out for areas that need assistance. This will be a major fundraiser for the school this year and we hope to make it a great success. Feel free to contact me and I can point you in the direction of any area that may interest you.

With regard to School Council we have a few very long time contributors retiring this year. We are very thankful for all the time and effort you have put into our school. The work of school council is very important in the school and is the support to the staff in decision making and assisting the school to run efficiently. If you have ever had any interest in school council I would love to talk to you and answer any questions about what it entails. There are many special interest areas that you can contribute to such as policy, finance, OSHC, and Community positions. It would also be great to have a few new male parents/guardians to make sure that the school council is a balanced representation of the parent community. Please email me or talk to Deb to find it if it may be for you. Our first school Council Meeting will be on Monday 22nd February at 7.15 in the staff room.

Personally, I feel that there is a great feeling around the school and that it is an exciting time to be a parent, teacher or student at The Patch School.

Sarah

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# JAPANESE NEWS



## 日本語 / にほんご ニュース

*Welcome to Japanese for 2016!*

*This year, Japanese classes will be located in the portable classroom closest to the oval playground. It is also the Uniform Shop, and some music lessons will be held there as well. Students will be working at low tables, sitting on さぶとん (cushions).*

*In the past, the Victorian languages curriculum has been one document for all languages. For the first time, Australia has a specific Japanese Curriculum (and a common national Japanese Curriculum at that) which we will begin to follow at The Patch PS this year. There will be some changes in the content and focus of the program and if you are interested to learn more about these changes, please come and see Jane on Mondays-Thursdays.*

*さるどし / 申年  (saru doshi) — Japan follows the Chinese Zodiac and this year is the Year of the Monkey. People born in the Year of the Monkey - 2004 (and every 12 years before that - 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, etc.) are supposed to be enthusiastic, self-assured, sociable, and innovative.*



# Leadership Day Highlights

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

## Spaghetti Bridges

On 5/6 leadership day we had to make spaghetti bridges. They had to be 1 metre long and also had to hold a flat MAB block on top of it. We also got 3 rubber bands and 20cm of sticky-tape. It was really fun. We had a group to do it with. We learnt how to be a leader and we also learnt teamwork. *By Max 5/6/C*

## Fantasy Island

In the 5/6 leadership day Fantasy Island was fun and interesting. We played a game like musical chairs except we had to fit everyone on six separate pieces of paper. The point of Fantasy Island was to find the differences between the groups of people who hung out together because they like the same things. I learnt that people act completely differently when around different people. *By Charlie 5/6C*

## House of Cards

On 5/6 leadership day we did an activity called house of cards. What we were working on was showing resilience by making a house of cards. Kent kept knocking over everyone's cards and making it hard to build it high but we all kept trying and bouncing back. He was trying to teach us good resilience and I think he did. *By Cameron 5/6B*

The students have had a wonderful day with Grade 56 teachers - Kent, Andrew, Jennie, Yale, Trish, Courtney - exploring what "Leadership" means to them. They practiced integrity, responsibility, respect and resilience through three workshops. They have spent time with our school leaders, Deb and Michelle, and reflected on their experiences.



# ASSEMBLY STARS!



*Congratulations to our first Assembly Stars for 2016!  
What an awesome way to begin the year!*

# The Greeting Tree

*We owe a huge thank you to Danielle and family (Arley in Gr 1) for our beautiful and magnificent Greeting Tree. Danielle worked hard during the summer holidays to provide a special meeting space for all of our lovely community members. The tree is just below the Drop Off area and is thriving with all the attention.*



## 2016 Parent Payment Charges and Return Form

We would appreciate payment by February 11<sup>th</sup> 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

Item	Specifications	Cost
Individual booklist materials	Specific materials for each child such as pencils, exercise books and glue.	\$80.00
Essential bulk classroom materials	Shared requisites used in the classroom such as paper, photocopying, resources sets	\$70.00
Essential Subject materials	Shared requisites used in specialist programs – Art, Environment, Music, Philosophy, Indigenous Education, P.E. equipment & LOTE	\$95.00
Essential Student Information technology	Computer related consumables, such as cartridge costs, paper and equipment, <u>Mathletics</u> , Reading Eggs and Spell-o-drome	\$50.00

### Voluntary financial contributions

Item		Cost
ICT assistance fund	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.	\$55.00
Maintenance and Grounds	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.	\$55.00

Essential education items	Amount	\$295.00
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount	\$110.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$405.00</b>

<b>No. of Students in Family</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 405.00</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>\$ 690.00</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 975.00</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>\$1260.00</b>



\* 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 Tebbutt**  
School Council President  
The Patch Primary School

## School Uniforms

*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 this 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](mailto:uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au)*

*Thank you ☺*

## 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.

## 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 😊

## The Patch Store's Important QkR Lunch Order Tips

To ensure your child's receives their lunch order, could you please:

- Order via QkR **no later than 9.30am** on the day of the order **or** personally at The Patch Store
- Be sure your child's class is correct in QkR (and update each year)
- Check your receipt to ensure the order & payment have processed correctly

The Patch Store thanks you for all your support with the school lunch program.

