What’s Coming Up

- **Reach Rookies** - first session Friday 19th June.
- **Last Day Term 2** – Friday June 26th of June, 2.30pm
- **Australian Maths Competition** - Thursday 30th July

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 Fridays or other task

Reach Rookies

This fabulous program has been funded by a one off grant through our Kids Matter implementation. Unfortunately all students MUST have a returned permission slip or they CANNOT be included in the programme. Please ensure the form is returned tomorrow (Thursday)

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
The past week we have been learning about area and perimeter. The 5/6’s have been measuring squares, rectangles, right angle triangles and circles. Most of the 5/6s have successfully completed this task. Some of them now know pi and radius.

SPELLING
On Mondays we get new words from our SWST test which shows us which spelling strategies we have problems with. During the week we practice them by using a piece of paper that has activities on it to help us learn our new words. Then on Fridays we get tested by our spelling buddies. Our spelling focus this week was adding “ing” to different words. We explored and put the words in categories.

Bush dancing
Every Tuesday at PE children learn to bush dance. No one likes this activity because they hate dancing. But at the end (if we have time) we play Crab Soccer. Marg teaches us bush dancing. But now people are starting to like it (a little).

ROUND ROBIN
In June all of 5/6 did a round robin the sports were ... Bat Tennis, Soccer and Hoopball . This awesome event was held at Monbulk Reserve. Thankyou to Kent and the other teachers who organised this event.

CRACK THE CODE
Last week we did a fun maths activity. The preps found the first number. The 1/2s found the second number. The 3/4s found the third number. The three grades cracked the code - the number was 460. Every year level won a prize. The prizes were books.

CROSS COUNTY
Last week a few students from 3-6 went to District Cross County. Well done to all the students who participated in the event.

KIDS MATTER
On Thursday some students from 5/6 helped a kids matter meeting. Half of the students one by one brought down the guests in order from smallest to tallest. The other half helped make pizzas for the guests. Students had to apply in writing to become a Kids matter Student Rep. Fourteen students from 5/6 were successful.

By Jack V. and Mia  56A

Metropolitan Cross Country

On the 16th of June Isabelle, Emily, Isaac and Kayla all had to run 3 kilometres at Yarra Glen race track. They all had very good sportsmanship and congratulations to Kayla for getting through to state level. A huge well done to all of these students.

Reporters: Kayla and Isaac