

# **Patchwork News**

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Term 2 Issue 5 Telephone: 9756 7463 OSHC: 9756 7463 / 0419 515 494 Email: <u>the.patch.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</u> Website: <u>www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au</u>

# **Dates to Remember**

## June

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Reports go home today
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Council
27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	3 Way Conferences
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kindred Winter Warmer Fundraiser
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	Music end of term concert 9:15am
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	All Great Community Raffle Tickets due
	(sold or unsold)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	No assembly
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2:30pm early pick up

## July

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 - 8:50am start	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Stomp The Beat	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Stomp The Beat	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	The Patch Trivia Night	
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	School Council	

## August

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stomp The Beat	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Preps celebrate 100 days of school	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents morning coffee 9:30am	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Stomp The Beat	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee 10am – 1pm	

Refugee Week runs from June 18th -24th. See Pg.7

# Belgrave Lantern Parade this weekend, full details on Pg.6

The annual winter solstice Belgrave Lantern Parade is this Saturday 24th June. The Patch School will have our beautiful Bunjil the eagle lantern walking the parade again this year. If families would like to walk the parade representing our school please either meet in the cameo carpark at 5pm, or join the walk when you see Bunjil and other special lanterns made by Sophia and the kids! It's set to be yet another beautiful winter community event.

Don't forget to hand your Great Community Raffle Ticket Stubbs into the office!

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#### From the Principal...

## Thought for the week: every person is a new door to a different world

Thank you to everyone who responded to the communication survey, the information has provided insightful feedback, including many suggestions for areas of improvement. We have some work to do in all areas, including myself. One area in particular I will be working on is not rushing emails to you and making sure we have the correct dates. We are currently collating the information into categorising this into common themes.

Overwhelmingly the message is to provide a plan for communication, and thank you to the parent who provided a 9 - stage plan of action. Our next step is to provide the information you have given to the communication sub-group of School Council, and develop a plan where we are providing clear information. We hope this will allow for feedback and your voice heard.

Reports have come home today Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 3 way conferences are on next week. Please book on the parental portal and if you have any issues, Maddy will be happy to assist you. From feedback last year you are also able to meet with the class teacher if you have any concerns re your child. Please let your teacher know if you need to speak with them and they will arrange an alternative time to meet with you.

Unfortunately, with all incursions/excursions we are no longer able to sustain late payments. We have been extending and extending the due date, which has caused confusion and placed extra pressure on our teachers. We will be adhering to the following process:

- A notice is sent to you within 6 weeks of the event.
- Payment may be made within that period
- The last payment is made one week prior to the event.

Reminders will be sent a week before the payment date and a final reminder before the last payment date. Class newsletters will have information leading up to the event also.

If you have not paid by the due date unfortunately your child will not be able to participate and an alternative program of work will be organised for you child. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please let us know and we will arrange a payment plan.

Congratulations to Emily who competed in the Victoria Championships Diving Competition against 30-40 other competitors, she placed 13<sup>th</sup> in her individual diving event and 7<sup>th</sup> in her synchronised event. Also to Josh who progressed to the Regional level in Cross Country and came 31<sup>st</sup> in a field of 90 competitors an outstanding achievement from both Emily and Josh.

Our fabulous Talent Stars competed at Monbulk College's theatre last Friday, below is a list of our students who competed:

Jaz – 1<sup>st</sup> in her solo vocal and instrumental performance

James – 3<sup>rd</sup> in his instrumental performance

Prep/1 Singing Group - Saskia, Annabelle, Nia and Marlo

Solo- Charlie 1<sup>st</sup> original compisition, Jaz 1<sup>st</sup> vocal and instrumental , James 3<sup>rd</sup> instumental,

Prep/1 Singing Group: Saskia, Annabelle, Nia, and Marlo – 1<sup>st</sup>

2/3 Singing Group: Kitty, Evie, Jayme and Nina – 1st

Next week will be the last week of school, please enjoy the time with your children over the holiday break. I look forward to seeing all of you at the start of Term 3



We have been very fortunate recently to receive some external funding from a range of organisations to support a range of projects to deepen student learning and school/nature connectedness.

In May we received funding from Melbourne Water to continue the revegetation works along our northern and eastern school boundaries. \$2,200 has been granted to purchase plants, stakes, tree guards and mulch and brings to over \$25,000 worth grant money from Melbourne Water for this project since 2006.

