



Patchwork News

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

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Dates to Remember

September

Weds 14th

Thurs 15th

Fri 16th

Circus Practice (at school)

Circus Showcase

Last Day Term 3 early finish

October

Mon 3rd

First Day Term 4

Chickenpox

Please be on the lookout for any lesions on your child's skin as there have recently been cases of chicken pox in our area. For more information see:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/chickenpox>

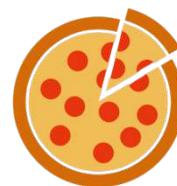
Keep an eye out for NAPLAN reports in your child's bag as they were sent home this week!

GARDEN WORKING BEE TOMORROW!

Saturday, August 20
10am – 12noon

Wood fired Pizza
(donations of toppings gratefully accepted)
Weeding, planting, pruning, removing, eating, chatting.

We need all the helpers we can get!



From The Principal...

Thought for the week: 'A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.' HENRY ADAMS

The core purpose of teachers is to teach. You see the obvious - Literacy (reading, writing spelling, grammar comprehension), Numeracy (problem solving, number, space, measurement), Science, Physical Education, Art, Music, Environment, Japanese, Digital Technologies, Philosophy, Health - the list goes on. What you may not see is what is at the very core of what we do at The Patch every day. It is just as important, sometimes more so. It's conflict resolution, building resilience, modelling respect and self-management, boosting confidence and encouraging esteem, helping to solve social and family issues - the list is endless, harder to mark and the results are not reportable. Positive self-esteem is one of the building blocks of school success; it provides a firm foundation for learning.

For many students, self-confidence is a natural personality trait. Confident learners tend to speak more and know how to get their point across. For students who aren't as confident, learning new material can feel like swimming upstream. They will question their abilities and shy away from communication.

A student's self-esteem has a significant impact on almost everything they do - on the way they engage in activities, deal with challenges and interact with others. Self-esteem also can have a marked effect on academic performance. Low self-esteem can lessen a student's desire to learn, their ability to focus, and their willingness to take risks. The challenge in working with children with low self-esteem is to restore their belief in themselves so that they persevere in the face of academic challenges. As educators we shape self-esteem every day in the normal course of interacting with our students. Although you cannot simply teach a student to feel good about themselves, you can nurture their self-esteem through a continual process of encouragement and support.

As it is Education Support Week I would like to take a moment to thank and acknowledge the amazing work of our ES staff here at The Patch. The time, love and care that they put into their work shines through unchallenged. When we look back at the graduating students our ES staff have assisted since they first started at The Patch, the changes we see are immeasurable. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of the amazing work you do every day.

We are working hard towards helping your child be the best they can be - now and long past graduation. Teaching the whole child is our privilege and our joy.

Have a lovely weekend with your loved ones,

Deb

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Fun in The Prep Room!

We have had a busy term so far in the Prep room. We celebrated '100 days of school' on July 27th. Each Prep brought a special person along to join in with some fun activities all to do with 100. We dressed up to celebrate the occasion and focused on the amazing achievements we have made in just 100 days! The children have all grown so quickly and in so many ways, it was great to stop and celebrate.

This week we had Eva and Mali (the dog) join us to talk about responsible pet ownership and how to stay safe around dogs. The children loved participating and they all learnt some valuable tips.

To celebrate the Olympics we had the great 'Paper Plane Olympics'. Children have been practising writing procedural texts and following instructions. Children helped write the steps to make a paper plane and then made one themselves. Each child decorated their plane and gave it a special name. We had three 'countries' (Purple Preps, Green Preps and Red Preps) who participated in rounds to see whose plane would fly the furthest. We used our measuring skills to document the distance the planes travelled and to also find our 'world record distance'. We then found our bronze, silver and gold medal winners from each country. The children all cheered each other on and learned the importance of being a good sport. We even snuck in a Mexican wave! After lunch we had our medal presentation with the national anthem in the background. It was a really fun afternoon with plenty of learning attached!

