



Patchwork News

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

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Dates to Remember

June

Mon 6th

Mon 13th

Tues 14th

Tues 17th

Mon 20th – Weds 22nd

Tues 21st

Thurs 23rd

Fri 24th

Anxiety Seminar 7.30pm in the Library

Queen's Birthday

Yr 1 – 3 Sustainability Incursion

Reports go home

Three-Way conferences day sessions (parent, student, teacher)

Three-way conferences night session

Gr 3 Scienceworks Excursion

Last Day of Term 2 unrelated

July

Mon 10th

Thurs 13th

First Day Term 3

Circus Program starts every Thurs & Fri

Important upcoming payments

(Please note that forms for these have not all gone home yet, they are just for your calendar at this time)

- *Circus by 9th June*
- *Year 3 Scienceworks excursion by 7th June*
- *3/4 camp due by 14th July (camp dates 10-12th August)*
- *Year 6 camp due by 21st July (camp dates 16th - 18th August)*

5¢ challenge

23rd May to 6th June

from the principal...

Thought for the week: What we say shapes who we are.

We are a strong community that holds our values of respect, responsibility and integrity at our core. Over the last few weeks there have been instances of individuals behaving in a way that does not reflect these values, including incorrect use of social media and being unkind and uncaring towards others. At assembly today I spoke about the way we are treating each other as students, teachers and parents.

Respect is about valuing each other and our diversity. We strive to listen and respect each others opinions and views even though we will not always agree.

Responsibility is about taking ownership of our actions and words towards students, teachers, parents and our wider community. I would ask that as parents you read the article in this newsletter written by Jennie and Kent about cyber safety.

Integrity is about trusting and being honest with each other, about being true to yourself at home, school and in the community.

I would like to take a moment to thank my incredibly talented and capable staff, we are lucky to have such an amazing team of teachers, aides and admin at The Patch.

Thank you to those parents who have returned their consent form for online programs and I request that if you are yet to return this form please do so urgently. We need this permission form signed in order to generate student reports, add student photos to those reports and for parents to have access to our online conference booking system. Later on we will hopefully be able to use the Sentral system to provide event tickets and raffle tickets. It is a Department requirement for us to have written permission from you to send out information this way, so we appreciate your participation.

There is a component on this same form regarding our ability to email your family financial statements. These statements refer to your school fees, excursion/incursion and camps etc. We do not set out to make life hard or difficult for our students, teachers and parents, we are endeavouring to make improvements to our school processes and procedures and we thank you for your understanding.

I would like to thank those parents who communicated their confusion about this form. Here at The Patch we are always happy to help or explain something further shall you require it, please feel free to approach us if you have a question at any time.

Have a wonderful weekend with your loved ones,

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CYBER SAFETY AT HOME

We all live in an age of ever increasing digital technology. It impacts on our lives in many ways including our work and our social life. The importance and recognition of the permanence of our "digital footprint" is increasingly apparent, as is the essential role of our positive and ethical behaviour in social media.

For our children this "digital footprint" will shape the direction of their lives, including their friendships and employment opportunities. Most employers search prospective employees "digital footprints" - including photos (from tagging or automated image identification) before considering prospective employees. Many employers ask prospective employees to join their Facebook site (and hence give employers access to their Facebook history, social and ethical behaviour) before considering them for employment.

Our children are a part of this digital age and need to use digital technology. However, as with any activities where children are interacting with an unknown environment away from our homes, they need to be in the presence of supervising adults when online.

Cyber Safety education advises:

- That all children should use devices (these include ipods, ipads, mobile phones, tablets, computers, Playstations, Wii and other gaming consoles with wifi access) **in sight of parents, preferably in a shared family area, at all times.**
- **Devices should never be left in children's bedrooms overnight.** Accounts to such sites as Instagram (over 13), Facebook (over 13) and Kik (over 17) if allowed (and this is **not** advisable for **ANY** of our students at The Patch as they are all under 13), should be accessible by parents. Parents should either be "friends" with unrestricted access and/or have user names and passwords to their children's accounts.
- Encourage your child to **immediately seek a trusted adult** (parent at home, teacher at school, another parent if at a friend's house) if they see anything that concerns them online. These may be comments being said about themselves or other people, or disturbing images. It is also encouraged to take screen shots of any disturbing material and show this as soon as possible to a trusted adult. This is both for the **safety of your child** and to **prevent "bystander" behaviour**. A **"bystander"** is someone who is aware of unsafe activity - whether in the physical world or cyber world - yet fails to take any action to protect others.

