



# PATCHWORK NEWS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

- Wed 18th Division Basketball - Senior All Star Girls 🏀
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- Thurs 19th Regional Athletics 🏃
- Thur 19th St John's Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program - No Cost
- Mon 23rd Division Hot Shots Tennis - Senior Mixed 🎾
- Tues 24th Division Volleyball - Senior Girls 🏐
- Wed 25th Regional Hoop Time - Jnr All Star Girls (Yr3/4) 🏀
- Fri 27th Halloween Dress Up Day 🎃
- Tues 31st Regional Hoop Time - Snr All Star Girls (Yr5/6) 🏀

### NOVEMBER

- Wed 1st State Athletics
- Fri 3rd CURRICULUM DAY - Student Free Day**
- Mon 6th Common Professional Practice Day  
(2 x CRTs booked to supervise any attending students)
- Tues 7th MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY 🐎**
- Wed 8th 2024 Prep Transition Session (9.30am - 10.30am)
- Fri 10th Regional Hoop Time - Senior Future Stars (Yr5/6) 🏀
- Mon 13th Yr 3/4 Swimming Program Begins 🏊
- Tues 14th Yr 1/2 Day Camp
- Wed 15th 2024 Prep Transition Session (9.30am - 10.30am)
- Fri 17th Yr 3/4 Swimming Program Finishes
- Fri 17th Prep & Yr 6 Puffing Billy Excursion 🚂
- Sun 19th Community Action in the Garden Morning (9am-12pm) 🌿
- Mon 20th Prep & Yr 1/2 Swimming Program Begins 🏊
- Wed 22nd 2024 Prep Transition Session (9.15am - 10.45am)
- Fri 24th Prep & Yr 1/2 Swimming Program Finishes
- Mon 27th 2024 Prep Information Night (6pm - 7pm)

## BELL TIMES

8:55am First Bell

9:00am Learning Begins

11-11:45am First Break

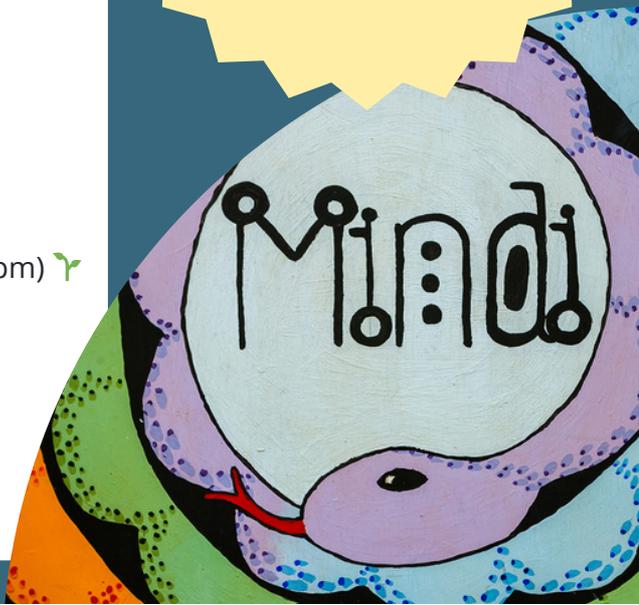
11:45-12pm Lunch eating time

2-2:30pm Second Break

3:20pm Prep & Yr1/2 Dismissal

3.30pm Yr 3-6 Dismissal

**WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW  
PRINCIPAL  
JIM!**



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal's email: [james.burnside@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.burnside@education.vic.gov.au)  
Assistant Principal's email: [michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au)

Hi Patchies!

What a first fortnight! I am so, so grateful to be at such an amazing school in The Patch!

Thank you for being so welcoming to me and my family. Every person has greeted me warmly and so many have told of their love for our school. Your children have been amazing in saying hello and giving high fives at every opportunity. Along with a passionate and caring staff, it has made me feel part of The Patch family already.

It has been wonderful visiting our classrooms each day. It excites me to see how happy our students are and how engaged they are in learning new things. It is evident during my visits that our students' wellbeing is just as important as our academics at The Patch. I'm proud to be at a school that values the individuality of our students.

