Welcome back everyone for term 4!

NOVEMBER BOOK FAIR!

The Patch Primary School Book Fair starts Thursday the 19th of November at 3.30pm. Christmas is around the corner, so it’s the perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and support the school at the same time.

The book fair that we held in May raised over $800 for our school library. What a fantastic result! Thank you to everyone for their support. Our library has beautiful books and without the support of the school community and the wonderful people who do the scholastic book club, we would not have such a comprehensive and delightful selection of books.

The book fair starts at 3.30pm on Thursday the 19th of November and finishes 9.00am Thursday the 26th.

See you at the book fair!

Cheers, Josie

Dates to Remember

October
Mon 19th
School Council
Mon 26th
Murrundindi Visit P-2
Tues 27th
OSHC Fundraiser @ Diana Ferrari 7pm
Nude Food Day (see flyer below)
Thurs 29th
Prep Transition 9:30-10:30am
Curriculum Day (Students not required at school)

November
Mon 2nd
Teacher Planning Day – alternate program for students
Tues 3rd
Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Wed 4th/Fri 13th
Prep – Grade 2 Swimming Program
Mon 16th-Wed 18th
Grade 6 Sovereign Hill Historical Excursion
Thurs 19th
Grade 2 School Sleepover
Mon 23rd
Prep-2 Athletics Day
Thurs 26th
Prep Transition 9-11am Specialists

December
Tues 1st
Whole School Music Incursion Prep-6
Tues 1st
2016 Prep Info Night 7-8pm
Wed 2nd
Whole School Christmas Carols (weather permitting) Time TBA
Fri 4th
Prep/Buddy Excursion – Miniature Railway, Kilsyth
Tues 8th
Step Up Day 9:30-11am – Reports go home and Grades announced
Tues 15th
Grade 6 Graduation – Nathania Springs
Fri 18th
LAST DAY term 4 – early finish TBA
Fri 18th
Grade 5/6 Excursion Knox Leisureworks
Thought for the week: “The key to happiness is having dreams: the key to success is making them come true.” - James Allen

We have had an unprecedented number of enrollments for Foundation (Prep) next year and I am now able to announce the structure for 2016 will increase from 12 grades this year to 13 for 2016. The following is the grade levels and within the next 4 weeks staffing will be allocated.

3 Foundation grades
3 Year 1/2 grades
2 Year 3 grades
2 Year 4 grades
3 Year 5/6 grades

We welcome back the Hawthorne and McDonald families who have returned from Queensland. Kellie will also be resuming work for one day a week in the Year 2’s. She is replacing Yale who is working with our year 3/4 grades on a new program called “Finding Power Girl and Finding Power Boy”. The program is designed to help develop respect, inner strength and happiness. This will add to our programs of Empower for Girls and Boys in Year 5 and Standing Tall in Year 6.

Friday the 30th of October is a Curriculum Day and is therefore a student free day. The following Monday the 2nd November is a whole school planning day for teachers. This will involve employing Casual Relief Teachers for the day to take classes; the regular program will be altered to accommodate this planning. A reminder if you are intending to have an extended weekend please make sure you send an absence note on Tiqbiz for the days you will be away. Before and After School Care will continue as normal.

Staff will commence preparing class groups for 2016 from Monday 2nd November. This involves looking at children’s needs - both academically, behaviourally and socially. Our aim is to have balanced class groups in terms of academic ability, behaviour and social needs.

We are working towards a step up morning on Tuesday the 8th of December for children to meet with their new teaching team. Teacher allocation will come home with your child’s reports on this day.

I am thrilled to back and wish you all a great weekend.

Deb

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Welcome back to a very warm Term 4. I hope you all had a nice holiday break and were able to recharge.

It has been quite a hot start to Term 4 with a Total Fire Ban day in the first week of October. This is unusual for this time of year but it was a good reminder that both the school, and the parents, need to revisit their fire plans to make sure they are up to date and ready to be enacted. The school has a very comprehensive fire plan that has been reviewed again over the past week. We will be organising a public meeting hosted by CFA for parents to understand what happens in the event of an emergency and will assist you in preparing or revisiting your own fire plans. We will inform you of the date soon.

