



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

July

Tues 26th – Weds 27th Whole school planting days

August

Mon 1st Curriculum Day

Weds 10th-Fri 12th Year 3 & 4 Camp

Thurs 11th Reach Rookies

Fri 12th No Assembly

Tues 16th-Thurs 18th Year 6 Camp

Fri 19th No Assembly

QKR UPDATES!

There has recently been some updates made to QkR. Please read the article on pages 8-9 to help familiarize yourself with the new layout.

Also, please make sure that you select the correct child when making payments. If you do not select a child when you pay for an item it will automatically select the first child on your list, which can cause some confusion at the admin end. Thank you for being so supportive and understanding as we work through these new processes! 😊

Have you enrolled in our OSHC

CURRICULUM DAY PROGRAM yet?

We're having a pyjama party! Lunch and snacks provided, along with plenty of fun activities. From 7.30am - 6pm 😊

\$60 (less rebate), fill in the enrolment form at the school office, or download from our website under the school life - OSHC tab.

from the principal...

Thought for the week: 'A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.' CHINESE PROVERB

Welcome back everyone! We have had a great start to Term 3. Congratulations to Emily in year 6 who won the National Under 15 fencing title, what a great achievement. Our PE teacher Emilyya was part of the Frisbee team who won a silver medal at the World Frisbee championship in London - congratulations Emilyya! What a talented community we have here at The Patch.

The showcase 'CIRCUS' has been locked in for Thursday September 15th where we will have full access to the facilities at Discovery Centre in Mount Evelyn. We are in for a range of exceptional Circus performances including a presentation by our 2016 graduating class.

Judging by the level of excitement that occurred on our Thursday and Friday classes last week we are in for an exciting matinee and night! Information around ticketing and times will be coming home at the end of August, so circle the performance date and get the grandparents organised as we are in for a wonderful show.

'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 lives. 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 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.

We are now beginning planning for 2017 - 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.

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,

deb

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

IT'S PLANTING TIME NEXT WEEK!

COME ALONG AND GET DIRTY!

As part of National Tree Week we have 1,000 tubes of native and indigenous plants that we shall be planting in a number of locations around the school and it would wonderful to use this as an opportunity to bring our community and students together in a very practical way.

Tuesday:

9.00 – 11.00: 3year old kinder with help from grade 4 students (who will be their buddies when they are in prep) planting in front of the kinder amongst the new art works.

11/30 – 1.30: year one and two planting at the drop off area beneath the large manna gums.

12.00 – 1.30: prep planting in front of the kinder and near the staff courtyard.

Wednesday:

9.00 – 11.00: Year 5/6 planting on wetlands bank below chook house and along fern gully

11.30 – 12.30: Year 5/6 planting along eastern school boundary and near 5/6 garden

12.30 – 1.30: Year 4 planting at front of school

2.30 – 3.20: Year 4 planting at front of school

Thursday:

9.00 – 11.00: Year 3 planting – location to be decided (once we see what has been achieved and what is left to do)

If you can help with any of these time slots it would be wonderful. The purpose and technique shall be explained at the start of all sessions. It would be great if you could bring along any hand tools also as we will be using everything we own!

Hope to see you there,
Michelle



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter is here, and our kids are loving being outside even if it is a bit wet and cold!

To help keep them warm and dry we now have two styles of Rain Jacket to choose from, and in addition to the Trackpants and Trousers, we now have a new Bootleg pant.

Lightweight Rain Jacket (Navy)

- Waterproof Nylon
- Wraps up into a self-contained bag



Fleece lined Rain Jacket (Navy)

- Waterproof Nylon
- Polar Fleece inner



Bootleg Pant (new supplier and a different look to previous ones)

- 320gsm Polyester Plated Cotton Fleece
- 60/40 Polyester Cotton (Cotton to the skin)
- pocket with hidden zip
- elastic waist



Coming Soon we have...

A new Art Smock! (Waterproof Nylon) to replace the current polyester/cotton one.

It is available in Red, Bright Blue, Pink, Bright Green and Purple.

We do prefer orders for the sensational attire we provide be made through Qkr! Of course if you are unable, or prefer not to use Qkr! ordering is still possible. Please make a time to meet with Deb to find an option that works for you.



Music News



On Friday the 17th June we had some wonderful musical performances from Grade 3A and B, Grade 5/6B and a few students from 5/6C at assembly.

