

Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

February

Mon 27th Community Morning Coffee 9am

March

Sat 4th Working Bee 10am -1pm
Mon 13th No School - Public Holiday (Labor Day)
13th – 17th Worrabinda Camp – selected students
Mon 20th School Council
Wed 22nd Japanese Visit
Sat 25th Plastic Bag Free – flash mob filming
Mon 27th Yr 6 Reach Rookies
Mon 27th Community Morning Coffee 9am
Tues 28th Prep responsible pet ownership
Fri 31st End of term, pick up 2:30pm

April

Tues 18th First day of Term 2, 8.50am start
Mon 24th Curriculum Day – student free
Tues 25th No School - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Thurs 27th Parent Education Session by Jody

REMINDER:

*First Working Bee,
4th of March
from 10am – 1pm*

*We would love to
have as many
helpers as possible*



From the Principal...

Thought for the week Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending. – Carl Bard.

This week we held our first school council meeting for the year. School councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of our school.

Congratulations to our newly elected school Council for 2017

- Sarah Tebbut – President
- Troy McDonald – Treasurer - new to council
- Clare Pritchard
- Linda McBride

Staff Members

- Jane Capon
- Jennie Simpson – new to council

Many thanks and a sad farewell to those retiring.

Steve McDonald - who for many years was elected to school council and in the last 5 years has been on the finance committee. His wealth of knowledge and direction was appreciated and valued.

Lynne Davidson - who assisted with the initial formulating our school community groups and assisted in guiding the school's direction. Her commitment to attend the many meetings held helped shape our community groups as we see them now.

Susan Sturt - who has read every policy we have worked on, offering valuable insight and input. A mammoth task and effort.

Alesha Sangster - as our staff representative who regularly could guide us with her insight from a parent's perspective as well a teacher's view.

We are looking forward to working together this year with many new and exciting initiatives – one of which is developing a stronger sense of connectedness. The relationship between teachers, students and families is critical to successful learning, along with a respect and mutual desire for all our students to achieve and be happy.

We have also added as much forward information as we have around calendar dates to help in your planning.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy time with your family time moves ever so quickly and suddenly your children are grown with lives of their own and children of their own

Deb

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Camps 2017

Term One	13 th – 17 th March	selected students	Worrabinda Camp
Term Two	5 th to 7 th June	Year 6	Sovereign Hill Camp
Term Three	16 th -18 th August	Year 3&4	YMCA Camp
	TBC in September	Year 5	Somers Camp
Term Four	24 th Nov	Year 2	Day Camp OASIS

Curriculum days 2017

- **Curriculum Days for 2017 as approved at School Council Meeting November 21st**
 - Tuesday 31st January 2017 – Curriculum planning
 - Monday 24th April 2017 – Tom Brunzel
 - Friday 3rd November 2017 – Curriculum review

With a school funded - Planning day on Monday 6th November

Excursions and Incursions 2017

22 nd March		Japanese Visit
27 th March	Year 6	Reach Rookies
28 th March	Prep	Responsible Pet Ownership
15 th May	Year 5/6	Reach Rookies
15 th May	Year 1/2/3	Science incursion
15 th June	Prep – 6	Musica Viva
23 rd June	Year 2/3	Melbourne Museum
18 th July -19 th Sept	Prep – 6	STOMP the BEAT
14 th August	Year 6	Reach Rookies
3 rd August	Prep	100 DAYS OF SCHOOL
25 th August	Prep – 6	Author visit
15 th Sept	Prep	PJ and Teddy Bears Breakfast
21 st September	Community	SHOWCASE
9 th Oct -27 th Nov	Year 6	Taming of the Butterflies
30 th Oct-2 nd Nov	Prep	Swimming
8 th – 17 th Nov	Year 1 - 4	Swimming
24 th Nov	Prep & 6	Buddy Excursion – Puffing Billy
22 nd Dec	Year 5 & 6	Knox Leisure Works