By not informing trusted adults, such as yourselves, they are allowing unsafe online behaviour to continue.

All year 1-6 students at The Patch receive Cyber Safety information through their Digital Technology classes. All Year 4-6 students have participated in lessons covering the areas of "digital footprints" and their role in being a "bystander" when witnessing inappropriate conversations and content.

The following links may provide you with some information and help.

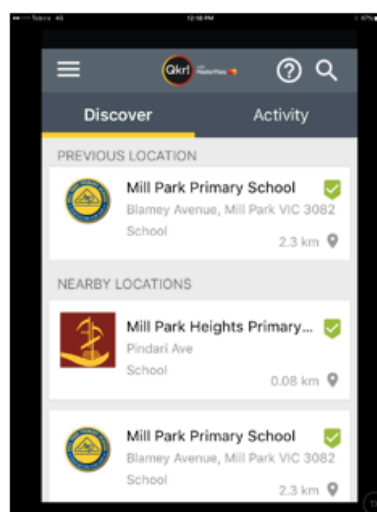
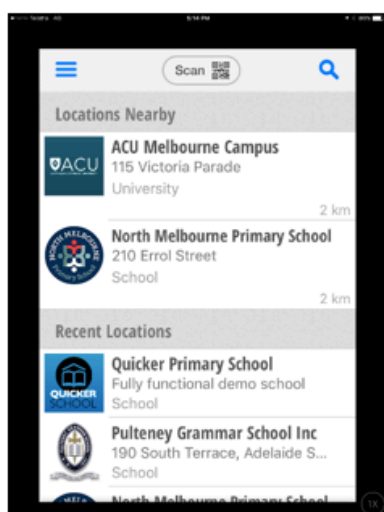
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/online-basics>

QKR UPDATES!

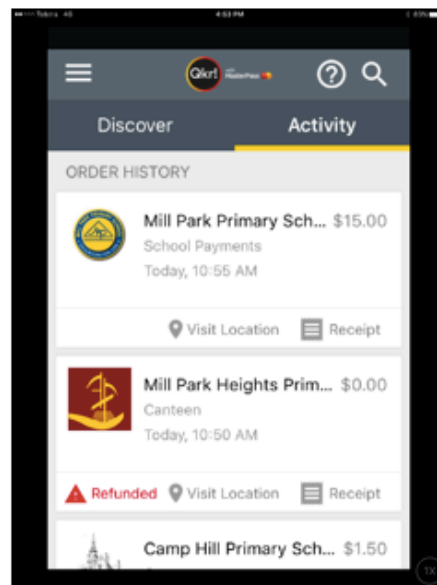
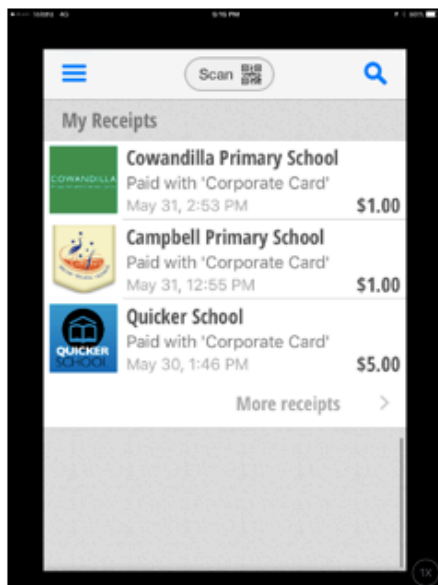
The user design experts at MasterCard have come up with a new design and parent experience within the Qkr app that all users will see with the update from Apple's App Store or the Google Play store on or soon after the 16th of June, 2016. Your username and password will remain the same, as will any credit or debit cards already stored within Qkr, as well as your profile settings and those of your children. What will change significantly is the look and feel of the app, and the screens you will see in the process of using Qkr. Below are some of the current Qkr screens on left (as seen on an iPad today), and how they will appear with the app refresh.

Home screen: Our school will appear at the top of the home screen for currently registered users, but note some new terms like "Discover" and "Activity" as Qkr is being used increasing by non school merchants around the world, so the design has been modified to cater for users in a wide range of industry sectors.