Our supreme paper plane makers were:

Purple Preps Gold- Lola, Silver- Jemima Bronze- Tex

Green Preps Gold- Josh, Silver-Austin, Bronze- Ollie

Red Preps Gold- Jack, Silver -Quinn, Bronze- Oscar



Josh from the Green Preps achieved a distance of 11 meters to take out the world record! We had to check his plane for a secret motor it flew so far!

Next Monday we look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate Book Week!

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!







Tom Brunzel – Berry Street

We feel so very fortunate to have the expertise of Tom Brunzel 'teaching the teachers' over the next 12 months. We had a brilliant session with Tom on our Curriculum day and have already implemented some of his ideas in our classroom. You may hear the children talking about the morning circle, this is a time for us as teachers to check in with each student and also for students to feel present and welcome in our room. We will keep you updated as we continue our journey with all the wonderful things the Berry Street Education model will provide for the children.

Grade 3 & 4 Camp, Oasis in Mt Evelyn

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the grade 3 & 4 school camp as a parent helper at Oasis Camp in Mt Evelyn. I was joined by many wonderful staff, another school Dad, Steve Page, and a cohort of over eighty energetic young campers - many of who were experiencing an extended time away from the family home for the very first time.

It was lots of fun and gave me a rare insight into the work that our kid's teachers perform - not only on a big event like this but just in their daily interactions with our little people.

On behalf of all Patch Primary parents I would like to thank the staff for their care, hard work, professionalism... and stamina! Thankyou Kellie, Pauleen, Cheryl, Cem, Hayden, Melissa, Ella, Simone, Jess, Haley and Judy.

I was touched by their knowledge and awareness of each of their young charges, and the effort they gave to provide them with a fantastic camp experience.

A big thank you to those staff who gave up their time for no reward other than to give to our children.

Finally, a special huge thanks to Kellie McDonald and Pauleen Gould who worked so hard to make the whole camp happen, and run smoothly.

Pete Cochrane



Open Door Community Church / Monbulk Care Network Youth Art Competition 2016

Congratulations to the following amazing artists who won prizes in this fantastic local art show!

Encouragement Award: **Samantha D**
Highly Commended: **Hamish F**
Commended: **Leah H, Elise L & Niamh**



Well done to all our young artists who entered this competition.

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.

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.

BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB

If you would like to start netball, Belcoma Netball Club is looking for girls and boys aged 8 and up for the Spring season starting in September, playing at Knox Netball Centre on Saturdays. We will give you a uniform, you just need a pair of good runners and be ready to play our fun game!

Enquiries - Jenny belcomasec@gmail.com
0408 933 956



The Patch Early Learning Centre

3 & 4 year old kindergarten program- ENROLMENTS OPEN for 2017



- Nurturing and supportive relationships - Welcoming and friendly environment
- Dedicated and caring staff - Beautiful natural learning environment
- Play based learning program - All children supported to participate - Guidance of behaviour
- Preparation for school

To book a tour of the kinder or to make an enquiry call 9751 9810

'ASK'

Autism Spectrum Kids

**A free social skills group
for young people
10 – 15 who live in the
Yarra Ranges**

Topics covered include:

- Managing emotions
- Friendship skills
- Social problem solving
- Assertive communication
- Managing Fear and Anxiety
- Plus lots of games and fun

**8 week program facilitated
by trained Counsellors at
Youth Services in Lilydale
216-218 Main St Lilydale**

Tuesdays:

**11 October – 6 December 2016
4.30pm - 6pm**
(break on 1 November for Cup Day)

**For more information please
call Youth Counselling
on ☎ 9294 6716**

**PLACES ARE
LIMITED SO
BOOKINGS
ARE ESSENTIAL**

Parents/carers are required
to complete a phone
intake for their child



YARRA RANGES *YOUTH*

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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



03 9735 6134 | anglicarevic.org.au

**BETTER
TOMORROWS**

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

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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