Planned Activities for 2017

Student Reporting and Information

23 rd June	P-6	Reports Sent Home
27 th June	Prep - 6	3 Way Conferences
12 th December	Prep – 6	Reports go Home

Parent Information Sessions

27 th April	Parents	Parent Information Session organised by Jody
10 th May	Parents	Parent Evening with Tom Brunzell
28 th August	Parents	Parent Information Session organised by Jody

Community Coffee Mornings

27 th Feb	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
27 th March	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
29 th May	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
26 th June	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
31 st July	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
31 st August	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
30 th Oct	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am
27 th November	Parents	Community Morning Coffee 9.00 am

Other Dates

4 th March		Working BEE 10 am – 1.00 pm
13 th August		Working BEE 10 am – 1.00 pm
4 th May	Prep -6	School Photos
9 th – 11 th May	Year 3&5	NAPLAN
22 nd May		EDUCATION WEEK
24 th May	2018 Prep - Prep - 6	Open Morning 9.30 till 10.30
27 th Nov	Year 6	Taming of the Butterflies Presentation Night
1 st Dec	Community	Christmas Carols
8 th Dec	Community	Back – up Christmas Carols
26 th Oct	Prep 2018	Prep 2018 Transition
9 th Nov	Prep 2018	Prep 2018 Transition
23 rd Nov	Prep 2018	Prep 2018 Transition
12 th Dec	New Preps -Year 5	STEP UP DAY
12 th Dec	Year 6	TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL
18 th Dec	Prep	Prep Celebration 2.30
20 th Dec	Year 6	Graduation 5.00 pm

BIODIVERSITY AT THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

A little story

The Patch Primary School was awarded the ResourceSmart Biodiversity School of the Year in 2016 and 2014 in recognition of the actions taken to improve and protect habitat for wildlife on the school grounds. Last year, the year 4 students undertook a STEM project to construct suitable attachments to enable 15 nesting boxes designed for a range of native wildlife, to be installed in several large trees in our school ground.

During the summer holidays, our arborist Harry, a past student of The Patch, offered to install the boxes without cost as he was keen to help us with this worthwhile project. Harry, an enthusiastic climber and keen conservationist, was busy installing a large greater glider nesting box in the Eagle Tree between the year 4 classroom and the Japanese room when a small sugar glider appeared from the bark and leaves gathered in the fork of the tree. Before long, seven sugar gliders appeared from the same site, disturbed by Harry's actions, and scampered along some of the large branches of the Eucalyptus tree. This tree, a huge Manna Gum, is only 35 years old, and is home to lots of animals as we are discovering.

Year 4 STEM classes this year are using the Sugar Glider colony as a springboard to gain a greater understanding of the wildlife in and around our school, how our school habitat supports these animals and how we all connect in this complex and beautiful ecosystem.

Here are some images of Harry at work. Unfortunately the sugar gliders were too quick and too small to be photographed.



Our Chicken Monitors are really Chicken Whisperers!

When our new chickens arrived at school this year, no-one thought they would be able to be handled for some time. They were flighty, nervous and unused to being picked up and cuddled. It was decided that if they didn't suit our school life, we may have to arrange for some replacements so our children could learn through contact and responsibility the role of caring for chickens. Quite amazingly, our three chicken monitors (read "whisperers"), Gracie, Ford and Emily, took less than one week to have the chickens firmly in their powers! It is a common sight to see these three year five students carrying their charges around the garden and giving them opportunities for a "green pick" with no fear of them running away. What an incredible effort!



Working Bee, March 4, 10 – 1pm

COME AND SHARE SOME PIZZA AND MEET SOME PARENTS!

Our first of two planned working bees for the year is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, from 10am until 1pm. If you have an hour or two to spare we would love to see you there as we have some jobs that we need help with. Pizza will be served from 11am and there will be refreshments to keep you going throughout the morning. **Children love to come to school on a weekend** and will often make a valuable contribution themselves. Otherwise, lots of fun can be had playing with friends; everyone is WELCOME!

