Dates to Remember

September

Tues 8th
5/6 Winter Sports

Fri 11th
Choir/Ukulele Presentation during assembly

Mon 14th
FREE Parent Seminar – Dan Petro 7-9pm

Thurs 17th
Last Day of attendance for Students
Normal Dismissal Time 3.20pm

Thurs 17th
Bush Dance & KidsMatter Launch
(Discovery Church, Mt Evelyn)

Fri 18th
LAST DAY of Term - Curriculum Day
(Students not required at school)

Fri 18th
Fundraiser Pixels at Cameo Cinema, Belgrave 12pm

October

Mon 5th
FIRST DAY of term 4

Mon 19th
School Council Meeting 7pm

Mon 26th
Murrindindi visit Prep-2

Tues 27th
OSHC Fundraiser @ Diana Ferrari 7pm

Thurs 29th
Prep Transition 9:30-10:30am

Fri 30th
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 Camp Sovereign Hill
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

F 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 6 Excursion Knox Leisureworks

Click here to visit our website and read all about the KidsMatter Bushdance on the 17th.

Get all dressed up and come and dance with us. See you there!

Curriculum Day - Friday 18th September

A student-free day is planned for the last day of term 3. On this day, teachers will be working on numeracy assessment and planning for term 4. If there is sufficient demand, our OSHC team will be running a full Curriculum Day program. If you are interested in using this service, please advise Sheila or the school office staff of your intention no later than Friday 28th August.

Please note that we require a minimum of 15 attendees for this program to go ahead. We look forward to a great day!
From the Principal…

Thought for the week:

“Nothing is so fatal to the wellbeing of our children as remaining indifferent to the education we provide them”

Robert John Meehan

We often see the obvious when our students are doing well. The less obvious is when our students are not doing so well. At times, we see this through their facial expressions, the way they stand, their energy level, the words they use or don’t use. The dilemma for our school has been how will it look, sound and feel when all our students are thriving in all aspects of their lives and what, as teachers, can we do to help them along the pathway to wellbeing. The World Health Organisation has defined health “as a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”.

As a school we need to have a set of diverse skills to address this. Understanding the wellbeing of our students and developing a strong sense of belonging is critical. “Everybody is a teacher of wellbeing” – (Mind Matters). As a school we have had a strong awareness around student wellbeing and the understanding that wellbeing affects learning. We acknowledge our responsibility in creating a supportive environment and addressing the wellbeing of our students.

A whole school approach to wellbeing involves everyone being involved from our students to the community - ensuring, that a sense of connectedness and belonging is provided for young people (Kids Matter). This year we have begun implementing the Kids Matter Primary framework as a whole school approach to sustaining mental health and wellbeing. Our teachers will work on four areas in the framework to improve mental health and wellbeing of children and minimise risk factors.

The four components are

1. Building a positive school community
2. Social and emotional learning for students
3. Working with parents and carers
4. Helping children with mental health difficulties

Our staff has commenced the first component and formed an understanding of the KidsMatter framework and of mental health. We have also created a team of Kids Matter student representatives across the school. At the bush dance we will officially launch Kids Matter at The Patch. We will also have support agencies and information available throughout the night for families.

As we continue to develop our understanding and strengthen mental health and wellbeing, we know that Kids Matter Primary will make a difference to the way teachers support the wellbeing at our school and develop stronger connections with our families.

If you wish to learn more about Kids Matter Primary you can visit the website: www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Bush dance in 13 DAYS time.

Have a great weekend and a happy Father’s Day,

Deb

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
News from your School Council

Well the term has flown by again with plenty of activity happening around the school. The building works now have an end in sight. We are hoping that most of these major works will be completed by the end of the school holidays which will give us a much upgraded school in many areas. There is plenty of buzz with the upcoming bush dance, fundraising events and then the school holidays. The launch of Kids Matter at the bush dance will be a beginning of a very worthwhile program that will assist students and families throughout the school and we look forward to the roll out over the rest of the year.

We also saw last week Principal’s Day where Deb and Michelle (who was unfortunately unable to attend assembly) were presented with flowers by two of our grade 2 students. This is just a small token of appreciation to our hard working team on behalf of the school council and the school. Their work and hours of thought and consideration, effort and their contribution to our community that is made by Deb and Michelle is profound and greatly appreciated.

As part of the school community our school councillors give up their time to assist the Principal and the staff in the decision making and running of the school. To give you a bit of an insight into our School Council we will include in the next few newsletters some information about each councillor so you can get to know to know us all a bit better. To start us off are Stephen McDonald and Carolyn Schmidli

Name: Steve McDonald
Number of children at the school: 2 (1 in grade 5 & 1 in grade 6)
How long have you been at the school?: This is our 10th year at the school.
How long have you been part of the School Council?: This is my 6th year of being involved with the Council. For some of that time, I was acting as treasurer but not formally on the council due to work commitments preventing my attendance at meetings.
Why did you join the School Council?: At the time, we had 3 kids at the school and I felt that I could make a contribution to the school community by applying my skills to improve the management of the school.
What do you enjoy about School Council?: Being part of the management of the school, meeting different people and gaining some insight to government admin processes.
Why would encourage other parents to get involved with the School Council?: It is a great opportunity to help and contribute to a place that plays a huge role in the lives of your children. It is also sets a good example for your kids about supporting and participating in your local community.
Any other thoughts or information you would like to share: Everyone can contribute in their own way and it does not matter that your contribution may be modest it all helps to improve the school environment.

