**Dates to Remember**

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**Thought for the week:**

*A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.* - *Chinese proverb*

**Cross Country**

What a great day on Wednesday when Kayla, Lyarnah, Emma, Willow, Jasper and Sarah competed in the Metropolitan level Cross Country. Congratulations to these students who have represented our school with honour and pride. *Please read our feature article overleaf on the Physical Education program.*

**Reports**

Yesterday you will have received your child’s report and explanation slip about the changes to the reports. Also a reminder to book your Parent Teacher Interviews with staff for Monday 24th June (this is a pupil free day).

**Farewell and Long Service Leave**

We farewell Yale today as she heads off on her Maternity Leave. We wish her and the baby good health and look forward to seeing the new member of her family soon. Kate will be replacing Yale in Grade 5/6A and will continue teaching Gr 5/6B on Wednesdays for Tania.

Angie will be taking Long Service Leave for five weeks from the beginning of Term 3 and is travelling overseas during this time. We look forward to seeing her photos on her return! Jessica Holden will be replacing Angie during this time.

**Year Level Newsletters**

Watch out for some improvements in communication between classes and families. We are endeavouring to produce year level newsletters using the same format and different content to help in sharing information and keeping you up to date with what’s happening at school.

**Finishing at end of term**

As the holidays approach at an ever quickening pace a reminder that on Friday 28th June- school will finish at 2.30 pm and the school will close for the vacation period not long after that time.

Pickup therefore moves back by 1 hour:

- Preps and siblings 2.20pm
- Rest of the school 2.30pm

Children will have packed up before lunch and will have a play period from 1.45pm until 2.10pm when the bell will ring and children will prepare to go to drop off.

*Deb*

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Trash On Your Back USA/Australia
Sister Nation Challenge

Thank you to all those families who supported our challenge and collected their rubbish over the five days from June 5, World Environment Day, until Sunday, June 9. Our students completed their commitment and we have examined, sorted and discussed it to gain a clearer understanding of our role in the waste issue facing our planet.

Every bag returned to school has been weighed and sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable (landfill) waste and weights recorded and submitted to the “School Broadcasting Network Inc. Australia” for forwarding to the Sustainability News and Entertainment USA project partner.

Our results indicated that the main form of waste was wrappers and juice boxes. Juice boxes can be recycled but need their straw and straw wrapping removed. Wrappers and individual packets of food for snacks and lunches were discussed and students suggested ways of reducing them such as buying larger quantities of these items and dividing them up into plastic reusable containers, choosing alternatives such as fruit (which has its own natural packaging) and looking for items that are packaged in recyclable wrapping (look for numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 in the triangle).

We also discussed how as consumers, we can put pressure on companies to switch to recyclable packaging to make their products more sustainable and to keep looking at wrapping so that any changes towards recyclable packaging is noticed and not sent to landfill.

Overall, our students generated far less waste than we expected with no-one having more than one kilogram in total. This doesn’t mean we can’t improve and from this exercise students now have a better understanding of what happens to our waste and how we can be more sustainable.

Thank you for your co-operation and well done to the Grade 6 students (Willow, Lucy, Grace S-D, Archer, Miles, Jhenardt, Maddie, Emma, Hannah and Darcy) who ensured that all students across the school understood the process and purpose of the activity.

Have a look at the photos of the kids at work. There is also an image of myself with my bag at a presentation I was giving on our school’s Learning Landscape at the University of Melbourne on the Thursday. I had pledged I would take my bag and let others know of the great things we were doing at The Patch!

Michelle Rayner
Environmental Science
Is your child a book worm and loves to read?"
A couple of mums and I are starting a book club which is open for any Grade 3 or 4’s who are keen. We will meet once a month and the children will swap their favourite books and get an opportunity to talk about them if they wish, in an informal environment. This will be after school one evening say between 6pm -7.30pm, once a month." please contact sally@tractorgroup.com for more information or to join up.

Only open to a maximum of ten children and is free of charge!. Hoping to hear from you...
Sally Whitford

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**Physical Education**

The Physical Education Team at The Patch School consists of:

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The Patch students in the formative years from Prep – Gr 3 develop basic education skills. These include the development of the essential fundamental motor skills - the catch, kick run, vertical jump, overhand throw, ball bounce, leap, dodge, punt, forehand strike and two handed side arm strike.