Take a look at our job list and see how you may be able to help. Our Garden Team members (**see the article about our new garden team in this newsletter edition**) shall be leading many of the tasks so no experience is necessary for most jobs.

- Clean up garden near hall and kinder
- Oil outside picnic tables and bench seats
- Remove dead wood from identified trees
- Gather willow prunings and place in green waste skip
- Spread sawdust on paths
- Mulch garden beds
- Weed (just about anywhere)
- Trim box hedge with wave pattern
- Take hard garbage to roadside for pickup on March 6
- Cut down Kangaroo Apple tree near playground
- Clean up Dry Garden and plunge succulent cuttings
- Remove weeds from paths in vegetable garden
- Summer prune apple espalier and selected fruit trees
- Move wood supply for pizza oven from behind eco-centre to pizza oven pile
- Move donated work bench to back of eco-centre – STEM Maker Space
- Cut back and dig up blackberries along 5/6 breezeway
- Clean mosaic pavers around pizza garden
- Weed pizza garden and prepare for new plantings of herbs
- Lightly prune olive and cumquat trees
- Seal along wall and concrete slab in eco-centre at verandah to prevent continual flooding
- Rake paths and weed in fern gully

We have some tools to share but if you prefer your own, feel free to bring them along.

We are hoping to have as many people as possible come along and hope you can spare the time. Please email Michelle if you have any queries: rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

A New Garden Team for The Patch PS

We are delighted to announce our new garden team at The Patch Primary School and we would love to meet you at our upcoming working bee on March 4, Saturday, from 10 – 1pm. Our team includes:

- Simone Broekman
- Jim Sangster
- Kate Arnott
- Ken Colley
- Janine Jenkins
- Emily Martin
- Mark Dysktra
- Becks Wapshott
- Bruce Campbell
- Bek Shing
- Kat and Matt Cree
- Rob Campbell
- Rachael Pearce
- Tamara Adams
- Michelle Rayner



Please feel free to join if you missed our call out for members, we are happy to keep expanding. We meet once a month on a Thursday evening (7.30pm) in the school staff room and are happy to accommodate children if child care is difficult.

If you would like to be informed of activities but not be obliged to attend our monthly meetings, we are happy for that also. Please email Michelle at:

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

Scholastic Book Club is back for 2016!

The Book Club Team would like to welcome everyone back for Term 1.

We hope you all had great holidays which included reading some of your favourite books or maybe some new ones you received as Christmas gifts.

To all our new families - welcome. The Scholastic Book Club is a school supported fundraising activity where the school receives 20% of the price back from every book/item ordered. Teachers can then use this credit to order new books and other resources for the classroom. Over many years this activity has supplied some great resources for our school, such as library books, class sets, charts, maps etc. Lots of wonderful stuff!

The Book Club Team can now also give you an indication as to when you should start looking out for a catalogue in your child's school bag.

We will endeavor to distribute catalogues in the week beginning;

- Term 1 - Monday 1 March
- Term 2 - Monday 29 May
- Term 3 - Monday 21 August
- Term 4 - Monday 20 November

Due dates for order placement will be published in the school newsletter, Tiqbiz etc, but are generally 7-10 days from the distribution.

All orders are placed online via LOOP. This is the Scholastic online ordering system. Details on how to order for are included in this newsletter or can be found on the Scholastic Australia website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

No payments to school please.

So look out for those catalogues in a couple of weeks and we look forward to your support. ☺

Janine & Bek

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

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Search title

FIND



3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 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.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

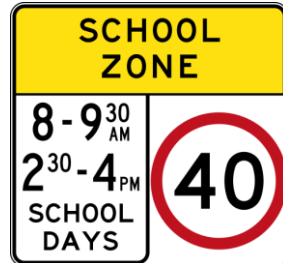
 **SCHOLASTIC**



40Km/h Speed Zone

A reminder for everyone to please slow down and be extremely observant in and around school zones, school parking zones and in particular school crossings.