Just thinking about Term 3 and the Bush dance for a moment I would like to say what an enjoyable evening it was. I was so impressed with the kids and the work they had put in and the Grade 6 mask show was very moving. I was so proud to be part of this school community and was so glad to see so many families enjoying the night. It was very inspiring to see past and present teachers all playing instruments up on the stage. All their efforts made it a wonderful night. Thank you to all those involved including all the teachers, kids, musicians and helpers.

As I mentioned on the night of the Bush dance the school council is forming a Parents & Friends group that will assist in improving the school and the events it holds. We have a group of people that have said they would like to be involved to get this up and running. This will be a group that will be less formal than school council and hopefully will allow more parents a place to voice ideas and input into the school in varied ways. If you would like to be involved, please email me with your details. We will hold an initial meeting to get things going so keep an eye out for the upcoming information.

Also for parents that are on Facebook, we have a parent run private group where information is shared among school families. If you would like to join please look us up at Patch Parents Community Group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/371883022845809/ ). News, events and plenty of information is shared here in a private group that is only accessed by school families.

On another note, school council will be looking for a few new members coming into next year. If you have any interest feel free to talk to Deb or myself about what it involves and your areas of interest. There are also subcommittees in Finance, Policy, and OSHC among others that you may wish to contribute to. Have a great Term 4 and please feel free to contact me with feedback, ideas, and concerns or simply for a good old chat :)

Sarah Tebbutt
on behalf of The Patch School Council
tebbutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
In Sustainability we’ve started working with a company called Terracycle. At Terracycle they turn usually non-recyclable things such as toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and spray bottle tops into things such as park benches and rubbish bins. There are many brigades to join, and the two our school has joined are the Colgate and the Cleaner Packaging Brigades, which are both mostly for bathroom related products. We have a collection box for “The Colgate Brigade” for things like used toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and boxes, dental floss packets, and other items as well as “The Cleaner Packaging Brigade” for items such as hand wash pumps and beauty product tubes. For every piece of rubbish we send off, our school receives 1 cent. So if we sent 5000 bits of rubbish to them, not only do we receive 50 dollars but we also reduce landfill. Students are bringing home a flier for you to pop on your fridge so you know what you can bring to put into the Terracycle collection boxes. Together we CAN save the world!

Words by Grace, 3/4A

The 3/4 students have written a song about Terracycle. The lyrics and a film clip of them performing it can be found on the school website.
Our Year 5/6 Students Lead the Way

We are constantly reminded of the success of our Philosophy and Environmental/Science Programs whenever we have visitors to our garden and this week was no exception. When Early Childhood Development students from Chisholm Institute of TAFE and Urban Horticulture students from the University of Melbourne visited this week, over 50 Year 5/6 students provided tours of our Learning Landscapes. They spoke with confidence, clarity and intelligence prompting our visitors (who help fund our garden works through their excursion fee) to comment on their passion and connectedness to their school and gardens and their outstanding knowledge, enthusiasm and ownership of the process of designing, creating and maintaining these outstanding learning spaces.

Throughout the visit they talked about how garden-making at The Patch is ongoing, the seasons for different vegetables and plants, how we have begun to restore our school boundaries as habitat for wildlife, how to use tools safely and work in teams, the way learning outside helps to reinforce concepts learn indoors, and much more.

In the words of one of our visitors:
“I was absolutely blown away by their passion for horticulture, garden design and sustainability, as well as how well they maintain the gardens. The Year 5 kids that took Nic, Austin and I on a tour were so smart and enthusiastic about everything they are involved in regarding the garden, it was an absolute joy to experience.”

Well done Year 5/6 students and congratulations for making the most of these learning experiences.

Michelle
Congratulations to all the students awarded certificates at assembly!

Well done everyone!
Have you been to Assembly recently? We hold our whole-school Assembly on Friday mornings at 9am either in the Hall or on the basketball court, depending on the weather.

Hope to see you there soon!

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Soccer Champ!

Congratulations to Oskar from grade 5 for being selected as the 2015 recipient of the Alex Webb award from the Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club. This award is presented to a 10-13 year old player who has exhibited outstanding qualities and commitment to soccer.

