



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

March

Mon 14th

Tues 16th and Fri 18th

Thurs 17th

Sat 19th

Thurs 24th

Labor Day

Gr 4 Waste Management

Close the Gap Day

Autumn Festival

Last Day of Term 1

April

Mon 11th

Weds 13th – Fri 15th and

Mon 18th to Weds 20th

Mon 25th

Fri 29th

First Day of Term 2

Gr 5 EarthKeeper's Camp

ANZAC Day

Prep to Two Athletics Day



SECONDHAND CLOTHING NEEDED!

The Autumn Festival is approaching very quickly and we are once again looking forward to having a secondhand clothing stall. We would love it if you could do a summer clean out and pass on any adults and children's clothing you have no need for any longer. Please no underwear, or stained / badly damaged clothing. Tubs have been set up in the school foyer for your donations. Thank you in advance ☺

From the Principal...

Thought for the week: "Don't be afraid to take big steps. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." - David Lloyd George

ARE YOU READY?

Have you circled the 19th of March on your calendars?

THE PATCH AUTUMN FESTIVAL is coming!!!

Stay and make a day of it!

10 am till 3pm

The festival this year has been developed to create a fun, environmental and sustainable event that will connect our families and community. It will be full of family entertainment, market stalls, food stalls, music, children's activities and garden talks.

We invite you to come along, settle down and listen to the music and bands that will be playing, join in the activities on the oval, relax and listen to renowned experts in garden designs. There will be performances throughout the day on the garden stage and at the rebound wall so sit back and enjoy. You might like to purchase some pizza, sushi, sausages, corn on the cob, followed by a purchase from our cake stall, then wash this all down with a coffee or tea from the coffee cart.

In the year 5/6 room you can buy second hand clothing, and bid at the Silent Auction or purchase a raffle ticket or two. The year 5/6 children have been busy propagating plants for purchase.

You can wander down to the garden and enjoy its tranquillity and peacefulness or have a guided tour by our Year 4 students in the wetlands. You can have a seat under the umbrellas and enjoy a slice of pizza, and enjoy listening to the music on the stage.

The Year 1 & 2 children will be creating and making objects with natural materials, including yarn bombing and the Preps will be creating miniature gardens.

The recycle team will be organising our waste management on the day as our aim is to make our Festival as sustainable as possible.

So come and join us all and have a great day connecting with our community of children, parents, teachers and friends. It is only 4 weeks away!

Have a happy weekend

Deb

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Community Groups

Recently we held an introductory community meeting in the school library to discuss and establish ways in which parents and families can be more involved in school life. A number of newly created groups that aim to address specific needs in the school have been formed. These groups are very fluid and will always welcome anyone who can lend a hand at any time. If you would like to add your name to any group please email me your contact details or add your name to the sign-up list on the wall under the TV in the Staff Room; we would love to hear from you! A list of the Community Groups is listed below.

The events group has begun meeting to prepare for our upcoming Autumn Festival. Our Weed Group met yesterday in the garden at 12.30 and worked in our vegetable and pizza garden, the Chook Group is looking for a couple more volunteers as we need to address some structural issues with our chook shed before we can install some new chickens (repair door and some boards) and the art group will kick off shortly (we need to identify projects, times and students). The Buildings and Grounds members will be contacted when simple maintenance tasks are required; the Friend-Raising group aims to introduce new parents to others in the school; the Pizza Oven group will take responsibility for occasions when the oven is in use (eg. Autumn Festival), the Food Forest Group will prune and maintain our orchard (some summer pruning due), the Willow Weavers Group will oversee the willow domes - pruning, weaving pruning's, etc, and the Class Representatives Group are the liaison people who will act as conduit between the teachers and the parents. This is an important role and a number of the classes are not yet represented. Please consider this role as it will improve communications between all members of your child's class (if interested, please email me your details). The Fundraising Group has been absorbed into the Events Group.

If you have a passion to be involved in a way that is not identified in these groups, please let Sarah Tebbutt, Bree Downes, Deb Herrmann or myself know. We welcome new ideas.