The school zones of 40km per hour speed limits are enforced from 8am to 9.30am in the morning and 2.30pm to 4pm in the afternoon but even outside of those time motorists should slow down and take extra care around schools.



Help with Reading Needed

Reading and writing skills are crucial for our children. They are not natural skills but need to be taught and reinforced. While all children develop reading and writing skills at different rates, for some children extra support is required – for some, this extra support will be needed throughout their primary schooling year.

We are seeking the help of parents/grandparents/others who can regularly donate at least 1 ½ hours once a week for two terms. This will enable us to set up a reading support program (initially for grade 2/3 students needing extra support). The program will run from 9.10 to 10.40am each day. If successful, a similar program will be extended to grade 1 later in the year.

The program is based on the Corrective Reading program which uses direct instruction.

Volunteers will be trained in how to run the program and will then work with 2-3 students.

If you can help out, either as a regular volunteer, or a replacement volunteer on days when someone is unable to come, or you just want to find out more, please fill in the attached form.

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I would like to help with Reading Support.

Name:

Contact email/phone:

Day/s available:

I would like to find out more about this program

Name:

Preparing for the Risk of Bushfire

I'm sure you are all very aware of the increased risk of bushfire we face by living in such a beautiful, forested environment. Whilst there will always be a risk here, there are many things we can do to make us as safe as possible.

At school, our Emergency Management Plan provides a detailed procedure to deal with fire in our immediate area and we also have processes that ensure we are ready to respond on days when the fire danger is significant.

On days of Total Fire Ban, we:

- Limit the area students can play in the school grounds to enable us to gather them quickly if necessary
- Prepare the Hall, roll down the metal shutters
- Ask students to keep shoes on inside in case we need to re-locate
- Use a 'book mark' system when students leave the classroom and they must go in pairs
- Monitor the VicEmergency website and CFA radio traffic
- Ensure all students are collected by an adult after school (unless written parental consent is provided)

In the event of bushfire in the immediate area, we want to reassure you that your children will be cared for and kept as safe as possible and, although it will be difficult, we ask that you resist driving straight to school to collect your child. In emergency conditions, you are likely to be anxious and possibly panicked, which can increase your own risk of having an accident on the way to school. This will only add to the distress on the day. Secondly, if the air is smokey, opening the Hall's roller shutters for you to enter will compromise the air quality inside and make conditions even more uncomfortable for students and staff.

We will keep you informed as the situation unfolds and advise you as soon as it is safe to come to school and pick up your children. Please be sure to check in with your child's teacher and sign your child out before taking them as it is vital that we know that every student has been released into the care of an adult.

Emergencies such as bushfire are made more difficult by being unprepared. Staff at The Patch School spend a great deal of time preparing for fire and other situations so please know that our students' safety is paramount and we will do all we can to preserve that, regardless of what comes our way.

Note that Deb has mentioned in this newsletter that the Department of Education & Training has recently announced that schools on the *Bushfire At Risk Register* in the 'upper cohort' **will close on days of Extreme fire danger as well as Code Red days**. This includes The Patch School.

It is also important for **your** family to have a bushfire survival plan and that you:

- Understand and practice your plan
- Know what the trigger is to enact your plan
- Let your extended family and friends know what you plan to do

If your plan involves leaving the area on days of significant fire danger, remember that absence from school under these circumstances is acceptable and approved by the Principal.

If you have any questions about how we manage bushfire risk or any other emergency, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

SCHOOL BANKING 2017 REMINDER

Welcome back to our new school banking year, including all of the new Prep students who would have received an information pack to start your school banking with us. We wanted to remind you all about our school banking program and how it works. Every week a child deposits money they are entered into a raffle to win 1 of 2 double passes to Belgrave Cameo. The 2 winners are drawn at the end of every term, so more deposits means more chances to win.

