



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

June

Sat 18th

Mon 20th – Weds 22nd

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

Mon 20th

Tues 21st

Annual Report to the community
Three-way conferences night
session

Thurs 23rd

Fri 24th

Gr 3 Scienceworks Excursion
Last Day of Term 2 unrelated

July

Mon 10th

Tues 19th

Thurs 13th

First Day Term 3
Murrundindi Visit
Circus Program starts
P-2 Thurs & 3-6 Fri

Tues 26th – Weds 27th

Whole school planting days

August

Mon 1st

Weds 10th-Fri 12th

Thurs 11th

Tues 16th-Thurs 18th

Curriculum Day
Year 3 & 4 Camp
Reach Rookies
Year 6 Camp

ARE YOU

READY?

Have you

circled

Thursday 15th

September on

your calendar?

THE PATCH

CIRCUS

is coming!



from the principal...

Thought for the week: 'A teacher can affect eternity: they can never tell where their influence stops.' HENRY ADAMS

Student reports will be coming home today! All staff have been able to clearly articulate the academic performance of students via the dot points and then discuss how students have performed against the personal and social capabilities expected by the department. I am extremely proud of the staff and the way they have consistently approached our reporting this year.

Our three way conferences commence Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd June with an evening session on Tuesday 21st. Three way conferences involve parents and students attending an interview with their teacher to discuss the student's goals and progress for the second half of the year. Our students have worked hard to develop their academic and personal goals for the next semester. Don't forget to book in online!

Our Annual report to the community will be delivered on Monday 20th from 6.30 to 7.00pm at school, and followed by School Council. The report is on the website and available for you to read. Parents are asked to book in for catering purposes and a reminder will be sent out on Tiqbiz.

On Monday August 1st we will be having a Curriculum Day. This day is to focus on our new work with Tom Brunzell from Berry Street Childhood Institute. We are excited and looking forward to furthering our commitment to developing the whole-child, planning and developing our understanding on engaging all students in their learning, managing difficult behaviour and building independence for learning. Tom will also be offering a parent information session and as soon as we have this date we will let you know. Parents who are unable to find alternate arrangements for the day will have the opportunity to book in to our Out of Hours Care Program which will run for 7.30am until 6.00 pm during this day. Booking information will be out early next term.

"Caring for our community" often we have families who are experiencing difficulties financially, health wise or with general management of our busy day to day life. We are fortunate at The Patch to have such a caring community when our friends are in need whether they are children, parents or staff past or present. We would like to reconfirm that if you are experiencing any difficulties to please come and talk to us as sometimes a listening ear can go a long way to helping. We may not be able to resolve the issue but we certainly are here to help in any way we can.

Planning for 2017 will commence in August - however before we can even begin to think about grade structure we need to have enrolments for Prep 2017 finalised. If you have a child commencing Prep in 2017 please make sure you have enrolled as soon as possible, preferably by the end of this term.

We are also asking those families who will not be at The Patch next year to inform us by Friday August 30th. Enrolment fluctuations impact on our level of decision making. This information will allow us to make informed decisions.

Have a great week,

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UPCOMING PLANTING DAYS

MARK IT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW!

It will soon be time to begin planting new and developing areas within our school ground with a range of plants funded through proceeds from our award winning gardens.

From Tuesday July 26 until Thursday July 28 we shall be focusing on different areas of the school and planting tubestock of native plants that will improve the aesthetics of our outdoor spaces, attract wildlife and provide sensory experiences for our students and community.

Consider how you may be involved and join us at one or more of the sessions listed below. We would love to have as many helpers as possible so we can provide approximately 1,500 new plants with a home. Bring along planting tools and gloves if you can.

Tuesday, July 26, 9am – 11am: Kinder planting. Create a beautiful garden beneath the wonderful new art work in front of the kinder.

Tuesday, July 26, 11.30 – 1.30: Prep, year 1 and 2 planting. Around the front of the school and towards the drop off area.

Wednesday, July 27, 9.00 -12.30: Year 5/6 planting, completing front of school and at designated areas in school ground.

Wednesday, July 27, 12.30 – 1.30 and 2.30 – 3.30: Year 4 planting, final planting zones.

Hope to see you there, any queries, see Michelle



Belgrave Lantern Parade

Saturday, June 18th

To celebrate winter solstice during Art, each prep child has made their own lantern and learnt a lantern song to sing as we walk together in the Lantern Parade this Saturday. The prep students have also been involved in decorating a giant Tepee, along with preps from other hills Primary schools, which is part of a Village theme. The grade 5/6 students have also been making their own unique lanterns during their art sessions. It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could come and join with these students and help light up Belgrave on Saturday evening.