In early June we received funding of \$1,000 from the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank to support the creation of a sensory garden in front of the kindergarten. The Patch Early Learning Centre has also contributed \$300 towards this project and during National Tree Day in term two (July 24 – 28), we shall be joining forces with the kinder to implement the plan (see separate item in newsletter).

This week, we received another surprise when we attended the Monbulk and District Community Bank Grants and Awards Presentation evening and were very grateful to be presented with \$1,550 to contribute towards our literacy program and in particular our new spelling program called THRASS. These are vital funds that will allow us to provide a dedicated spelling program that will have far reaching implications for improving our teaching and learning in reading and writing. These funds are influenced by the level of school and home banking to which our students and families subscribe and any increase in this activity directly influences our club rewards.

We are very grateful to all four organisations for their generosity and hope to be able to demonstrate how very worthy we are as we improve our student literacy, landscapes for wildlife and nature spaces for our children.

#### Michelle Assistant Principal

## **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS GRANT**

The Patch Primary School has been successful in our application for a Respectful Relationships Grant.

This grant will provide money to participate in the ground breaking and transformative initiative to prevent family violence and promote gender equality. We will receive specialist support from the Respectful Relationships team, and be able to draw on the experience and expertise of Leading Schools participating in the initiative. We will also be able to access resources and professional development, including support with the introduction of Respectful Relationship into the Victorian Curriculum and participate in Communities of Practice (CoP) focused on Respectful Relationships.

We will keep you informed as to how this will be implemented over the coming months.

## Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

#### Pick-Up/Drop off

While staff try their best to load all children into cars as quickly and as safely as possible, if you are in a hurry or find the process frustrating you may prefer one of the options listed below to pick up your children.

- Come 10 mins early, park and meet your children at the greeting tree or their classrooms. Park at the hall on The Patch Road and meet your children at the end of the track on The Patch Road.
- Arrive at 3.40pm when most of the traffic has subsided and your children should be waiting for you without you having to do a lap.
- Send your children to after school care and miss the traffic altogether!

If you choose to use our pick up/drop off procedure (including no parking in the drop off or loading zone) we ask that you follow the rules and procedures, this includes doing a lap if your child is not quite there to pick up and being courteous to our staff that are only there to help. Thank you.

## <u> Behaviour Management System – Parent Feedback</u>

In the last newsletter of Term One, we provided some student feedback around our revised behaviour management process. Over the next few newsletters, we will be letting you know the feedback received from our parent survey regarding the Behaviour Management process at The Patch PS.

The survey link was distributed on Flexibuzz (tiqbiz), in the newsletter, the parent's Facebook page, and three direct emails to families. In total, we received 21 responses from parents, and would like to extend a big "thank you" to the parents that responded. We also held a parent information night with Tom Brunzell from Berry Street to address parent questions, and we had 14 parents attend that night. We also thank you for your involvement. We really appreciate your feedback.

In this newsletter, the focus will be on the alignment of what parents do to improve resilience at home, and what they thought the school should do. For these questions, the parents view and what they expected the school practice to be, were aligned.

In reply to the question "How do you build resilience in your children at home?", some responses include:

-"Communicating! Talking through worries/concerns and asking my child what they think and what, if anything they could have been done differently"

-"Communication and positive reinforcement as well as having clear instructions and allowing the kids to make their own mistakes."

- "Providing opportunities for our kids to try things more than once, encouraging our kids to see disappointment as a useful experience, lots of love and encouragement not related to 'successful' outcomes"

-"We talk about how things don't always go to plan in life, so we have to be adaptable. Deep breathing or time out is also encouraged and implemented here…."

- Consistency routine open honest communication empathy with strong boundaries. Development of understanding of others care for others

- "Assure them that things will be ok and that this is normal part of life"

- "Commenting on effort rather than result. Encouraging trying new things. Family meetings"

- "Talk it out, give them ideas in how they can make the outcome better for them. I believe children don't always understand why they behave the way they do, we are here to guide them"

- "Allow failure to occur, use the tough love approach with my children. Assist them to realize that making mistakes are a part of learning"

The above responses align with the Berry Street Educational model, with embedded practices in the classroom (e.g. process vs person praise), and the restorative conversations that teachers have with students in the classroom, yard and in the RRI room at lunchtime.