Name: Caroline Schmidli
Number of children at the school: 1 currently, 1 has been through.
How long have you been at the school?: 9 years
How long have you been part of the School Council?: In my fourth year
Why did you join the school council?: A friend already on Council told me all about her experience and asked if I’d like to join.
What do you enjoy about School Council?: As I don’t get the opportunity to come into the school during the day, I love meeting some of the other parents and teachers and having an understanding of what’s going on within the school. I enjoy hearing other people’s views on various aspects of the school community and having my views heard and considered in the decision-making process.
Why would encourage other parents to get involved with the School Council?: Including the reasons I’ve outlined above, it’s a wonderful way of gaining a better understanding into the mechanics of the school and its community. As a councillor you are the voice of the community and when you hear people discussing things they are unhappy with, you have the ability to voice that concern and do something about it. Likewise, we can feed back the good things we hear and let the school know they are on the right track and show our appreciation. It bolsters the teachers no end when they hear positive feedback and I love that they are open to both positive and negative feedback in order to constantly strive for improvement and the best outcome for our children.
Any other thoughts or information you would like to share: The Patch Primary School is constantly striving for the very best outcomes for our children and the wider community. Personally I feel that they do a wonderful job when there is such an eclectic mix of people to work with, but as with anything, there is always room for improvement. We are also having to constantly shift and adapt to a changing environment, community and technology and being a part of School Council enables you to be a part of that process which helps guide our community into the being the best it can be.

Sarah, on behalf of The Patch School Council
Curriculum Day Community Fundraiser at Cameo Cinema – Friday 18th September

As many of you may be aware, one of our beautiful Patch families is having to deal with the challenges of battling Cancer. With the end of term approaching, we thought it would be a great idea to try and get some quick funds together, to give the family the freedom to be able to enjoy these school holidays.

We have the perfect opportunity to do this by using our last day of term as a fun filled movie day at Cameo cinemas, watching the highly anticipated movie PIXELS.

As we have the bush dance the night before, we chose a friendly time slot of 12pm. Tickets will be $16 each, with numbers and monies being due no later than Tuesday 8th September (as Cameo need to know which cinema to allocate us based on numbers). Booking preference is online with credit card via http://www.trybooking.com/IXKS (a $1.20 booking fee will apply per transaction)

For those of you that do not have access to credit card facilities and need to pay with cash please contact either Bree Downes (0412 504 326) or Gayle Postlethwaite (0419 532 331) to arrange payment

The more people we can get to attend this event, the more funds we can raise.......what a fun way to finish off the term...so please get in quickly!!
Can you help?

Our major fundraiser for this year is the upcoming Bushdance supporting the Caring for the Community fund. We will be running a raffle in the coming weeks so get ready and look out for ticket sales. As they say, you’ve gotta be in it to win it!

We already have some great prizes for our raffle. We would be very happy to accept some more. You may have a business or know of a business that might like to provide some sponsorship or goods/services for our Bushdance or raffle.

If you can assist, please contact Nicola Ryan via email on ryan.n.nicola@edumail.vic.gov.au or Deb Herrmann at school.

Likewise, if you can help our school during the Bushdance, we could use YOUR willing hands! We will need help from 4:30pm at the venue and onwards with cooking BBQ, serving food and drinks, transporting equipment, packing up, etc.

We would love a 👍
Assembly Stars!

Footy Colours Day Today!

Congratulations to our Monbulk U/11 and U/13 Footy Grand finalists and our Monbulk Netball Runners Up

Go teams!
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!
Get ready for the 2016 Rio Olympics

Join us at Sherbrooke Little Aths in Ferntree Gully!

Fun, family environment for 5 - 15 year olds
Compete in up to 7 events each week
Try to beat your personal best!

Kings Park UFTG - Saturdays 8:45am - 11:45am
Season Starts 10 October 2015
FREE 2 Week Trials!
Join us on a registration day, 9am - 11am:
Saturday 12 September
Saturday 26 September

FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS

For more info, check out sherbrookelac.org.au
Contact Greg for enquiries on 0418 567 768
Dandenong Ranges Secondary Showcase
Wednesday 16th September 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Burrinja Cultural Centre
351 Glenfern Road Upwey
Hosted By Tom Daly Dandenong Ranges Network Chair
Showcasing the range of educational opportunities available at Government Secondary Schools in the Dandenong Ranges Network

Target Audience: Families with students in Grades 3 -6

Boronia K-12 College
Principal David Rose
Transition Coordinator David Husk
Tours by Appointment 9760 4900
www.boroniak-12.vic.edu.au