Exciting news this term the 5/6 art club students have been creating a magnificent giant Bunjil the Eagle lantern for the parade. We have been very fortunate to have had help and guidance from Lucy and Claire, who are both artists and Prep parents at our school. Our Bunjil lantern looks amazing and we are very proud of the student's efforts. The Bunjil lantern will lead our procession.

If children have not made a lantern at school but have a lantern at home or are in the process of making one please come along and join us. I (Sophia) will be waiting to meet you all at Hays Car Park in Belgrave from 4.30pm. Look out for the large Bunjil Lantern. The plan is to walk together as a school group.

If you wish to just come along and watch the parade it will be a great evening with lots of yummy food, music and activities.

Hope to see many members of our wonderful community there!

Belgrave Lantern Parade Information

When: Saturday the 18th of June

Where: Assembly is in the lower levels of Hayes car park at about 4.30. Road closure is from 5 and the parade of lanterns starts at approx 5:30 pm

-BUT we are walking on to the street via the car park and driveway beside the Book Barn.

-The 'wait/go' signs will be there and Glenn with his flashing lantern arrow directing you with a staggered entry of big lanterns mixed in with smaller lanterns.

-We turn LEFT onto the main street towards the Cameo Cinema.

Parade organisers recommend people car pool as this is a very popular event and parking in Belgrave is limited. The best place to park is either at Belgrave Train Station or at Mater Christi College.

Sophia Walsh – Art Teacher



Lantern Parade

BELGRAVE

'10TH BIRTHDAY'

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

ACTIVITIES FROM 4:00 ONWARDS.

PARADE STARTS AT 5:30PM

AFTER PARADE ACTIVITIES INCLUDES ROVING ENTERTAINMENT,
HAYES CAR PARK VILLAGE - MUSIC, MT BURNETT OBSERVATORY &
MORE, AND STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LANTERN MAKING AND OTHER EXCITING ACTIVITIES
VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BELGRAVELANTERNS.ORG.AU

Restoring a Swamp

The Patch Primary School STEM Project

The year 4s are beginning an exciting new STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) project which will see the students work together to rehabilitate an area of council land behind the oval ("The Swamp"). This is part of an ongoing, long-term project in which we are hoping to get local Landcare involved. At the moment, students are developing their applied mathematics skills (mapping, measurement and data analysis), as well as learning new technologies and tools for designing and collaborating. An integral part of this project is a class blog used for collaborating and sharing the students' learning.

The students are learning about the rules and guidelines of posting online. Already, students have been active and engaged bloggers. We already have over 763 page views and it seems the word is getting out about our little Patch of the world. You can subscribe to the blog (see link below) by placing your email in the subscribe tool bar. This way you will get email updates when we post anything new. Anyone (including you) can 'comment or reply' to our posts and I strongly encourage you to do so, so that students know there is an audience (and purpose) for their writing. First, we ask you to click on the 'Guidelines' section to ensure you are following our privacy rules for commenting (first names only). If you need help with this, your child might be able to show you how to do this at home!

This is the link for our blog:

<http://thepatchswampproject.edublogs.org/>

Happy blogging! From the Grade 4 swamp warriors



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!

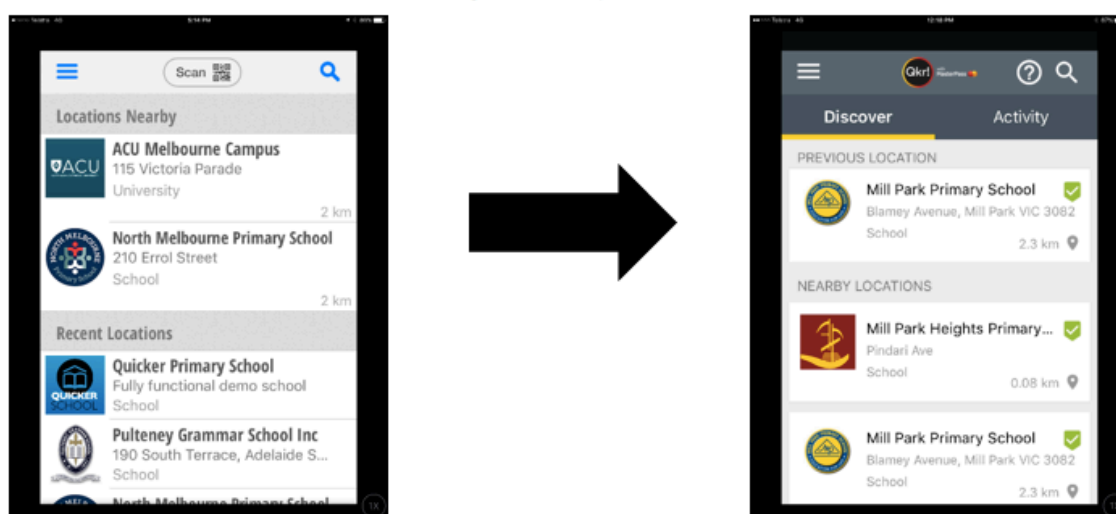


We are so lucky to have such a talented and creative community here at The Patch!