The next question was "What do you think that the school can do to help build resilience in your child(ren)?" Again, most of the responses indicated practices that we are already doing, such as:

 "Constancy predictability. CARE empathy more for anxious children and their struggles. Reflections more restorative practice...."
 "Keep the classes calm, be positive and setting clear boundaries with consequences that are followed through"

-"Emphasize that all kids have different strengths/weaknesses, but they are all worthy/special. Lots of positive reinforcement. Also working out through discussion/role play how to deal with everyday problems" (This is part of the Berry Street model that we are currently working to embed in the classroom, and in particular, the work that occurs in the RRI room at lunchtime) -"Continue with Berry St model & encourage intellectual & cultural change in staff dialogue, community, as well as parents" - Focus on social aspects of school - friendships, work worries, relationships with others

## Continued...

#### And:

-Promote KINDNESS ...., encourage exploration and discuss COURAGE as feeling the fear and having a go anyway. Provide positive feedback when resilience/ courage are demonstrated... - "support more, be more understanding of victim and show more ZERO tolerance in bullying."

These are great suggestions, and we have already acted upon them. Last week, all students did a wellbeing session, where bullying was explicitly discussed, using resources from the "Bullying No way" website, and kindness was addressed through our Kindness Tree display (to be put up over the holidays) and individual class Kindness Projects. (Stay tuned for the wonderful suggestions the children have decided they want to do!) We are intending to run a whole school wellbeing session every term, under our KidsMatter framework.

There was also:

"One of my children has not wanted to go to school for fear of going to the RRI room...". If our children feel this way, this is a concern for us. In fact, we work hard to ensure that although the RRI room is a consequence of breaking one of our school values – Respect, Responsibility and Integrity (RRI) – that it is not a "punitive" environment; the children are given the opportunity to have a restorative conversation with the teacher in the RRI room, and often like to have a teacher to talk things through with. We are finding that a small number of children who have never been to the RRI room, are the ones who are worried about this. For this reason, we are reviewing some aspects of this, and will re-introduce in Term 3.

We will provide feedback from other questions in our next newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's wellbeing, please contact Jane to discuss (Tues – Fri).

## Garden Working Bee Sunday, August 13, 10am – 1pm

Our second working bee for the year will be held next term on Sunday morning, August 13 so please write it in your diaries and on your calendars now so you can come along and meet some other families whilst contributing to improving our school ground.

Tasks to be addressed include:

- Renovation of the pizza garden
- Weeding and improving the area in front of the art and music room
- Weeding and cleaning up the year 5/6 garden
- Planting some spring vegetables

A more comprehensive list will be available after our Garden Team meeting on Thursday evening from 7.30pm (June 29). Anyone is more than welcome to come along and join in our discussions, the more the merrier.

Cheers, **Míchelle** 

## A Sensory Garden for our Kinder!

We have recently received \$1,300 to implement a sensory garden in front of our kinder. This will allow us to continue our garden works and provide a welcoming environment in which to enter and leave the ELC with lots of sensory experiences. We have so far created some beautiful pole art with our year 5/6 students as part of our art club last year and some plantings were undertaken last year with students from year 4 and the 3yo kinder children.

In term 2 we shall be partnering with The Patch kindergarten again to continue the planting so that it extends further towards the hall. We have invited the 3yo and 4yo kinder students to join our year 4 and 5 students (their potential buddies when they are in prep) to learn to plant and nurture the garden whilst having fun outdoors and building deeper links between the school and kinder. Keep an eye out for more information about how to be involved in this event or sit back and watch the changes!

BELGRAVE LANTERN PARADE -

# SATURDAY, JUNE $24^{\text{TH}}$



To celebrate winter solstice during Art, some of the children at school have been making their own lanterns and learning a lantern song to sing as we walk together in the Lantern Parade this Saturday. 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.

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 5pm. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please don't use NAKED FLAMES in lanterns as it is a FLAME FREE EVENT!

## **Refugee Week**

Refugee Week runs from June 18th - 24th.

It is a great opportunity to talk with you kids about refugees and people seeking asylum, and help them to develop compassion for the plight of those people who leave their home to seek safety.

