Homework Expectations:
- **Mathletics** several times a week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)
- **Reading** for 20-30 minutes every day. Remember to track your thinking and record your reading in your diary.

What’s Coming Up
- **District Cross Country** – TOMORROW! 29th May
- **Garden Working Bee** – Sunday 31st May
- **Parent Information Session** – Monday 1st of June
- **Camp payment** due – Wed 17th June
- **Last Day of Term Two** – Friday 26th June
- **First Day of Term 3** – Monday 14th July
- **Grade 3/4 Camp** – Wednesday 22nd – Friday the 24th of July

What we are learning about at the moment:

**Numeracy:** Multiplication and division continue to be a major focus in Maths. We are also investigating Area and Perimeter and how our understanding of multiplication and division can assist us when working out the area and the perimeter of a shape. Please remember to help your child to master their times tables. Having automatic recall of multiplication facts will make maths easier every day in your child’s life. You can download and print out the times table flash cards we have uploaded to the Grade 3/4 section of the school website ([http://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/year-level-news/year-3-4/](http://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/year-level-news/year-3-4/))

**Literacy:** We continue to investigate text types with our focus remaining on Persuasive as well as Narrative and Poetry texts. We are also concentrating on the editing process – checking our spelling and our punctuation and making sure we have included all of the information our reader will need to understand our text. We are reviewing nouns, verbs and adjectives and learning more about using adjectives and adverbs to enhance our writing.

Many of our grade 3/4 students are doing an outstanding job of reading for 20 minutes at least five times a week. They are recording this reading in their diaries and returning their diaries to school every day for teachers to check. Teachers are carefully keeping track of these students and everyone who remembers to follow this process will be participating in a super fun rewards day that we are planning for them for the last day of term (Friday 26th June). Is your child reading each night? Are they recording this in their diaries? Are you checking their diary and asking them questions about their reading? Is your child bringing their diary to school each day?

All students are focussing on THREE spelling words at a time.
**Mathletics** is a brilliant tool to help your child cement the topics we are covering at school in Numeracy. **Students who are not using Mathletics at home will be required to complete a maths work sheet for homework.**

**Boxes of tissues** are always needed here at school. Please send some in with your child if you can. Please contact us if you would like to have a chat regarding your child 😊

**Camp payment** ($240) is due by Wednesday the 17th of June. We realise that finding this amount of money can be challenging at times and we encourage you to speak with us if you need to. Likewise, if you wish to speak with us about any concerns you have in regards to camp, please feel free to contact us. Have you told us yet whether your child will or will not be attending camp? **Unless we hear otherwise from you, we will assume that your child will be attending this camp.**

As part of our **Sustainability** program, students are participating in innovative and interesting ‘campaigns’. You can find out about these campaigns on our website – click on the Sustainability link under “Student Programmes. Please read the information on the following page in regards to 3/4C’s incredible campaign.

Students have identified our fortnightly newsletters as a large contributor to waste in our school. As such, they have requested that we no longer print these newsletters but send them via Tiqbiz as well as using our school website. We have respectfully followed this request 😊

**The weather** at this time of the year can be unpredictable and wet day timetables become more common. At our school we are raising resilient young people and we believe that it is important for our students to be prepared for inclement weather and to spend time outside on these days.

Our community understands the benefits of being outside in the warmer weather and we provide our children with appropriate clothing for such weather (hats, t-shirts, shorts and sunscreen). Those same benefits can be obtained in winter, providing we wear suitable warm clothing and have access to rainwear if it is drizzling.

Some advantages to spending time outside at break times include
- staff and students getting some fresh air rather than spending the whole day inside;
- it provides a chance for students to use their bodies (particularly the large muscles) rather than just their minds;
- it improves winter fitness and increases circulation;
- we are healthier and more resilient when we spend more time in a natural environment.

In recognition of this we will be sending students outside on wet weather days during recess and lunch play times, provided it is safe to do so. They will need to have warm clothes and a raincoat and you may consider an extra pair of dry socks in their bags. Children without coats will be able to play in one of the many sheltered areas as they do when they do not have a hat in summer.

In the case of extreme or dangerous winter weather, students will of course be kept safely inside.

**Your children are very important to us and we believe that we work best when we all work together. If you have any information, celebrations or concerns that you would like to share with your child’s teacher, please contact us to make an appointment.**
Our school is participating in a fascinating recycling program!

We are collecting a wide variety of items whose packages are normally very difficult to recycle and usually end up as garbage in landfill.

TerraCycle takes them, cleans them up and turns them into new and useful consumer products like park benches, recycled garden pavers, recycled waste bins and bags. This means the usually discarded packages are not going into landfill and, better still, the new “upcycled” products use much less energy to make than items made from raw materials.

If you use any of the items listed below, Please collect them and send them in to your child’s classroom. Please also consider asking friends and family to help us raise money for our school.

TerraCycle will donate 1 cent to our school for every item we collect. So we’re not only helping the environment, but we’ll be helping our school just by collecting something that would normally be considered garbage!

Here’s all you need to know about the items we are collecting:

You can bring your items to be recycled to The Patch Primary School and put them into the appropriate boxes in the school foyer.

Thank you for your help with this fascinating and innovative recycling project!