The next step for me includes making sure I'm hearing all the voices of our wonderful school community. I've already heard from a number of students about their eagerness for some different lunch clubs and from parents who are keen to contribute. But I want to hear from all of you. So, a parent/carers survey is about to be sent out that will ask about how you would like to take part in school activities and if you have any interests or skills that you would like to put towards a weekly lunch club. It would be great to see those who are interested have an opportunity to contribute to our children's positive experiences at school.

To get the ball rolling, we already have a few clubs locked in to begin in the coming weeks. This includes a Pokemon Club and a Lego Club. To support an engaging Lego Club, we are on the lookout for any Lego donations. If you have any unused Lego at home that you don't need or want, it would be fantastic if you could drop it off to our office. We will put it to good use!

Have a fantastic weekend and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces next week!

Cheers,  
Jim



## REMINDERS

- Our school hall is open this Saturday as a voting centre for the referendum.
- Prep to Grade 4 Swimming Permission Forms & Payment on Qkr! due by Tuesday 24th October.
- Please make sure your contact / address details and photo permission are up to date with the office.

Thank you to all our wonderful helpers who made "Willow the Wonderer" such a huge success!

The success of our recent school production was testament to the calibre of students, staff and community we have at The Patch PS. Where else would there be such generous support, involvement and engagement for a school event.

Here is an excerpt from last Friday's assembly that identifies and gives thanks to those who ensured the day/night was a special one for all.

"Willow the Wonderer" was a huge success due to the extra work many people put in over the months, weeks and days leading up to the event.

- Sofia and Leanne -what can we say? Music, songs, dances, artwork, slide show content, props, choreography and endless rehearsals. They were ambitious and believed in their students and the results showed.
- Leanne's father and the other band members (including Jess Dunn and Chris walker), who gave up their time to rehearse and get everyone on the beat. Special thanks to Leo Kavanagh who jumped in at the last minute when the regular drummer was unable to attend.
- Kellie and her wizardry with costumes and props.
- Pauleen and Jennie for helping additional classes with their performances.
- Kim C and Lukas for their staging and lighting expertise and Kent for creating the slideshow at the start of the performance.
- Ange Ellis for coaching Sam on his performance as Willow.
- Amber Williams for her beautiful and professional images of the event; and Kaia Kedem-Grace for her photos and footage of the performances.
- Amanda St Leger for the outstanding makeup on Willow and quite a few extra students as well.
- Karen Robinson for creating the gorgeous photo display in the foyer of students rehearsing over the weeks prior to the show.
- Glenn, our maintenance man, for marking out the stage in the hall and in the basketball court.
- Poppy Hayler and Eddie Pritchard for their wonderful t-shirt design under Sofia's careful guidance and Mikhaela Bourke for organising the printing and sale of the t-shirts.
- Indi for creating the beautiful programmes.
- Kim, Andrea and Karen, in the office, for organising the ticket sales and answering all the 1000's of questions from everyone.
- All the teachers and aides for developing such wonderful items to perform and for ensuring every single student was supervised, entertained and ready to perform during the long day and night, but who also directed the audience, supervised the drop off and pick up, solved multiple problems and jumped in to help whenever needed.
- Thank you to the fundraising team, particularly Mikhaela Bourke, Carly Russo and Anna Moss for their help with planning and organising the food and drinks and all the volunteer parents who helped cook, serve, set up, pack up and even run down the street for more milk during the event.
- This is a remarkable community made more remarkable by the wonderful students who sang their hearts out, wore their costumes with pride, danced, rapped and played their instruments so beautifully. There would have been no show without you - you are amazing. Special shout out to Sam Marco as Willow and the Year 5/6 solo singers
- Finally, a thank you to Sushi Train in Belgrave - say thank you if ever you are in the restaurant and Bellevue Orchard for their discounted juices.
- And of course the wonderful audience who came and watched the performance- make sure you read Ange Ellis's review of the show in this school newsletter.

Best wishes, Michelle

# WILLOW THE WONDERER

## Theatre Review

As the school song of the Patch accompanied people to their seats at the Discovery Church on Thursday 15th of September, the gathering audience watched as photos of our Grade 6'ers mingled with their photos from their prep years. Flipping through the beautifully designed program by Indigo Sangster, the excitement was palpable.