Students are given the opportunity to learn essential motor skills upon which later learning is dependant. Mastery of these skills by students is necessary if optimum development of higher level skills is to occur.

These skills are taught within context of physical and sport education:

- **Gymnastics:** run, vertical jump, leap
- **Dance:** dodge, run vertical jump, leap
- **Athletics:** overhand throw, leap, vertical jump, run
- **Outdoor Adventure Activities:** dodge, run, leap, vertical jump, catch
- **Sport Education:** ball bounce, punt, kick, overhand throw, vertical jump, leap catch, two handed side arm strike
- **Ball Handling:** overhand throw, kick catch, ball bounce, forehand strike, two hand strike, punt.

Following on, Years 4-6 students are taught a broad range of transitional, or lead-up motor skills and activities. The skills and activities at this level are combined or modified in various ways, practices with or without equipment and taught through individual practice and by incorporating them into game structure. Activities in this group include basketball dribble, modified netball, bat tennis and modified baseball – (T-ball)

All students at The Patch need to be able to see physical activity in context. As well as being taught the technical skills needed to participate in game, students need to be taught how to apply these skills and the movement concepts associated with performing them.

Interschool sport is offered to students in Year s 5 & 6. At this level the development of sport is continued with a focus on the development of skills and practice during physical education sessions. Interschool sport is held above the general Physical Education program.

Please feel free to talk to Deb or your child’s Phys Ed team member if you have any questions about our PE program.
Another fantastic day of cross country running was held this week with The Patch School again represented strongly. Our congratulations to Willow, Emma, Lyarnah, Sarah H, Jasper, Kayla & Emily S for qualifying for the Eastern Metropolitan competition and a big ‘thank you’ to their parents and Tania for transporting the students and helping on the day.
Prep Dress Up Day - People Who Help Us

On Wednesday, Prep students came to school dressed as people who help us. They had a fun day learning about the people students dressed up as.
School Start Time

To enable teachers to begin their learning time at 9am, we ask that students are in their classroom from 8.50am wherever possible. This allows students to organise themselves and be ready for effective learning at 9am.

Without this settling-in period, valuable learning time is taken up and we can’t take advantage of the full teaching block.

You may have noticed that we also minimise disruptions from phone calls and PA announcements during the two learning blocks prior to lunchtime to maximise the effectiveness of this time.

Students that arrive at school after 9am will be marked as ‘late arrivals’ and require a parent to sign them in at the Office and provide the class teacher with the white slip.

If you need to drop your child at school early, please remember that we offer a fantastic before school care program which costs $12 ($13 from Term 3) including breakfast or $6 without (before deducting any Child Care Benefit).

Vote for our Leader Local Grant Idea!

One of our amazing Prep mums, Clare, takes the Prep children for a regular children’s yoga session, which is proven to have many benefits. Clare has kindly applied for funds on behalf of our school through the Leader Newspapers Local Grant scheme to buy some great yoga equipment to complement this class. To have a chance to receive our grant, we need to have as many votes for our grant idea as possible.

So, the countdown is on until we can vote for some funding for Yoga for Kids at The Patch PS! Please visit http://leaderlocalgrants.com.au/current-ideas/free-press-leader?title to see the little blurb about our application.

You can then go back to http://leaderlocalgrants.com.au/user/register to register for voting. Our local paper is the Free Press Leader. The voting opens on June 24th. Put it in your diary!!

PLEASE ask all your family and friends to vote for The Patch as funding is dependant on votes.

Thanks for your support.

Namaste

The Great Community Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in The Great Community Raffle!

This is a terrific opportunity offered by The Rotary Club of Emerald & District for our school to raise some much-needed funds and we have certainly made the most of it.

So far we have raised an incredible $2,708!

We need the raffle process to be finalized by the end of term, so if you still happen to have your allocated raffle tickets and/or tickets stubs and money, please return them to Jody so they can be accounted for in the audit process.

If they have been lost, please put this information in writing and also give it to Jody.

Thank you again for a fantastic effort!
Parent / Teacher Interview Bookings

REMEMBER TO BOOK A TIME 😊

Parent / Teacher Interviews are being held on Monday 24th June. Once again we will be using the PTO online booking system. Each parent will require a new PIN number to access their child’s teacher’s booking page. This can be done via the home page of the school website or click on the following link


Please note that if you do not have internet access, we can easily book an interview on your behalf – just call Jody in the Office.