You might like to download either the free Red Cross app "And then I was a Refugee" or the similar UNHCR app "My Life as a Refugee". Both of these take you through a story where you make decisions as to what your character will do as they flee danger in their village. These are useful tools in trying to understand just how hard it would be to leave your homeland safely.

You might also like to explore definitions and information about refugees with your children at <a href="http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/refugee-week-resources/information-on-refugees/">http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/refugee-week-resources/information-on-refugees/</a>

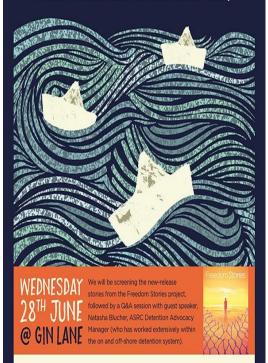
Or there are many wonderful books you can read together (with younger chldren) such as The Little Refugee by Ahn Do, or novels you could direct older kids to such as Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman.

The bookshop Readings has some other great ideas: <u>https://www.readings.com.au/collection/childrens-books-about-refugees-and-asylum-seekers</u>

If you would like to know how you could get involved locally please visit the Kindred website <u>www.kindredkindness.org</u> or have a look at the Kindred Kindness Facebook page and Action Network.

## KINDRED Edding a kind and comparsioner Australia WINTER WARMER FUNDRAISER

Please come along to warm your toes with a cup of mulled wine at Gin Lane with the Kindred community.



Start time: 6:45pm. Screening and Q&A from 7.30pm. Light supper and mulled wine provided on arrival. Tickets available at the door: \$15

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# Put Monbulk & District Community Bank on your shopping list.

If you are looking for a new bank or any banking service then we ask you to put Monbulk & District Community Bank on your shopping list. When you bank with Monbulk & District Community Bank you can not only expect good old fashion service but through our partnership with The Patch Primary School, your school will benefit.

## **Good for your School**

Monbulk & District **Community Bank** ® Branch will reward The Patch Primary School by contributing funds for each new loan, credit card, personal account or everyday account opened. Your school will receive:

	Contribution	
Bendigo Home Loan	\$500	
Bendigo Personal Loan	\$250	
Insurance Cover	\$100	
New Business Account	\$50	
Appointment with Financial Planner	\$50	
New Personal Account	\$25	
New Term Deposit over \$10,000	\$25	

The more banking you do with Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® the more you and your School will benefit. Drop into the branch at 70 Main Rd Monbulk or phone 97521130 to discuss your banking needs. Offer valid for eligible products taken out at Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch. Terms, conditions, fees, charges and eligibility criteria apply. All loans subject to the bank's normal lending criteria.

# Snapshots from the week by our amazing Yr 5 photographer Ted





# Lost Property Reminder

Last chance to collect unclaimed items from lost property! At the end of Term all un-named uniforms will be taken to the Uniform Shop to be resold as second hand, and non-school uniforms will be donated to the local Op Shop.

Please also check that your child is wearing their correct uniform and ensure all items are labelled so if they do get misplaced, we can get them back to your child.

Our lovely uniform volunteers sort through lost property every Thursday and return labelled items to classrooms.



# Thinking Outside The Box Extension Programs for High Ability Learners

Penny Willoughby 0418 520 023 <u>penny.willoughby@mac.com</u> www.totb.com.au

### **Newsletter blurb for Schools**

#### Thinking Outside The Box Extension Programs for High Ability Children

At The Patch Primary School, our teachers are always looking for ways to meet the needs of our students. One of ways we support children with high academic abilities, is by offering opportunities to attend *Thinking Outside the Box* extension programs at our school.

*Thinking Outside The Box* provides innovative and challenging programs for high ability children. These programs are created and by Penny Willoughby who has proven success in extending learners with high abilities. The children are challenged to work beyond their usual level and are likely to be surprised by what they achieve. The program supports and compliments the children's regular classroom learning by developing skills and strategies that will enable them to get the best out of any learning environment. Participants in the program will develop more rigorous thinking habits and practise creative problem solving.

Some key features of *Thinking Outside the Box Programs* are:

- Provision of quality programs for highly able children at an affordable cost to parents.
- High ability children learn in small classes of like-minds.
- Different programs and subject matter are offered each term.
- Each child's performance is reported directly to parents and teachers.
- Provision of training and support to school staff.
- Provision of support and information to parents.