Remember your weekly school banking is collected on a Thursday

Have fun saving and don't forget you can contact us at the Bank with any questions at all ☺

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Support Bob the Wombat





GIRLS WANTED !

NEW UNDER 14

GIRLS BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Hey Girls, why not get a bunch of your friends together and start playing basketball in the new Under 14 girls competition.

Any number of players can register. It can be just you, a couple of friends or a whole team. Whoever wants to play - we'll fit you in. And it doesn't matter whether you are new to basketball or an experienced player because:

IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN, MAKING NEW FRIENDS, & GETTING FIT!

Register now: On-line, Call or Email. It's great fun and you'll make a heap of new friends.

> Player & Team Requirements

- Open to Girls Only
- Cannot turn 14 yrs prior to July 31st 2017
- Ideally 6-7 players per team

> Competition Details

- 8 week 'mini' season
- Starts Saturday 11th Feb. to 1st April 2017
- Games at Monbulk & Cockatoo Stadiums

> Team Entry & Enquiries - Pam Ball
m: 0401 996 045
w: www.sherbrookebasketball.asn.au
e: admin@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au



GET ACTIVE

pool parties

music, inflatables, barbecue & more

Take the **H₃O Challenge**

Sign up to the H₃O challenge for free entry for 12 to 25 year olds PLUS enter to win an annual pool pass!

Normal pool entry fee applies for other ages
Event subject to weather conditions

12 pm to 4 pm

Lilydale Outdoor Pool
Saturday 25th February

Belgrave Outdoor Pool
Sunday 26th February

Healesville Outdoor Pool
Saturday 4th March

Phone 1300 368 333
fb.me/yarrarangesyouth
www.h3ochallenge.com.au/iga/yarraranges

All ages, drug, alcohol and tobacco free events.

Yarra Ranges Council

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2017 JUNIOR FOOTBALL



FOOTY ROADSHOW

AFL YARRA RANGES IS HOLDING A FOOTY ROADSHOW TO PROMOTE THE START OF LOCAL JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN THE REGION



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING LOCAL JUNIOR FOOTBALL OR UMPIRING OR JUST WANT TO HAVE SOME FOOTY FUN COME AND JOIN US AND PLAY ON THE INFLATABLES

- Local club representatives will be in attendance to promote their clubs
- Umpiring representative will be there to promote umpiring
- Football clinics
- Fun and fitness

26th February 9am to 12pm

Seville Recreation Reserve, Monbulk-Seville Rd, Seville

5th March 9am to 12pm

Upwey Secondary School Oval, Chosen Ave, Upwey

For further information: Dean Rice – dean.rice@afl.com.au or 9735 5146

extreme tennis

**TERM 1 SUMMER
"GET INTO TENNIS"
JUNIOR COACHING SPECIAL OFFER**



ENROL FOR TERM 1 &
CHOOSE EITHER OF THE
OFFERS LISTED BELOW:

OPTION A:

Receive a 20% discount on normal junior group coaching fees
- therefore the 9 week coaching course will cost you \$100.00 -
(Normally \$124.00)

OR

OPTION B:

Receive a FREE junior racquet upon enrolment - (RRP \$30.00)

NB: This is a once a year Summer special. Offers are only valid for NEW customers not currently enrolled in lessons at an EXTREME TENNIS venue.



2017 COACHING VENUES & DAYS:

FERNY CREEK TENNIS CLUB – MONDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS
SELBY TENNIS CLUB – TUESDAYS
UPWEY SOUTH TENNIS CLUB – WEDNESDAYS

For further enquiries or enrolments, please phone

Stuart & Diana Sutterby @ **extreme tennis**
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Emerald Secondary College Open Evening Wednesday 15th March 6pm



Open classrooms from
Wednesday 15th – 17th March
To book a tour, please contact the
school on 59685388

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 are 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. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 5 years experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and loves teaching at The Patch. The cost is \$18 for a 20 minute individual lesson or \$12 for a 20 minute group lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email.
0408 102 542 jessdunn.arts@gmail.com

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