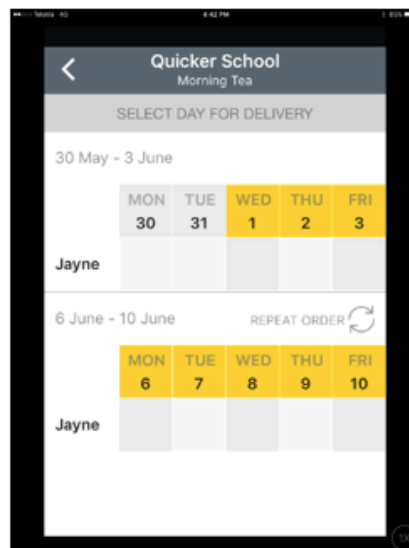
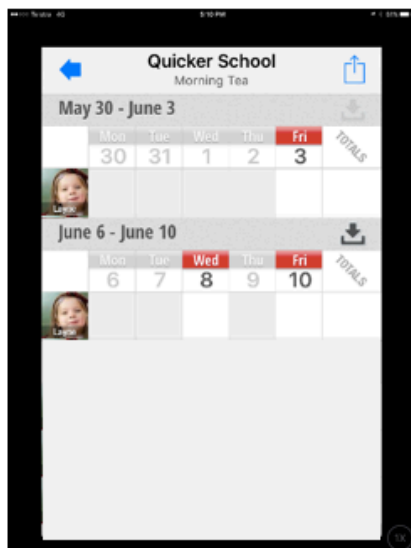


Please remember that if you have any questions you can call the school office on 9756 7463 at any time and we will be more than happy to assist you 😊

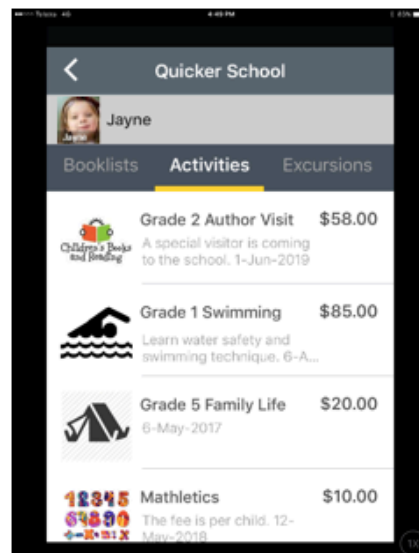
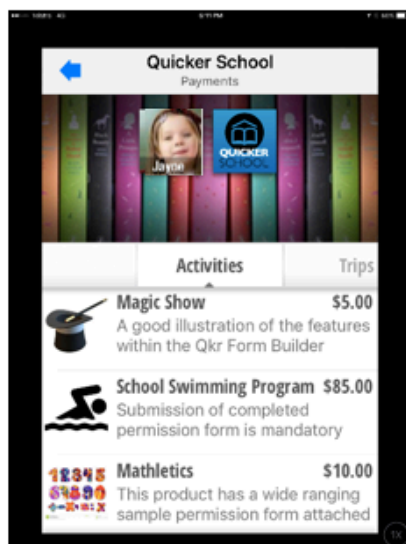
Receipts will in future be stored under the “Activity” tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.



For schools using the calendar display for food or uniforms, the same functionality is all there, just in a different layout. There is one feature we have always had but few people knew about, and that is the ability for busy parents to copy all of last week's food orders to next week with the click of one button. This is made more visible in the new app with the words "Repeat Order"



Product selection screen: This screen will now be more efficiently used to make scrolling through a large list of products easier.



Art at the Kinder



Have you seen our latest art installation yet? Thanks to the creativity and dedication of our Art Club students and Ewa Wallis we now boast a beautiful display in front of the kinder, check it out!