Our teachers will select suitable students to attend programs each term and will send invitations home to parents for consideration. If you would like to find out more about *Thinking Outside The Box Programs* please contact me or Penny Willoughby at 0418 520 023, <u>penny.willoughby@mac.com</u> or through her website: <u>www.totb.com.au</u>

{INSERT NAME HERE}.

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## **Expression of Interest**

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Child's name/s: \_\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive invitations for my child/ren to attend extension programs being offered the School.

Please return this slip to \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the School.

# **Fun School Holiday** Programs





#### SPRINGFIELD HALL

## SPRINGFIELD AVE, CROYDON

#### July 2017 Vacation Care Program Prep – Grade 6

#### INCURSION TODAY! MONDAY 3rd JULY

WACKY & WILD Unleash your inner creativity and embrace your wacky and wild side as we paint, sculpt





#### INCURSION TODAY! MONDAY 10th JULY PLANKS

Are you a budding engineer, architect or artist? Then today is the day for you! Due to popular demand the team from Green Hat Workshop will be back today to present PLANKS a dynamic, open ended, multi age, creative building activity From the smallest shapes to the tallest towers, AT

planks are inspiring, creative, educational and fun!



#### EXCURSION TODAY! TUESDAY 11th JULY RUSH HQ

Come and have lots of fun as we climb, balance and bounce the day away at RUSH HQ! Challenge yourself in the 5 different activity ones which include Mt Madness Dodge It. The Gauntlet, Jump

Factory and Jump and Slam, the weather permits we will stop to explore Rowville Adventure lf Playground.

Depart 9:30am RUSH Return 5:15pm

#### EXCURSION TODA WEDNESDAY 5th JULY LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTRE

Today we will be visiting the fantastic new LEGOLAND Discovery Centre where we will explore the spectacular MINILAND (built from over 1.5 million bricks!), create an ultra-fast LEGO racing car at the Build & Test zone, visit the LEGO friends in Heartlake City, and tes our tower building skills on the Earthquake tables Depart 9:30am Return 5:00pm

#### INCURSION TODAY WEDNESDAY 12th JULY

WAX HANDS There are many uses for wax, I bet you didn't know that making wax hands was one of them! Come and have

lots of fun creating a wax model of your own hand - it's pretty cool, and you can take it home to display

with pride... or even use it to hold your TV remote control or ipod!



THURSDAY 6th JULY

PYJAMA DAY

super slime and dream catchers!

#### THURSDAY 13th JULY CHRISTMAS IN JULY Christmas is coming early this year! Bring along

your Christmas Chee and celebrate Christmas in July as we participate in some really fun Christmas activities

#### EXCURSION TODAY! BIG DAY OUT

Please see the attached flyer for information on the Big Day Out Excursion for our 2017 Grade 5 and 6 children! marconditie

FRIDAY 7th JULY TIMEZONE & PANCAKE PARLOUR Come have lots of fun on an awesome excursion to TIMEZONE at Knox. You will get to play all of the arcade games plus a game of Laser Tag, how cool is that!

EXCURSION TODAY!

0418 316 930

Afterwards we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Pancake Parlour!

#### Depart 9:00am C.III Return 3:30pm

#### EXCURSION TODAY! FRIDAY 14th JULY LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Today we are off to ee the latest kid's movie at Village Cinemas Knox Please note that the movie may be rated PG. If the weather permits we will also stop to explore the Tim Neville Arboretum in Ferntree Gully Depart 10:00am Return 5:00pm



The Memo Healesville and Arts Centre WarBURTC variety of family friendly movies over the school holidays and throughout the year. nfo/Whats On/Movies