Looking forward to lots of feedback,

Michelle Rayner

Rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Art Group
Events Group
Pizza Oven Group
Edible Garden Group
Willow Weavers Group
Kinder Liaison Group
OSHC Group
School Council Representative

Weed Group
Chook Group
Animal Carers Group
Class Representatives
School Banking Group
Grant/Award Application Group
Uniform Group
Social Media Group

Friend-Raising Group
Buildings & Grounds Group
Food Forest Group
Book Club Group
Well-Being Group
Publicity Group
Working Bee Group
Fundraising Group

SCHOOL COUNCIL TIMELINE

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

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

Is Your Family Entitled to the CSEF?

The Victorian Government has put in place the **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** for eligible beneficiaries. This program provides \$125 per child to be used to pay any of the above activities.

For further information on the CSEF and an application form, please visit

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=1#link80>

Applications for this year's round must be submitted to the school Office no later than 29th February 2016.

If you have any questions about CSEF, please contact the school.

The World's Greatest Shave

My name is Tania Prescott and I have two boys at The Patch. On Saturday March 12th I will be shaving my head for the Leukemia Foundation, World's Greatest Shave at my hairdresser's home in Endeavour Hills. If anyone from the school community would like to help out with donations I will be at the shelter shed at drop off from 3.20pm every school day until the shave to accept and receipt any payments. Any donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you would like to contact me, my number is 0435 551 185 or you can message me through Facebook. Thank you!

Smiling Minds

After a busy day at school the preps are enjoying 'putting a smile on their minds' with some meditation. Smiling Minds take children on a relaxation journey and helps them to relax their bodies and minds.



Prep Picnic

What a wonderful turn out to our Prep picnic! The sun was shining and there were picnic rugs, food, and happy faces as far as the eye could see. It was a great afternoon for parents to make some new connections and to put faces to names of their children's new friends. Thank you all for making the effort to come along. You are all starting a wonderful journey together so it's great to make connections early on.

Tania, Alesha and Lesley - The Prep Team x



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

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
	TOTAL	\$405.00

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

Preferred Payment Method



* 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 11th 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

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



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!



LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- 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 catalogues
- 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
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.



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		

Please enclose correct change if possible

GF = Gluten Free



BASKETBALLERS WANTED

PLAYERS & TEAMS

SHERBROOKE BASKETBALL ARE
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS OF ALL AGES
TO JOIN OUR JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION.

The competition has grown from 8 teams to in excess of 30 teams in the last few seasons and we are looking to build on this growth by continuing to provide for families from the Yarra Ranges and Cardinia regions.

CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

All of our junior basketball takes place at Cockatoo Reserve Stadium and Monbulk College Stadium Saturday mornings and afternoons.

ALL AGES

We currently run competitions for Rookies (first timers and/or 9 and under), Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14 and Under 16.

THE SHERBROOKE DIFFERENCE

We welcome participation and can accommodate any age group/gender. A competition can be included, so long as there are four teams entered.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
Pam Ball - pam@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au
FOR MORE INFORMATION
James Carradice
juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au



GIRLS ONLY FOOTY IS COMING TO VTJFC IN 2016!


FREE GIRLS FOOTY CLINIC AT UPWEY TECOMA JFC

SUITABLE FOR GIRLS AGES 7+



6PM - 7PM MONDAY 22 FEB 2016
TALASKIA RESERVE, UPPER FERNTREE GULLY
FOLLOWED BY FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR PARTICIPANTS & FAMILIES

REGISTER BY EMAIL
GIRLSFOOTY@VTJFC.COM
PLEASE INCLUDE PLAYER NAME & AGE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT DEON ERUVELIL 0908 700 424



#VTJFCGIRLS #GIRLSCAN

AFL YARRA RANGES BELGRAVE JFC UNDER 10 and 12 and GIRLS ONLY U/12

NEW GIRLS ONLY competition
(must be aged 9 by 1/1/2016)

For more information call :
Maxine Armstrong
0417 391 283
or
belgravejfc@yahoo.com.au





#GIRLSPLAYTOO

We also have Friday night
Auskick.

**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 or
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.....

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**

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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E monbulkmailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Monbulk & District
Community Bank® Branch



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

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](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

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