Then a gentle hush fell over the crowd as a small figure walked onto the stage (with his very proud Mum!) and delivered with a confidence and pride that belied his years the Acknowledgement of Country. Tyrese, I hope that was as memorable an experience for you, as you made it for us.

As the lights, wonderfully managed by Lukas Battey our Education Aide dimmed, and the slide show began of Willow, beautifully handled by our new STEM teacher Kim, the Narrator took her seat to start the show. Deb's voice rang out through the church as Willow took his place and our philosophy lesson began. Played with much pride dedication and hard work by Grade 6 student Sam and looking just like Willow thanks to the magic of Makeup Artist and Parent Amanda St Ledger. Willow began his search for happiness.

Nothing says live theatre quite like live musicians. Our conductor, Leanne graceful as always as she led the merry players, whose talent and obvious enjoyment provided such a beautiful background to our performers. How lucky to have that talent in our community.

The Grade 5's opened the show with a bang. What a start. They got all our toes tapping as the weeks of rehearsal paid off, then their clear and proud voices ringing out when sharing their innermost thoughts and finishing off their scene with a very impressive (and trusting) human pyramid.

Our Preps were next, and have you ever seen a prouder and happier bunch take to the stage? How well they all did. It can be scary for anyone to perform in front of so many people, but our preps didn't flinch, I think they could have stayed on stage all night.

Grade 1/2A and Grade 1/2D gave a performance that would have made King Neptune and Ariel very proud. How clever to include Willow in the lyrics, what concentration it took to have so many different sea creatures have their moment in the spotlight. It was a real crowd pleaser.

Back on land Grade 1/2B and Grade 1/2C gathered around the fire and warmed everyone up. They made us believe the fire was crackling and the smoke was rising. What a smoking performance.

Then we were treated to a beautiful ballet that took us away with the stars by our Grade 4's. As they glided back and forth a serene feeling washed over the crowd. Then, suddenly, the lights dimmed and a rush of creepy crawlies crowded the stage. What a contrast! How clever to use the UV paint to create the amazing effect it did, and I think a certain teacher had a lot of fun covering the kids in it (not looking at anyone in particular....Ollie!). The fact that the kids created these creatures themselves just added to the effects.

During the interval we were provided with loads of yummy goodies that our parent fundraising team (led by the always organised and smiling Michelle) had worked hard sourcing and organising. Months of meetings and fine tuning meant it was run like a well-oiled machine where orders were packed and ready to go and all the parent volunteers that signed up to dish everything out greeted everyone with a smile and a chat.

# WILLOW THE WONDERER

Back from interval, our Grade 3's performed with enthusiasm and excitement that left this reviewer randomly shouting "Confusion" for days after the show! They left a wonderful lasting impression and their excitement to be on stage was infectious.

We waved goodbye to Sam as Willow who was guided by "Stage manager" - Art teacher Pauline who ensured no one tripped or was caught in the curtain in the dark. He was then converted from a happy donkey back to Grade 6'er Sam in a blink of an eye so he could rejoin his class for their grand finale of Identity - within and without.

At rehearsals there was hardly a dry eye in the house as we watched the Grade 6'ers perform their pieces and then quite literally pass the lantern for the Grade 5's to carry next year and it was no different at the two performances. A beautifully emotional and happy performance as we say goodbye and wish our school seniors well on their next journey.

The evening performance culminated in the entire school performing 4 special songs. The last two being especially directed to Deb as we said goodbye and thank you for her years of service to the Patch and also in Education.

In finishing this review, special mention must go to the athleticism shown by "crew" Sofia and Kellie. Over the course of the day their step counters must have malfunctioned as they moved effortlessly in changing props, guiding performers on and off stage and trying to stay hidden as they mirrored the routines in case anyone forgot a step. Stars of the night that needed a round of applause on their own.

Like all great productions, there are no small parts, and Willow was no different. Without Kim, Karen and Andrea in the office, no one would have had a ticket, known where or when to go or been able to answer the million questions the community had so effortlessly. Take a bow.