#### **BELMONT PARK OLYMPUS DRIVE, CROYDON SOUTH** 0418 318 125 July 2017 Vacation Care Program Prep – Grade 6 CURSION TODAY! XCURSION TODAY! EXCURSION TODAY! INCURSION TODAY! MONDAY 3rd JULY TUESDAY 4th JULY WEDNESDAY 5th JULY THURSDAY 6th JULY LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTRE Today we will be visiting the fantastic new LEGOLAND Discovery Centre where we will explore the spectacular MINILAND (built from over 1.5 milliap brickel) croate an ultra WACKY & WILD DISCO FEVER TIMEZONE & PANCAKE PARLOUR PYJAMA DAY Unleash your inner creativity and embrace Don't worry about Put on your Come have lots of fun on an getting dressed today; wear your Pyjamas or dancing shoes and awesome excursion to get ready to dance the day away! TIMEZONE at Knox. You will get to play all of the arcade games plus a game of Laser Tag, how cool is that! your wacky and wild side as we paint, sculpt favourite onesie to Vacation Care instead! We have lots of fun, games, prizes and laughter planned for you! Some of the activities We will be going to EV's Youth and design our day away Centre in Croydon for an awesome disco! There will be party games, dancing, singing, airbrush tattoos, party food and lots more! million bricks!), create an ultra-fast LEGO racing car at the Build & Test zone, visit the LEGO friends in Heartlake City, and test We also have A Feathered Gypsy coming today will include making bath bombs, super slime and dream catchers! Afterwards we will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Pancake our tower building skills on the out to give us all fabulous 00-Parlour! Earthquake tables feather hair Depart 9:30am Return 4:00pm Depart 9:00am Depart 9:30am Return 5:00pm 1 extensions Return 3:30pm INCURSION TODAY! EXCURSION TODAY! INCURSION TODAY EXCURSION TODAY TUESDAY 11th JULY FRIDAY 14th JULY MONDAY 10th JULY WEDNESDAY 12th JULY THURSDAY 13th JULY RUSH HQ LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES PLANKS WAX HANDS CHRISTMAS IN JULY There are many uses for wax, I bet you didn't know that making wax hands was one of them! Come and have Christmas is coming early this year! Bring along your Christmas Cheer Are you a budding engineer, architect or artist? Then today is the day for you! Due to popular demand the team from Green Hat Workshop will be back today to present PLANKS a dynamic oppon endod multi Come and have lots of fun as we Today we are off to climb, balance and bounce the ay away at RUSH HQ! Challenge see the latest kid's Please note that the movie at Village and celebrate Christmas in vourself in the 5 different activity July as we participate in some really fun Christmas activities. lots of fun zones which include Mt Madness creating a wax model of your own hand - it's pretty cool, and Dodge It. The Gauntlet, Jump dynamic, open ended, multi age, creative building activity. From the smallest shapes to the EXCURSION TODAY! be rated PG. Factory and Jump and Slam. If the weather permits we will also stop to explore the Tim Neville Arboretum in Ferntree Gully. BIG DAY OUT If the weather permits we will stop to explore Rowville Adventure Please see the attached flyer for information on the Big Day Out you can take it tallest towers, At Playground. home to display planks are inspiring, creative, educational and fun! Excursion for our 2017 Grade 5 and 6 children! with pride... or even use it to hold your TV Depart 9:30am Return 5:15pm Depart 10:00am Return 5:00pm RUSH remote control or ipod!



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# smalltalk<sup>(</sup>) Supported Playgroups Supporting Families Through Play



Yarra

Range

For more information... Please contact the Early Years Team at Yarra Ranges Council Email: earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au Phone: 1300 368 333

Upwey Baptist Church ursdays 10am - 12p



WHATSON - State →in Knox

### "Parenting Anxious Children"

"Learn methods and strategies to help support your young person"

Learning to cope with anxiety and fear is a normal part of a child's development. Recognizing and managing anxiety, as early as possible, enables children to gain knowledge, skills, confidence and a sense of power in managing their own worries.

This is a relaxed and informative workshop presented by Lisa Wolfenden, The Anxiety Recovery Centre of Victoria (ARCvic).

#### Topics in the session include:

Methods and strategies to support you and your young person
Understanding Anxiety

- · Tips on building resilience

Thursday 20 July 2017 6.30 - 8.30pm Knox City Council, Civic Centre, Room 4 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South FREE

Bookings are essential. To register, complete the online booking form at; http://www.knox.vic.gov.au/parentworkshop

For more information, contact Michelle Pascoe t: 9298 8311 or e: michelle.pascoe@knox.vic.gov.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.

# 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 <u>ismusic@bigpond.com</u>

#### **Music Tuition with Chris Walker**

Lessons in piano, guitar and bass guitar during school hours and after. Phone 0407 049 012 or email <u>chrisw7@ymail.com</u>

### 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: <u>janeliz.coleman@gmail.com</u>. 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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