Well done Oskar!
We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback about our new payment app Qkr (pronounced ‘Quicker’). For any of you who do not have access to a tablet or smart phone and cannot access the app, head to the school website (School Life tab) where there is information about how to access the web based version.

Paying Cash at School

As we are fast becoming a cashless school, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you are needing to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.
Victorian Schools Garden Awards in partnership with The Patch Primary School presents

Engaging Children with Gardening - Creating Learning Landscapes

Friday 6th November  The Patch Primary School  9am—3.30pm

The multiple award winning school The Patch has demonstrated how collaboration of school and local community can create landscapes for learning that are beautiful, educational, sustainable and therapeutic. Come and see how they do it and also visit the sensational garden program at nearby Kallista Primary School.

Topics to include:

- Nurturing biodiversity in your school’s learning landscapes
- How to firmly embed sustainable practices into a curriculum
- Volunteers...working with your local community
- Empowering students to become environmental leaders
- Including students of ALL abilities....even those difficult to engage or at risk.

Speakers:

- Dynamic teacher Michelle Rayner driving force behind the development of learning landscapes at The Patch
- John Rayner senior lecturer at University of Melbourne who has presented internationally on children's and therapeutic landscapes
- Internationally acclaimed garden designer Richard Bellemo
- Basil Natoli special education teacher and horticulturist

Cost:

$120 for all professionals
$30 for parents and volunteers
Includes refreshments and lunch

To register go to: Eventarc

Visit schoolsgardenawards.org.au or call 9576 0599 for more information on professional development workshops

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You are invited to an exclusive shopping night of Fashionable Fundraising where Diana Ferrari will donate

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Treat yourself to a night of fashionable fun with friends, complimentary drinks and canapés!

Tuesday 27th October 2015
6.30pm - 9.00pm
Diana Ferrari Knox Boutique
Shop 2007A, Knox City Shopping Centre

R.S.V.P by Monday 19th October
Sue Kidd - 0417 328 113
Email: suekidd@bigpond.com
Limited places available.

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CONTACTING OSHC

To contact OSHC staff during program hours please call the main school telephone number 9756 7463 and select Option 1 to be directed to the OSHC landline.

If this line is unavailable, please call the mobile 0419 515 494 and, if there is no answer, feel free to leave a message.

Also call this number during school hours and you will be re-directed to the OSHC Voicemail.

Staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

The Patch Store is on Qkr!

School lunch orders are now available for order on Qkr! This will be a great time saver, no longer will you have to scrounge for loose change in the morning rush! Lunch order days are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When you log on to Qkr simply click on The Patch Store then select the day you are ordering lunch for, then scroll through the products and select what you’d like. You will need to order individually for each child.

Remember that if you have ordered lunch on QkR, there is no need to place a written order in your child’s lunch order basket. As with any new process, there may be a few hiccups to begin with but the system is constantly being refined and your feedback is valued.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and understanding.
Uniform Shop on Qkr!

The Uniform Shop has been successfully set up on Qkr! You can order uniform items at any time of day, no matter where you are! Using Qkr for uniform orders saves both you and our wonderful volunteers a lot of time. Orders for each week need to be in by 3.30pm on Wednesday so they can be packed on Thursday. The Uniform Shop will still be open from 9 - 9.30am on Thursday. This is our preferred method of ordering school uniforms. Please note that the exchange conditions for the Uniform Shop have also recently changed, and can be found on the school website, Qkr and tiqbiz.

If you have any questions please direct them to: uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au

**Parking Restrictions Behind the Hall**

Please note that there is no parking behind the Hall. This is a staff only area and we ask parents and visitors to use the gravel car park behind the shelter shed or parallel parking spaces along the ring road.

Thank you for your co-operation 😊
Garden Team

We are always looking for new members for our Garden Team. If you would like to come along to our monthly Tuesday night meeting, please see Michelle Rayner 😊

MONBULK MILO
In2CRICKET
2015/2016

Milo Cricket is back at Monbulk. With over 100 participants last season, this program is one of the most successful in the state, including one of the largest for female participants.

Where
Monbulk Cricket Club (Monbulk Recreation Reserve 124 J1)

Why
A fun and organised 12 week program that helps develop cricket skills, fitness, social skills and sportsmanship.