Finally standing ovations must be given to the Teachers/ES staff who now add, directors, choir masters' choreographers, prop masters, costume designers (you see where I am going with this) to their already overflowing rack of hats. Put simply it wouldn't have happened without them and that's on top of keeping very excited kids entertained off stage throughout the day/night. Bravo!

Encore??

No?

You sure?

This was a true community effort and gave the children of The Patch and their families a core memory that will last a lifetime.

This reviewer gives it



# WILLOW THE WONDERER

Hundreds of beautiful images of the production were very kindly captured by a parent volunteer and professional photographer, Amber!  
We are currently working on ways that we can share these photos with the school community without compromising privacy and photo agreements - Stay tuned!



## STUDENT AWARDS



## Community Action Morning



### Save the Date!



Make sure you mark **Sunday the 19th November** in your diaries / calendars for our final Community Action Morning for 2023!

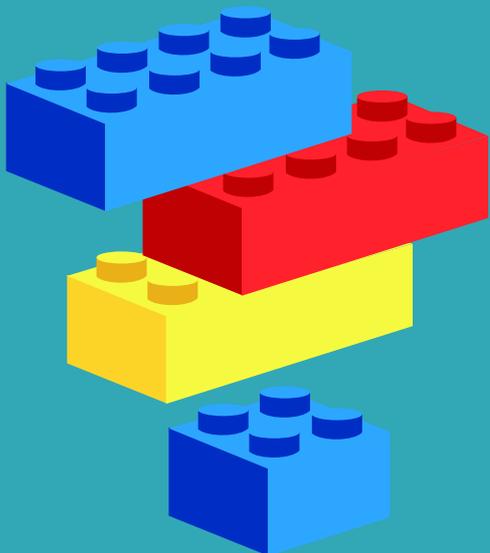
Come Along between 9am - 12 noon and help make some final improvements to our grounds, enjoy some pizza, share some skills and create some artworks.



More info in the coming weeks



Email Michelle ([michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au)) for more information.



## LEGO DONATIONS

Our new Lego Club is looking for donations!

If you happen to have any unused Lego at home that you are happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

Please drop donations off to the office.

Thank you in advance. 😊

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our school has an excellent extracurricular music program with 5 instrumental music teachers offering lessons on various instruments. All instrumental teachers are contractors, set their own fees and timetables. Music lessons can fill up quickly, so waiting lists are a possibility for some lessons. If you are interested in music lessons for your child/ren it is best to contact the teacher individually.

### Jess Dunn

Junior Choir, small group ukulele lessons, small group voice lessons, solo lessons (voice or ukulele)  
Email: jessdunn.arts@gmail.com  
Mob: 0408 102 542

### Hiro Mukai

Violin  
Email: hiro1656@hotmail.com  
Mob: 0423 765 312

### Eddie Cole

Guitar  
Email: music@eddiecole.com  
Mob: 0417 152 947

### Mieke Florisson

Senior (Yr3-Yr6) Piano  
Email: miekeflorisson@bigpond.com  
Mob: 0407 647 511

### Madeleine Rowe

Junior (Prep - Yr2) Piano  
Email: musicalmother@hotmail.com  
Mob: 0408 539 523



## Community Notices

**Monbulk Netball Club**  
AGM HELD ON NIGHT  
COME AND JOIN THE COMMITTEE. GET INVOLVED  
PRE REGISTRATION  
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT  
& SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Your name appears  
**WINTER COMP 2024**

**29TH NOVEMBER** 4pm @ **MONBULK NETBALL COURTS**

The poster features a background image of netball players in maroon uniforms huddled together on a court. The text is overlaid in white and yellow, with some elements in a stylized, hand-drawn font.



