What’s Coming Up

- **Reports go home** - Friday 17th July.
- **Australian Maths Competition** - Thursday 30th July
- **Parent Teacher Student Conferences** – Tuesday, 4th August
- **Hoop Time** - Thursday 13th August State Basketball Centre, Wantirna
- **The Patch Bush Dance** - Thursday 17th September

Homework Expectations

- **Reading** for 20-30 minutes every day. Record your reading in your diary.
- **Reading Letters**: One per fortnight. Each student has a special day to hand this in. The reading letter timetables for each grade are posted on the Grade 56 section of the school website.
- **Spelling**: individual lists for testing on Wednesdays or other task

Hoop Time

On Tuesday August the 4th, students who chose to participate will be going to the State Basketball Centre to compete in the Hoop Time basketball Round Robin.
Information for this event can be found on the note which was sent home on Monday the 13th of July. Alternatively, the same note can be found on the school’s website or on Tiqbiz.
We are still needing parent help on the day to either score or coach/manage a team. Please send Kent an email (agis.kent.k@edumail.vic.gov.au) if this is something you can assist with.

Musical Achievement

Sadie of Grade 56A recently participated in a song competition. Voting was via social media, and Sadie was in the top 6 for popular vote - a fantastic achievement. Sadie is recording her own CD at the moment and it will be ready before she leaves at the end of the year. She is also featuring in this year’s State School Spectacular. If you would like to go and support Sadie, early bird “Spectacular” tickets are on sale for this week only (until Monday). After that tickets are still available at a higher price.

State Cross Country

On Thursday the 16th of July, Kayla Zunica will be competing in the State Cross country against some of the best runners in the state! She has done amazingly to get to this level and we’re all really excited for her and proud of her efforts.
Three Way Conferences
A major part of the new reporting schedule at The Patch P.S. is the running of Three Way Conferences. These conferences will now be lead by the student with support from the teacher, creating an atmosphere of celebration for students and an “ownership” of their learning. It is no longer a conversation between grownups, but an opportunity for students to showcase their success and share their learning. Prior to the conference, students work with their teachers in class to develop their presentation. They learn about public speaking skills and the importance of solid preparation. They reflect on their learning and set goals to help them move forward.
In Years 3 – 6, the student uses a PowerPoint presentation during this conference to present work samples, discuss successes, present future learning goals and reflect on the past Semester. The presentation is developed during Writing and ICT sessions, as it is an authentic use of transactional text and ICT to present their own ideas.
Reflection and goal setting is central to student learning and part of our regular assessment and reporting cycle. The Three Way Conference is a powerful way for students to showcase their learning in a supportive environment and allows parents a deeper insight into their child’s achievement. The Three Way Conference is a celebration of student learning. Therefore any issues or concerns requiring a conversation between a teacher and parent/carer should be organized for a later time. This is not to diminish any important issue, but to acknowledge the purpose of the Three Way Conference.

What are we learning about at the moment?

MATH
We have recently been focusing on area and Pi. We have been working in groups to figure out the area of regular and irregular shapes. We have been using Length times width to work out tricky area problems.

SPELLING
Every Monday we pick five words with spelling rules that confuse us, we practice them throughout the week and then test them on Friday. Your child’s spelling words should be in their diary.

Art
This term the year six’s are going to be working on their masks. The grade fives are going to be making self portraits. We are currently working on our Calendars (order sheets available soon)

REACH ROOKIES
Reach rookies is a self-confidence building programme. The kids are asked to do things that they are not usually up to do. The programme is run by young people too so you’re child feels comfortable and free to be them self.

MASK PROJECTS
The grade six’s have chosen a mask to research and make. They will change the mask to match their personality and will hopefully be finished by the end of term three.

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