Thank you,

The Staff at The Patch Store

## Community Meeting This Monday

*Hello everyone,*

*I am very excited about the meeting on Monday night at the school. We have some great ideas flying around but there are sure to be some we haven't thought of, so we are all very interested to hear what the school community wants or feels is needed.*

*Helping out at your child's school shows them that you are a part of something bigger than just yourself and your own family unit. It gives children a sense of belonging to their school and community. It encourages them to feel safe and connected to other parents and gives them increased confidence. I have a very vivid memory of my own mother volunteering at my primary school canteen, and the excitement and significance of it has obviously stuck as it's something I wanted to pass on to my kids.*

*But it's not just about the kids, it's also about parents making connections and feeling part of the school community. Some of my dearest friends are mothers I have met at school over the last few years, and to me that is the gold of having been in and around the school. Everyone's lives are very busy; we all have a lot on our plate, but that old saying of 'many hands make light work' couldn't be more fitting. There is something very magical bubbling away at The Patch Primary, can you feel it? Both my boys came home this week every day saying that their day was "awesome" "unreal" and "really, really good". I love hearing this and I also love seeing all the teachers smiling as they walk around the school.*

*When we all come together anything is possible and what better way to make a difference to our future generation than by making school the best, safest, happiest place for all of our kids. I really urge you to do whatever you can to come along to the meeting on Monday night at 7pm in the Library. Hope to see you there.*

*Bree*

## 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 😊*

# Monbulk & District Community Bank ® Branch



## CLUB REWARDS PROGRAM WITH THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Good for your School

We will reward The Patch Primary School by contributing funds for each new loan, credit card, personal account or everyday account opened at Monbulk & District **Community Bank** ® Branch.

When banking with us your school will receive:

#### **Product Contribution**

Bendigo Home Loan **\$500**

Bendigo Personal Loan **\$250**

Insurance Cover **\$100**

New Business Account **\$50**

Appointment with Financial Planner **\$50**

New Personal Account **\$25**

New Term Deposit over \$10,000 **\$25**

### It starts with U

The more banking you do with Monbulk & District Community Bank ®, the more you and your school will benefit.

We look forward to presenting you with a large cheque in the near future.

Please pop into our branch at 70 Main Rd, Monbulk or phone 97521130 for more information.

Offer valid for eligible products taken out at Monbulk & District **Community Bank** ® Branch. Terms, conditions, fees, charges and eligibility criteria apply. All loans subject to the bank's normal lending criteria. Rewards are capped at \$1,000.00 per customer.

**PLEASE NOTE**

*Sushi Express has updated their menu and prices.  
Please be sure to have the correct payment in  
your child's envelope.*



Childs' Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

			Quantity	Total
Salmon and Avo	GF	\$3		
Tuna and Avo	GF	\$2.70		
Crispy Chicken		\$2.70		
Teriyaki Chicken		\$2.70		
California		\$2.70		
Vegetarian	GF	\$2.70		
Avo & Cucumber	GF	\$2.70		

Apple Pop Top		\$2		
Blackcurrant Pop Top		\$2		

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Please enclose correct change if possible

GF = Gluten Free



## BELGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FOOTBALL FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY FEB 7<sup>TH</sup>

11am – 2pm

BELGRAVE RECREATION RESERVE

RESERVE RD BELGRAVE

MONBULK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

# REGODAY 2016

Sunday 14th February



*Great family club!*

FREE sausage sizzle. New players welcome!  
All teams from U8s to U16s!

1pm – 5pm Sunday 14th February  
@ the Log Cabin, Monbulk Oval



[www.monbulkjfc.com.au](http://www.monbulkjfc.com.au)

**MONBULK  
AQUATIC CLUB  
PRESENTS**

**FREE  
Entry**

# DIVE AND TURN CLINIC

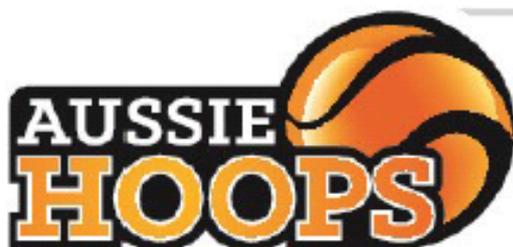
Sunday 14th February

Come along and join in our dive and turn clinic.  
Dive and Turn Clinic 5.00pm to 6.00pm then,  
join our Aggregate from 6.00pm to 8.00pm including BBQ.



Please register and contact us on 0467 325 504  
[www.monbulkaquaticclub.com.au](http://www.monbulkaquaticclub.com.au)

**TERM 1-2  
2016**



**Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official junior game development program for children aged 5–10 years.**

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**WHEN:** From Sat. 13th February - Sat. 19th March; Sat. 16th April - Sat. 23rd April  
(No sessions on Sat. 12th March—Labor Day)

**WHERE:** Monbulk College Stadium  
David Hill Road, Monbulk  
Mel Ref 311 J3

**TIME:** 10:00am until 10:45am  
(approx.)

**COST:** \$70 for new players  
\$50 for returning players

**All Participants Receive:**

- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops backpack
- 1 x Spalding size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops reversible singlet.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Email: [hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au](mailto:hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au) or  
[juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au](mailto:juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au)

Detach and bring with cheque made payable to: Sherbrooke B.A., P.O. Box 1121, Upwey, 3158.

Name.....Age.....Birthdate.....Gender M/F

Address.....

Postcode.....Phone number.....What school do you attend?.....

Parents Names.....

Do you require any medication? Y / N If yes, for what condition?.....

Singlet size: 8 10 12 14 Email Address.....

**AUSSIE HOOPS**

## CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!



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](http://www.kidsofgold.org.au) to see who we are, what we do, and to download a form for the Feb 16th camp.

### **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.

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

# 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.

Mondays 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



  
**Anglicare**  
VICTORIA

  
**Parentzone**  
EASTERN

For more info: Helena Laverie  
at Anglicare Victoria  
9735 6134 or 0488 501 204  
[anglicarevic.org.au](http://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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**Bendigo Bank**

Support **Bob the Wombat**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](tel:0403498085).

### 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](mailto:fionaseers@hotmail.com)

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