Emerald Secondary College
Principal Mike Jaremczuk
Transition Coordinator Carrie Wallis
Tours by Appointment 5968 5388
www.emeralds.vic.edu.au

Monbulk College
Principal Margaret Uren
Transition Coordinator Sue Ditchfield
Tours are by Appointment 9751 9000
www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au

Boronia K-12 College
Principal David Rose
Transition Coordinator David Husk
Tours by Appointment 9760 4900
www.boroniak-12.vic.edu.au

Sherbrooke Community School
Principal Sue Holmes
Transition Coordinator Jacqui Wiltshire
Tours by Appointment 9755 2007
www.sherbrooke.vic.edu.au

Upwey High School
Principal Tom Daly
Transition Coordinator Rachel Pickersgill
Tours by Appointment 9754 2838
www.upweyhs.vic.edu.au

Monbulk College
Principal Margaret Uren
Transition Coordinator Sue Ditchfield
Tours are by Appointment 9751 9000
www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au

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A Way To Happier Children

Behaviour Analyst, Dan Petro, presents an information session outlining:
- The function of behaviour
- Suggestions to help your children
- The rights and independence of individuals
- Family and school needs and behaviour
- Education and family support
- Your questions answered

Monday 14th September
7pm—9pm
Supper provided
Limited places available!
Book now through trybooking!

Venue:
The Patch School
Library
53 Kallista – Emerald Road
The Patch
9756 7463
Bookings Essential through trybooking.
Click here.

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Registration for The Kids Fun Run with Thomas 2015 is now open. The event will be held on Sunday 22 November. Can you please let your school community know that they can go to www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au to register.

This year we will again be raising funds for the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre in Glen Waverley. This is such a worthy cause and it is wonderful to see kids running to help kids on the day. Thomas will be there tooting everyone on and there will fun for all the family.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kristine Ash
Belgrave Platypus Festival 2015

Saturday 12th September 1-6PM
Belgrave Lake Park

Be part of the story of how the Platypus came to be!
Trash Puppets - Local Bands - Treasure Hunt - Concert
Craft - Hands on stream ecology - Planting - BBQ
Screen Printing - Animals of OZ - Win a Quiz Prize!
Sunday 20th September 2015
4km & 10km Fun Run

Facebook
9am to 3pm
Family Fun Day
Kids Entertainment
Giant Plant Sale
Cake Stall

www.run-for-the-hills.org

This is a community fundraiser and all proceeds will be shared between

South Belgrave
Precinct Development Fund

www.vsk.org.au

All artwork and printing proudly donated by local business Seagull Press
KIDS! KIDS! KIDS!
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!!
OVERCOMING 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
- There are 4 levels level, and in the first leaders came level, after much
- All activities are from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and interactive sessions.
- Held at Lyrebird Park campsite, Beenak Rd, Yellingbo - Melways 308
- Cost of $65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings 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
ABN 57 327 231 83
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.

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 😊

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.

Qkr Tips!

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Making life easier for school staff and volunteers with Qkr!

Qkr by MasterCard takes the hard work out of processing school payments, leaving staff and volunteers free to concentrate on more important tasks.

1. Reduces the time school staff and volunteers spend on administrative tasks e.g.
   - Processing school payments
   - Cash Handling
   - Paperwork
   - Sorting bags for food orders

2. Increases efficiency of school operations:
   - Speeds up kitchen logistics so staff and volunteers can spend more time preparing and serving nutritious food

3. Reduces the need for cash on school premises and the associated cost and security issues

Qkr also saves you (busy parents) time by letting you place all your school orders directly from your mobile device, at a time convenient for 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.

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 😊

**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 😊
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.
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.

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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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**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

**TRY NETBALL!**
**BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB**

Needs players aged 8 and up for the season starting September 2015
Playing Saturdays at Knox Netball Centre

Enquiries: Jenny 0408 933 956/ belcomasec@gmail.com

**Kids in the Hills Speech Pathology** – offering speech/language assessments, individual and group therapy, weekdays and Saturday appointments available. Enquire about our School readiness groups and School holiday/language/speech/social groups. Call Elena Benatar on 0414 679 648, The Patch.
Yarra Ranges Families! Want to stay fit and have fun over Summer? Join Yarra Ranges Athletics where you can run, jump, throw...smile!

If you’re still unsure, why not take a two week free trial. Season commences Saturday 10th October 2015

REGISTRATION DAY
Saturday 12th September 9am – 11am
Morrison Reserve Mt Evelyn
LITTLE ATHLETICS - SENIOR ATHLETICS

Visit www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au
Enquires Ph – 0432 911 129

Drawing lessons
Are your kids crazy about drawing?
If the answer is yes, sign them up for this 4 week course. They will learn simple techniques to boost their drawing confidence and help them to go from aspiring to awesome!

4 week course beginning term 3
$15 per 45 min lesson
Venue: Eco centre at the Patch Primary
Time: Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:30 pm
Max 5 per class Ages 11+
For more details contact Steve on 97566961