Who
All girls and boys aged 5 - 9

Coordinator
Damian Howard

Phone
0429 900 183

Email
damianhoward1969@gmail.com

Cost
$80 (includes bat, ball, t-shirt, back-pack, hat, drink bottle and more)

Day/Time
Fri 5.30pm-6.30pm (BBQ each evening) Starting Fri 5th Nov

Registration Day: Friday 16th October - 5.30pm @ Monbulk Cricket Clubrooms
If possible, please register online @ in2cricket.com.au (enter Monbulk or 3793). Please pay on the 16th if you register online.

monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au
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FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!!
CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!

Level 1 Camp - weekend Fri. 12th February - Sun. 14th February 2016
$65 Full Fee
(Also, Level 3 camp on Fri. 23rd- Sun 25th October 2015)
SAY NO TO BULLYING! OVERCOME SHYNESS!

* Commenced in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason only- because it works! It does cause kids to be much more confident, and it does increase their self-esteem!
* The Feb 16 camp is for new campers. In some cases we do accept new ones in the October camp if extenuating circumstances exist, but ring and ask about this if needed.

See www.kidsofgold.org.au to see who we are, what we do, and to download a form for the Feb 16 camp, which also has more on it about how the camp started and where it is in the beautiful Yarra Valley. Open to Primary kids in Grades 4-6 in 2015(& 9 year olds in Grade 3).
There are 4 levels kids can work through. The 4th level is a Leadership Training level, and in the May 15 camp our first leaders came through from that level, after much hard work!
All activities are fun activities, from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.
Held at Lyrebird Park campsite, Beenak Rd, Yellingbo - Melways 308 K10
Cost of $65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.

Contact Kids of Gold on 0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 (Gary) or 0415 427 396 9 (Gary) to hold a place and/or find out more.

KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN VIC 3795
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Weed Blitz

Free Environmental Weed Tipping Day

Skips will be available at
Kallista Community House, Kallista
Mt Evelyn Rec Reserve, York Rd, Mt Evelyn

Saturday 21st November 2015
9am - 3pm

- Agapanthus
- Arum Lily
- Asparagus Fern
- Banana Passionfruit
- Cotoneaster
- English Holly
- English Ivy
- Japanese Honeysuckle
- Karamu
- Mirror bush
- Montbretia
- Red Cestrum
- Sweet Pittosporum
- Wandering Trad
- Wild Tobacco Tree

When removing weeds please be aware of the potential that native animals may be sheltering in them. Always check woody weeds for nests before removing and where possible replace a weed with an indigenous native plant. Nest boxes are easy to make, inexpensive to buy and a great way of providing homes for native animals.

We cannot accept Noxious Weeds due to legal limitations on transportation [www.depi.vic.gov.au](http://www.depi.vic.gov.au)

Weed information and advice available on the day

Let the Kids Join in the Fun

Children aged 3 to 12 years get the chance to run with Thomas the Tank Engine and Puffing Billy

For more information and registration go to: www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

Sunday 22nd November 2015

Puffing Billy Railway
Station Gembrook
National Nude Food Day is just around the corner! And we would love parents to get nude... food of course! ;-) 

Nude Food Day is all about reducing the amount of rubbish that is generated by packing children’s lunchboxes.

**What are the benefits of going nude?**

- Reducing the amount of packaging, reduces the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill. It also decreases the amount the greenhouse gases generated in producing the additional packaging, creating a more sustainable environment.
- Saves money in the long run. E.g. buying a large tub of yoghurt and dispensing out smaller amounts into containers is cheaper than buying individualised smaller tubs.
- Healthier! Nude Food is essentially nutritious foods found in the core Five Food Groups, which provide all the nutrients, vitamins and minerals that little growing bodies need. To find out more about the Five Food Groups visit the Australian Dietary Guidelines website:
  
  www.eatforhealth.gov.au

- So why not try packing a nude food lunchbox for your child next week?

**Sushi Sandwich Recipes**

Here are some nutritious sandwich options that you could make with your child. Just by tweaking the way they are presented can bring a little fun back into traditional lunchbox items.

**Ingredients:**

Your favourite fresh sandwich combos.