QKR UPDATE!

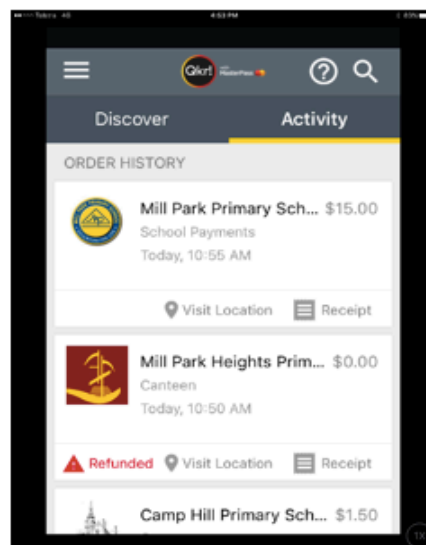
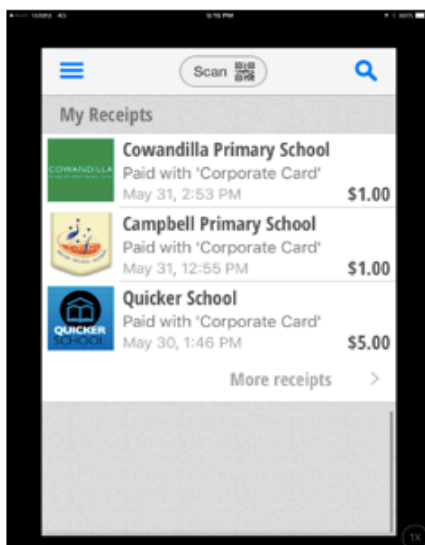
The user design experts at MasterCard have come up with a new design and parent experience within the Qkr app that all users will see with the update from Apple's App Store or the Google Play store on or soon after the 16th of June, 2016. Your username and password will remain the same, as will any credit 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.

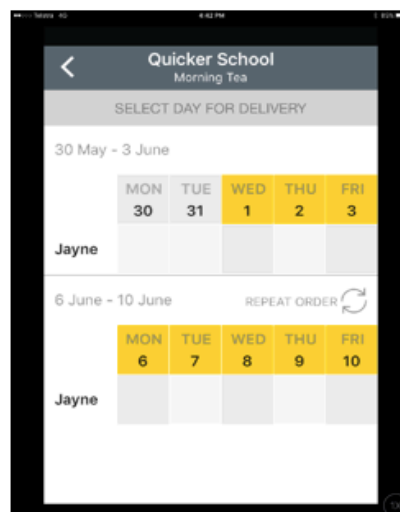
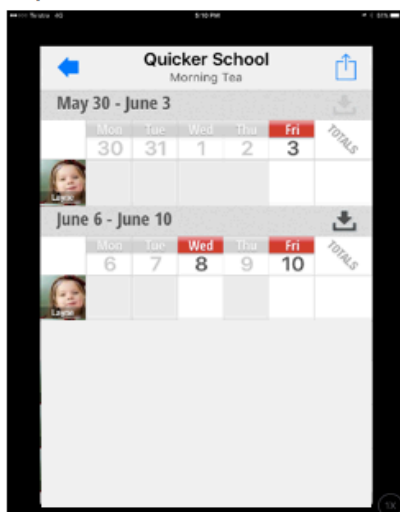


Please remember that if you have any questions you can call the school office on 9756 7463 at any time and we will be more than happy to assist you 😊