Here are some of their thoughts written after the performance.

“On Friday at assembly grade 5/6B (Kent) and some of 5/6C (Jennie) played a piece of music called Albatross Rock on the Marimbas. It was so fun. The parents and teachers loved it! I was excited and nervous but enjoyed playing every note.”

Lilian

“When we performed at assembly I felt amazing afterwards. Before we played I had butterflies! My dad came to watch and that really pushed me to do better” .

Josh L

“Learning Albatross Rock as really fun. When we performed at assembly I was really nervous but once I started it was good.” *Jai*

“I think that the experience of performing in front of the school was great, it was really fun. I felt really confident but nervous at the same time. I was pretty confident about knowing all the notes, but nervous about everybody watching me. Overall it was really fun.” *Molly*

“It was quite fun playing Albatross Rock in the hall because the rhythm was very catchy. Also it was a good experience playing in front of the whole school.” *Anton*

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



Smart Sustainability

From Ella & Nina

We are into Term 3 and in the middle of winter. To try and make this cold season more enjoyable (cheaper!) take a look at these energy saving tips. Every dollar you save can go toward fun winter activities, or maybe a summer holiday!

Turn heaters and coolers off when you don't need them

Turn off when you leave the room, or go to bed. With some ducted heating systems you can turn off the heating in the rooms that are unoccupied. Make sure all your heating or cooling is turned off when you leave the house.

Insulate your roof

An insulated ceiling makes a big difference to your energy bills. If you already have insulation installed, check that it is properly installed and has the right rating (measured in 'R-value'). In Victoria, insulation rated R3.5 or higher should be used for ceilings.

Seal up gaps and cracks that let the cold air in

In your average Victorian home, if you added up all the cracks and gaps, it would be the equivalent of having a 1 metre by 1.5 metre window open all the time. They can account for 15 – 25 percent of heat loss in your home. Seal up cracks and gaps using weather stripping around doors and windows, gap filler for cracks in the walls and even a simple door snake for the bottom of the door. You can buy all of these things at your local hardware store, for not much money.

Insulate hot water pipes

Wrap external hot water pipes with simple insulating tape to reduce the heat loss from your hot water tank to the taps, and reduce the energy needed to get your hot water. It can be bought cheaply from your local hardware shop.

Use energy-efficient light globes

Replace old incandescent and halogen light globes with energy-efficient globes. Energy-efficient globes save power and last longer. Light globes can sometimes be replaced for free or at reduced cost,

For these tips and many more please visit:

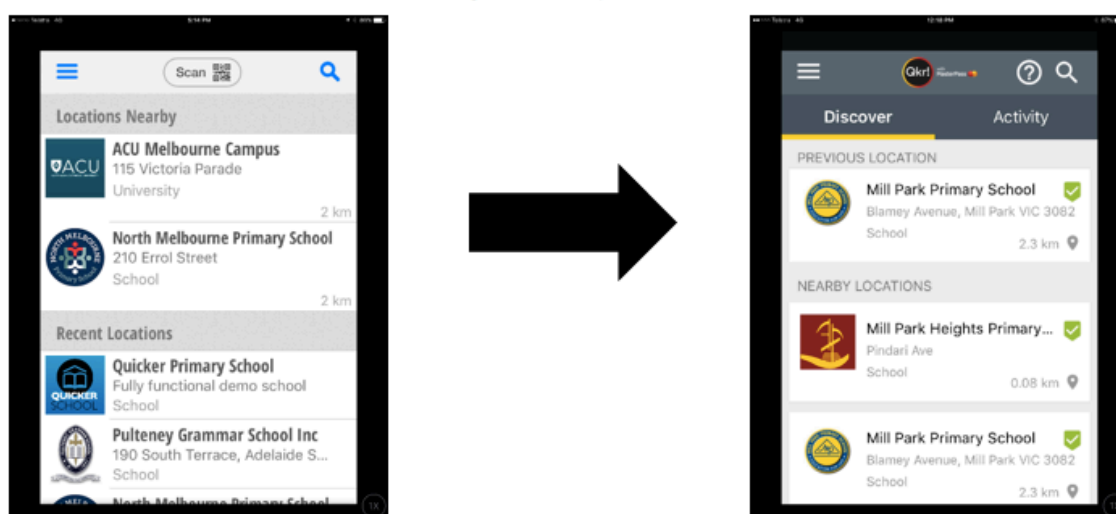
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<http://environmentvictoria.org.au/content/10-tips-for-warm-house>

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.