## ParentZone Term 4 2023

Parenting programs \* Free of Charge \* Bookings Essential

### Dads Matter

#### A program for dads

**Dates:** Mondays (6 evening sessions)  
2nd October - 4th December 2023  
(3 sessions, then a break, then 3 more))

**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children

**Bookings:** [Click here to register \(limited places\)](#)

**Enquiries:** Julia 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

### Talking Teens

#### For parents of 12 to 18 year olds

**Dates:** Monday evenings (6 sessions)  
16th October - 27th November

**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

Learn why teens behave like they do. Discover strategies to deal with conflict, anxiety and improve your relationship with your young person

**Bookings:** [Click here to register \(limited places\)](#)

**Enquiries:** sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

### Parenting Anxious Children

#### For parents of 2 - 12 year olds

**Dates:** Tuesdays (6 afternoon sessions)  
17th October - 28th November 2023

**Time:** 12.00pm - 2.00pm

**Venue:** Online

Discover how anxiety develops throughout childhood. Learn parenting strategies to help your child cope

with anxious feelings. Teach your child the skills of resilience so they can bounce back from adversities.

Communicate better with your child.

**Bookings:** [Click here to register \(limited places\)](#)

**Enquiries:** sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

### Tuning Into Kids

#### For parents of 4 to 12 year olds

**Dates:** Mondays (6-evening sessions)  
16th October - 27th November 2023

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

Would you like to be better at talking with and understanding your child? To help them learn to manage their emotions, deal with conflict and prevent behaviour problems in your child?

**Bookings:** [Click here to register \(limited places\)](#)

**Questions:** Deborah on 0488 501 204



# PARENTZONE

# ParentZone Term 4 2023 (Continued)

## Living With ADHD/ADD Parenting Program

**Dates:** Tuesdays (6 afternoon sessions)  
17th October - 28th November 2023

**Time:** 12.00pm - 1.30pm

**Venue:** Online

Are you a parent or carer of a child who has ADHD/ADD? This is an opportunity to share information, parenting strategies and build connections

**Bookings:** limited places

**Enquiries:** Michelle on 0438 646 744

## Parenting Workshops For Parents of 4 -12 year olds

Do you want to look at parenting tips and strategies around:

- Communication?
- Dealing With Feelings?
- Resilience?
- Solution finding?

If you would like to look at these topics in the lead up to Christmas

**Contact:** Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

## Strengthening Parents Support Program

Strengthening Parents Support Program provides monthly face to face peer support groups and fortnightly online groups for parents and carers who are caring for a child with a disability or developmental delay (with or without a formal diagnosis)

**Contact:** Michelle on 0438 646 744 or [StrengtheningParentSupport@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:StrengtheningParentSupport@anglicarevic.org.au)

### LIVING WITH ADHD/ADD

Fortnightly 10:30am-11.30am Thursdays Via Zoom  
Via Zoom Oct 5th & 19th, Nov 2nd, 16th & 30th, Dec 14th

### BAYSWATER GROUP

10:30-11:30AM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during school terms  
Glen Park Community Centre 30 Glen Park Rd, Bayswater Nth  
Face to Face Oct 11th, Nov 8th & Dec 13th

### LILYDALE GROUP

10:30-11:30AM on the 3rd Friday of the month during school terms  
Anglicare office, 47-51 Castella Street, Lilydale  
Face to Face Oct 20th, Nov 17th & Dec 8th

### LIVING WITH AUTISM SUPPORT

Fortnightly Tuesday Evenings 7-8pm  
via Zoom Oct 10th & 24th, Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th

### ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP

Fortnightly Thursday Mornings 10.30am-11.30am  
via Zoom Oct 12th & 26th, Nov 9th & 23th, Dec 7th





# Parenting Solo

**A Parents Building Solutions Program  
for Sole Parents of Children aged 0-18 years**

**Do you want to:**

- Feel more supported as a sole parent?
- Learn strategies to help your child cope with change and stress in life?
- Set boundaries on challenging behavior while still maintaining a positive relationship with your child?
- Connect with other sole parents living in Melbourne's Eastern suburbs?

**Join this interactive 5-week program to learn strategies and connect with others.**

**When:** Thursday afternoons (5 weeks)

**Dates:** Nov 9th to Nov 30th, 2023

**Time:** 12:00 to 2:00 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom.

**Cost:** Free for sole parents living in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

**Registration:** [click here](#)

**Email:** [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

**Please Note:**

This is an interactive program. You will need to log in on a device with video and audio in order to participate.

Artwork by James Padgett, Yr 9

# Monbulk College

# Arts & Technology Exhibition



**Thursday, November 2nd, 5-7pm**

T-9751 9000 David Hill Rd Monbulk

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