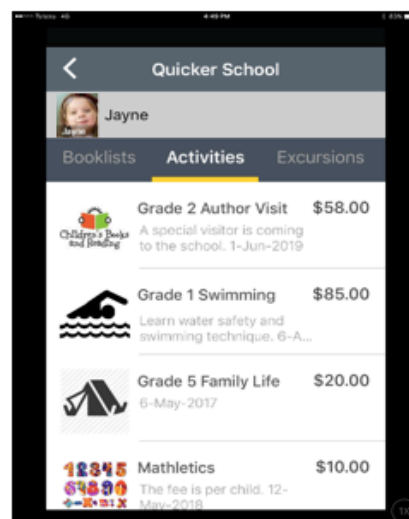
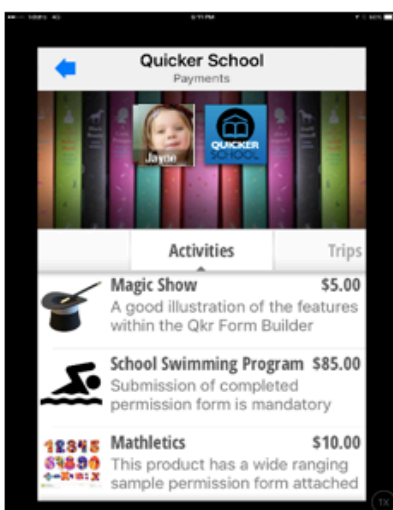
Receipts will in future be stored under the "Activity" tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.



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.



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.

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.

Important QkR Lunch Order Tips

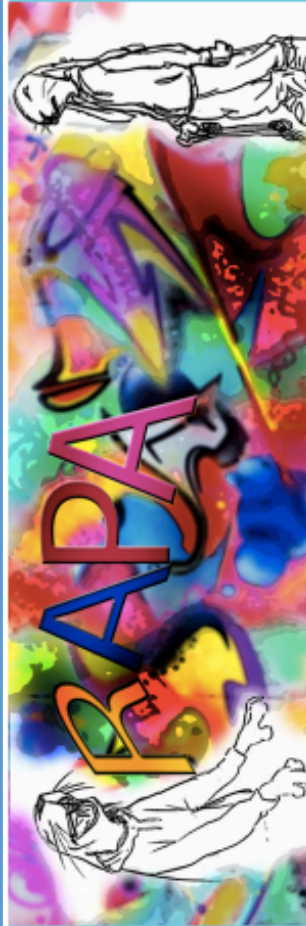
To ensure your child's receives their lunch order, could you please:

- 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



Ranges Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA) Inc. a NOT FOR PROFIT organisation.

At last The Hills have an Academy for the arts with creative programs designed and delivered by industry professionals with extensive experience in various fields of the arts, and with a passion for making a difference in young people's lives. An Academy that develops confidence, personal motivation and self-worth. A place of encouragement where young people can express their own rich fertile imaginations.

FILMMAKING

For ages 8-11, 12-14, 15-18

From storyboarding through to shooting and editing, all students gain hands-on practical experience, with the opportunity to see their films on the big screen thanks to the Cameo in Belgrave.

9 weeks 3rd TERM

Belgrave and Monbulk

REGISTER NOW

DANCE

ages 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 15+

One of Melbourne's most sought-after contemporary dance instructors, Anton Cleaver-Wilkinson brings contemporary dance to The Hills like never before. These classes are more than learning steps, students learn how to choreograph from their own rich imagination, with an opportunity to create their own dance piece.

9 weeks 3rd TERM

Belgrave and Monbulk

REGISTER NOW

SINGING/VOICE

For ages 8-12 13-18

This early voice development series will establish healthy foundation skills in your child. Carefully crafted exercises teach fundamental musical and 'body' language while being fun and immersive. Older children will learn to listen more deeply and interpret sounds and music, and vocal technique becomes a focus in natural ways. Recording techniques are covered and students are given an opportunity to spend time in a professional recording studio.

9 weeks 3rd TERM

Belgrave and Monbulk

REGISTER NOW

DRAMA

For ages 6-8, 9-11, 12-14

From fun foundation classes, improvisation, movement and character development, to interpretive skills and performance confidence, the dramatic imagination will fly in this series of drama classes. Look out for RAPA's Youth Theatre in 2017 with original works created by students.

9 weeks 3rd TERM

Belgrave and Monbulk

REGISTER NOW

TED-I SLAM

For ages 6-11, 12+

Develop confidence & self-esteem to speak with ease for the stage or screen, and in fact for all walks of life, whether as a future leader or performer. Students will write, create and present their own work & spoken word. Finishing with a RAPA TED-I TALK style multi media presentation including SLAM POETRY, where every young participant is celebrated.

8 weeks 3rd TERM

Belgrave and Monbulk

REGISTER NOW

Day classes available for home schoolers

HOW TO REGISTER

RAPA's third term program has strictly limited places. You can secure a place now, or express interest in future classes, even for next year.

We want to hear from you, and we want you to discover who these amazing teachers are. Message us on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RAPA> including class and student age -

or our website: www.rangesacademy.org
or email: rangesacademy@gmail.com

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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