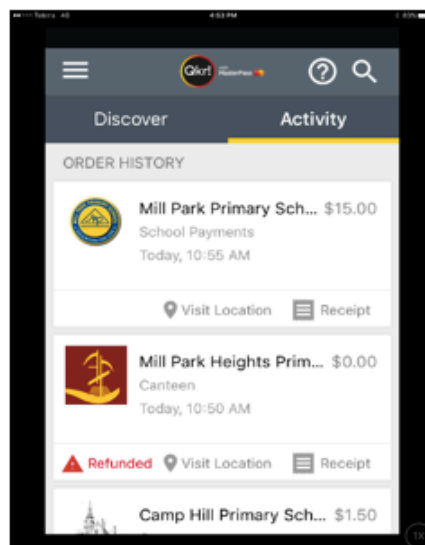
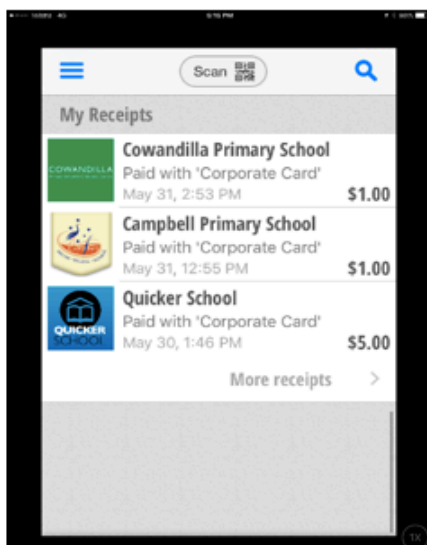


Please remember that if you have any questions you can call the school office on 9756 7463 at any time and we will be more than happy to assist you 😊

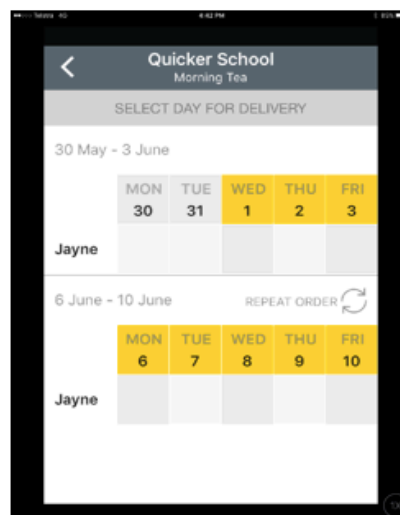
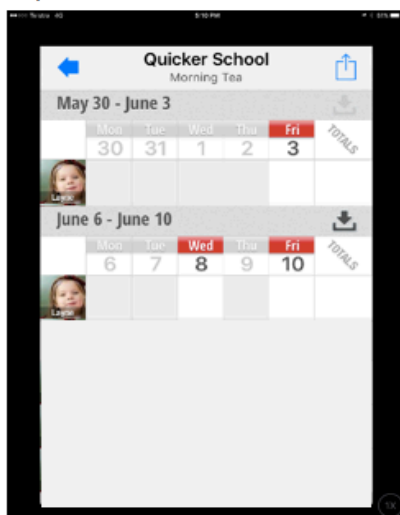
Take a moment to check out MasterPass - a free digital wallet service, as from a couple of weeks ago all new QkR sign ups were automatically given a MasterPass account. They will be moving existing QkR users to the Masterpass account later in the year. The changes are very minimal, but take a look for yourself 😊