MELBOURNE GUITAR EISTEDDFOD FOR STUDENTS

Entries are now open for the Melbourne Guitar Festival Competition with several categories catering for all ages and abilities. Substantial cash prizes are on offer with further information and registration via www.melbourneguitarfoundation.com

This event is entirely run by volunteers and the Melbourne Guitar Foundation are a social enterprise who reinvest and give back to the local music community by organising concerts, masterclasses, scholarship programs and a large annual international guitar festival. This competition is part of the festival held over September 23 - 25 at Melbourne University.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

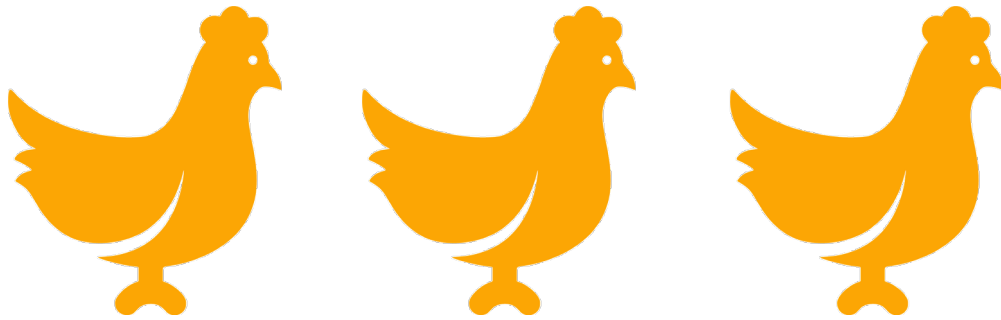
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and The Patch is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016. Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Chickens free to a good home

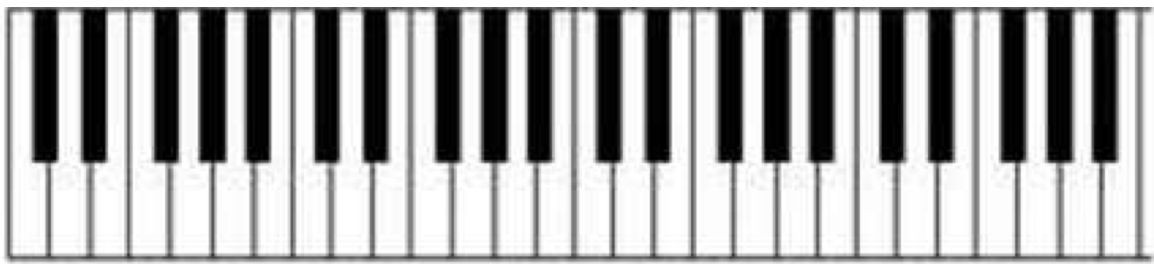


3x Isla Brown Hens, 3 years old.

Come to collect (the Patch) or we can deliver!

Please call Marlene on 0409 353 619

Free Musical Instruments



6 Yamaha Keyboards have been offered to The Patch PS from Ted Ramus Electronics in Wantirna.

They are old, but all in good working condition and have been repaired and checked by Ted. You will need to purchase a power supply for them. They are 60 keys.

Please leave a message at the school office if you would like one.



"An investment into the Motor Group is
An investment back into the community"
www.ftgmotorgroup.com.au



Great Community Raffle 2016

Ferntree Gully Motor Group are donating all the raffle prizes at **no cost** to participating groups.

This year the Ferntree Gully Motor Group will be giving away **2 cars!**

The prizes for 2016 are:

1st Prize: choice of a: Volkswagen Polo, Nissan Micra, Holden Spark or Suzuki Swift

2nd Prize: choice of a remaining vehicle as listed above

3rd Prize: \$1000 Westfield Voucher

4th Prize: \$500 Westfield Voucher

All the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets from The Patch will come right back to our school!

Raffle tickets will cost **\$2.00 each**. (ie if you sell 2000 tickets - you will get \$4000)

Ferntree Gully Motor Group will also pay for the printing of the raffle tickets which will go on sale from **1st May, 2016** until the **31st July, 2016**.

The raffle will be drawn at Ferntree Gully Nissan, 1000 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully, on **Monday 15th August, 2016** at **6.00pm**, interested parties are welcome to attend.

The **presentation** of prizes and cheques will be at a special presentation at Ferntree Gully Holden/Volkswagen at **6.00pm** on **Tuesday 23rd August, 2016**.

Books of 10 raffle tickets each will be coming home to every family this week.

If you do not wish to sell your book, please return it to the office as soon as possible; simply place remaining tickets or whole book in the metal box at the counter.

This is a very simple way for our school community to raise much-needed funds and we thank the sponsors - Rotary Club of Emerald & District and Ferntree Gully Motor Group for their generosity.

Assembly Stars

Congratulations to all our students awarded certificates at assembly!