Some examples include:

- Chicken, avocado, grated carrot
- Curried egg and lettuce
- Cheese, hummus and salad
- Ham, salad & reduced fat cream cheese
- Turkey, cranberry, cucumber, lettuce
- Tuna, carrot and avocado

**Method:**

1. Place wholemeal or wholegrain bread slices on a chopping board and using a rolling pin, flatten your bread.
2. Arrange your toppings in rows on the bread. Leave a small gap on one side to make rolling easier. Roll your sandwiches and enjoy!
3. Packaging options can include, reusable sandwich bags/containers or recycled brown paper bags. Avoid disposable items such as cling film.
What is SchoolMate? SchoolMate is an app for Victorian parents to help them understand what their kids are learning and get more involved in their child’s education.

Who is SchoolMate for? Parents of students from prep to Year 10 in Victorian government schools.

Can parents of children in Catholic and independent schools use SchoolMate? Parents with children at Catholic schools can also use SchoolMate as their schools also follow the AusVELS Victorian school curriculum. Parents with children at Independent schools should check with their principal or teacher about how closely their school follows the AusVELS curriculum.

Where can I get SchoolMate? You can download it now for free in the App store and in Google Play. Just search for ‘SchoolMate’.

Does SchoolMate work on all phones and tablets? SchoolMate works on all iPhone 4s, 5s and 6s and all recent iPads. It also works on all current Android phones and tablets.

What will I find in SchoolMate?

SchoolMate will:

- Show parents a snapshot of what their children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provide tips as to what they can do at home to help their kids in the best way possible
- Suggested related apps, books, events and activities relevant to each subject area.

Will SchoolMate tell me everything about what my children are learning at school? No. SchoolMate is a snapshot of the school curriculum (AusVELS) which our school uses as the basis for the learning programs we deliver every day. Parents should always talk to their child’s teacher with any questions about what their child is learning.

Who created SchoolMate? The Department of Education and Training’s Digital Comms team, with lots of help from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and dozens of educators from the Victorian teaching subject associations.
2015 information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.
The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia. This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability. The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors. When implementing the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory. The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. The data will help schools to better support students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?
All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school. Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students. These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?
A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).
WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and programme improvement for students with disability.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA. For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal education authorities. Further information about privacy is available from www.education.gov.au/notices.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them. Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority or association of independent schools. Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, the school is still required to provide support to your child with education needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child. You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability. An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/.
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Wednesdays from 7pm to 9pm
15 Feb to 21 March (excluding 14 March)
5 sessions

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

These two-hour ‘Boys for Beginners’ sessions are held at The Patch Primary School, 53 Kallista-Emerald Road, The Patch

For more info: Helena Laverie at Anglicare Victoria 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204 anglicarevic.org.au
Remember your weekly school banking is collected on a **Wednesday**.

Every time you deposit you will receive a sticker for your certificate and with only 6 stickers per term you will receive a prize at the end of term.

Application forms and certificates are available at the school office.

By banking with Bendigo Bank you also support all the animals at the Monbulk Wildlife Shelter.

Have fun saving and don’t forget you can contact us at the Bank with any questions at all 😊

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E monbulkmailbox@bendigoadelaide.com.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 VPass system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or yellow 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.

Thank you.

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 ismusic@bigpond.com

Music Tuition with Chris Walker
Lessons in piano, guitar and bass guitar during school hours and after.
Phone 0407 049 012 or email chrisw7@ymail.com

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: janeliz.coleman@gmail.com. Be quick as there is 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, starting next term on Mondays, from week 2 onwards. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 5 years’ experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and is looking forward to teaching at The Patch. The cost is $14 for a 20 minute individual lesson or $10 for a paired lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email.
0408 102 542 jessdunn.arts@gmail.com.au

Cardio Tennis
Run during the school terms, this fun and energetic cardio workout to music, allows you to get great exercise whilst hitting the ball! Run by me, you will be instructed through a warm-up, tennis drills, and fun tennis games. 9:30-10:30am Tuesdays at The Patch Tennis Club (not on if it’s raining). All standards welcome. You don’t even have to have played before!
Contact Renae on 0403 498085.