<https://wallet.masterpass.com/Wallet/masterpass/en-au/>

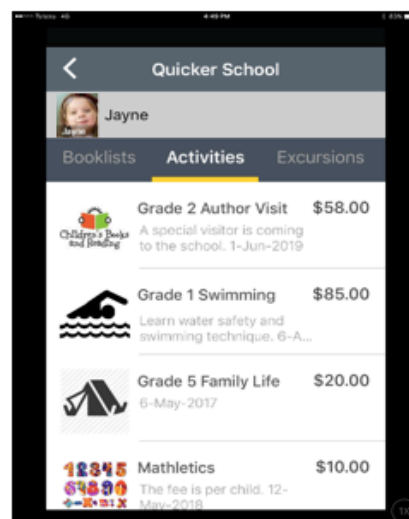
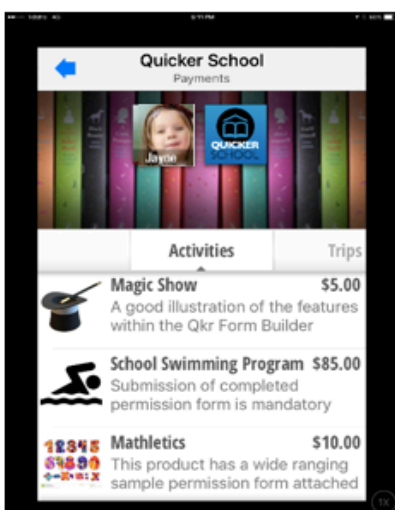
Receipts will in future be stored under the "Activity" tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.



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.





OSHC Curriculum Day 1st

August



Wear your Pyjamas,
bring a torch and
sleeping bag for pyjama
party, make your own
gift cards, play bean
bag golf (weather
permitting) and relax
with a movie popcorn.



Contact the office to
book on 9754 7463
\$60.00 (less rebate)

Lunch included
Hamburgers and Salad
plus Ice cream & Fruit
Salad

Come along for a fun
day! Care onsite
7.30am to 6.00pm



Instrumental Music Lessons

I teach electric bass, drums and beginner piano from my home studio in Tecoma. Lessons are \$25 for a half hour lesson. Fully qualified and experienced teacher. Complete VIT registration and Police check. Primary and secondary aged students welcome.

Christine Prattico - Bachelor of Education. Call 0418 329 149

Or email - ceprattico@gmail.com



GUINEAPIGS FREE TO A GOOD HOME



Three peaceful, friendly, chirpy, well-behaved guineapigs need to be re-homed; 2 females, 1 de-sexed male. They come with 2 hutches (inside and outside), and the required accessories. Surprisingly the children have finally submitted to my request of rehousing their beloveds. Call Roxy on 0447 546 506

Consulting Space Available

Welcoming practitioners and businesses wanting to expand into the professional/commercial realm.



Tecoma Consulting Suites has vacant professional rooms to lease / rent. Rooms are available either on daily or weekly rates.

Interests in renting a room/s can be placed by calling Roxahn Thomas on (03) 9754 6860 - Press option 1. For more information: www.tecomaconsultingsuites.com.au

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

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.



THE FEELINGS TOOLKIT

HELPING YOUR KIDS COPE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED UP TO 12 YRS

- Does your child worry?
- Does he/she feel anxious or angry?
- How do you feel about feelings?
- Are you uncomfortable talking to your child about feelings?
- How do you teach kids skills to deal with strong feelings?
- Discover how our thoughts play a part in feelings and how to make good use of them.

Come along to share your experiences, learn new strategies and talk to other parents.

WHEN: Tuesday 26th July to
30th August (6 weeks)

TIME: 7pm to 9pm

WHERE: Kallista Community House,
2 Church Street, Kallista

COST: **FREE of Charge.**
Bookings are essential.

BOOKINGS:
Helena - Anglicare Parentzone
03 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204



Monbulk Junior Cricket Club

welcomes players for the 2016/17 season

**U16, U14, U13, U12, U11, U10
Junior Girls Team (U12/13)
Milo in2Cricket (5-8yo)**

**NEW 2016/17
GIRLS TEAM!**

Junior (U10-U16) Cricket Registration Night

Wednesday 10th August, 6pm,
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin

Junior Indoor Pre-Season Training – All Juniors

Sunday 11th and 18th September. Cost \$5.
U10, U11, U12 & Girls Team: 2pm-3pm
U13-U16: 3pm-4pm
Lilydale Saxon Sports – 2/64 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale

Stuart Lever Junior Development Clinic – All Juniors

Specialist Coaching – September School Holidays
Tuesday 22nd September. No cost.
U10, U11, U12 & Girls Team: 10am-12pm
U13-U16: 11.30am-1.30pm
BBQ & drinks supplied at end of each session
Lilydale Saxon Sports – 2/64 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale

Milo in2Cricket Registration Night

Friday 14th October, 5.30pm,
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin



For more info go to: monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au

Contacts

Junior Co-ordinator - Steve Utting
Mobile: 0402 344 895
utting.steven.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bronwyn Badgery
Mobile: 0488 566 443
bronwynbadgery@yahoo.com.au



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 system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or red 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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