Have you been to assembly lately? We hold assembly every Friday at 9am in the hall or on the basketball court depending on the weather.



5¢ challenge

23rd May to 6th June

Win
a free BBQ
lunch!

Your classroom will have a money box placed
in it for 2 weeks for you to place
as many 5 cents coin in that you can find.

The class with the most 5 cent coins at the end
of the challenge will win a free BBQ lunch!



PARENTS SEMINAR

“Managing your Child’s Anxiety and Worries”

The Patch School

Monday 6th June 2016 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Does your child worry, feel anxious and seem stressed at times?
Would you like to gain a greater understanding of anxiety and learn
some strategies to support your child?**

Learning to cope with anxiety, stress and fear, whilst a normal part of your child’s development, can be deeply challenging not only for children but also for parents and the family unit as a whole.

Where do we go to learn about how to handle these difficult feelings?

The Anxiety Recovery Centre of Victoria (ARCVic), a specialist, state-wide mental health organisation is passionate about educating parents so that they can in turn, help their children.

We believe learning to manage anxiety as early as possible enables children to gain knowledge, skills, real confidence and a sense of power in learning how to cope with their own worries.

**The Patch School and ARCVic presents
“Managing your Child’s Worries Seminar”**

A relaxed and informative seminar which is specifically designed to help educate and support parents who feel, that their pre & primary school age children maybe experiencing anxiety.

Topics to be covered include:

- Understanding anxiety and normal childhood development
- How personality and environment contribute
- The signs and symptoms in your children
- Methods and strategies to teach your children
- Tips on building resilience
- Where to go for more information and help

The Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria (ARCVic) is a state-wide, not for profit, specialist mental health organisation, providing support, recovery and educational services to people and families living with anxiety disorders.

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.

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 😊

Paying Cash at School

At the request of the Department, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you need 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.

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/Sushi Express
- Be sure your child's class is correct in QkR (and update each year)
- Check your receipts sections to ensure the order & payment have processed correctly

The Patch Store and Sushi Express thank you for all your support with the school lunch program.

Thank you,

The Staff at The Patch Store and Sushi Express



9am to 3pm

**5-8
YEARS**
Footy Fun Day

Holiday PROGRAMS

**9-12
YEARS**
Skills Battle

Come join us!

Wednesday 6th July
Futsal Oz Mt Evelyn
19-23 Hereford Rd,
Mt Evelyn 3796

\$60

A day packed full of footy fun! Come and
test your football skills Lots of games and
fun to be had

Contact: Dean Rice
dean.rice@afl.com.au
9735 5448

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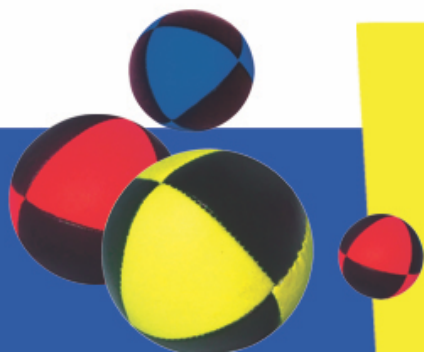
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2-DAY HOLIDAY Workshops for grade 1s to year 7s

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Igniting children's creativity through music and circus

Winter Theme



LEGENDS

CIRCUS

Singing

BAND JAM

5-6 JUL 2016 Spirit of the Arts,
Upper Ferntree Gully

ENQUIRE & BOOK

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E: createthespark1@gmail.com



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Two-day workshop \$100 includes morning and afternoon tea. BYO lunches. One-day option (first day only) \$60. BYO lunch. All teachers and staff are registered and insured.

Dandenong Ranges

TRIP

Teenage Road Information Program

A program designed for young drivers that gives an insight into what happens to road crash victims and shows the far reaching effects of road trauma. It is a realistic and honest presentation delivered by the very people who respond to the crash scene and know first-hand the devastation caused. This is a FREE community event and we encourage every young driver or learner to attend. If we can make just one person think about their actions, we have been successful. For further enquiries call 0412 527 497

Main presentation 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Light refreshments after the event

Thursday 16th June

7.30pm

Emerald Secondary College Performing Arts Centre

425 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald

Melway 127 K2



Dandenong Ranges
Community Bank® Group

 **Bendigo Bank**

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

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