Schoolkids Bonus

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

Get ready for a BIG day of shopping!!

The Patch School Fundraising Shopping Tour

Saturday 19th October 2013

Save The Date!

More details soon!
Dear Families,

Due to rising costs within our program our After School Care fees will increase by $2 per session per child to $20, and our Before School Care fees will increase by $1 per session per child to $13. There will be no increase to our $6 morning fee. This rise will come into effect on 1st July 2013.

CURRICULUM DAY ACTIVITIES - BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please note that due to insufficient enrolments, we will not be running a program on Monday (Parent Teacher Interview Day). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your support and sharing your children with us,

Sheila
OSHHC Co-ordinator

Excursion & Camp Payments

Parents are reminded that we require all payments for school activities by the due date unless alternative arrangements have been made with Deb or the Office staff. Due to the large amount of planning and preparation required for excursions and camps, your co-operation is vital.

If, for any reason, you are finding it difficult to pay for any school charges please do not hesitate to discuss the matter confidentially with Deb as there are often options we can offer you to assist.

Unfortunately, if no payment is received by the due date, your child may not be able to participate in the activity. We really don’t want anyone to miss out, so please speak to Deb if you have any concerns.

School Uniform Price Rise

Due to increases in the wholesale cost of school uniforms, we have reluctantly had to increase most of the prices of school uniform items on our list.

The new pricing structure applies from 7th June 2013.
Remember that if you can’t get to the Uniform Shop on Wednesday afternoons, uniform orders and payments can be left in the silver box near the Office window for processing.

Do You Own Something Precious?

Recently it has been sad to see some very disappointed faces at school. They belong to children who have brought precious possessions to school only to find they end up being lost or damaged.

Please remember that a busy school is not the best place for your special things and we ask that, although we understand that you would like to show others, you keep all special belongings at home where they are safe.

Where In Our School Is This??

Congratulations to Keiran Atkinson for finding the tree with the bird’s nest above which is growing at the top of the bank in front of Deb’s office.

Special mention also to James Sands for perservering and coming up with two answers which were very close but not quite there. Great job boys!
Community Notices

**Mountain Top Toy Library** provides the local community with a cheap and accessible library of toys for children to borrow, use and return. Library members have the opportunity to borrow toys, puzzles and games which promote fun play-based learning for children aged 0-7 years. Membership is open to parents, grandparents and/or other people who have children in their care and wish to provide them with access to a variety of engaging toys.

The atmosphere is friendly and it’s a great way to meet other local parents and see the kids play together.

At only $35 per family for a whole year, it's excellent value for money.

WHERE: Olinda Community Hall Cnr Georgian & Olinda-Monbulk Roads, Olinda 3788
WHEN: Open Saturday; 9:00-10:00am

The Mountain Top Toy Library is run entirely by parent volunteers. New members are always welcome.


Have you always wanted to dance? Now's the time to start! Come along and join in the fun!

Classes held in:

- Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop
- Classical Ballet (R.A.D.)
- Contemporary

Tap
V.C.E. Dance
All Boy classes

Classes for pre-schoolers to adults, males and females, and all ages and standards.

A great way to improve your self confidence, co-ordination, and self esteem in a fun and friendly environment

Fully equipped studios located at 89A Main St, Monbulk.

For further information contact the Academy on **9894 3265** or info@kallistadance.com.au

**Burrinja School Holiday Program**

Program includes Possum Magic Final Farewell Tour, Polygot Theatre’s Muckheap and Photographing the ‘little and large’. Bookings at [www.burrinja.org.au](http://www.burrinja.org.au) or 9754 8723

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(I am a Mum at the Patch School and work in the Uniform Shop Wednesdays at 2.30 pm – why not pop in for a chat).

**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 9756 7515, 0407 049 012 or email chrisjw@netspace.net.au.

**Come and join The Voice Maker School of Singing!**

Students are now having Singing Lessons at School in school time by a Professional Vocal Coach!

For all children that love singing and want to develop confidence within themselves the fun way!

They will also perform in live shows! **Semi private lessons $15-2 students half hour.

**Private lessons $30 for half hour. Call Jennie on 0410 543 946 or email joey24@optusnet.com.au

**Spanish For All Ages**

A playful and creative introduction to a second Language this program offers lots of opportunities for developing an interest in Spanish and its Culture. Preps to Grade 6's are welcome, small groups only.

Mondays from 4:15 to 5pm in the Uniform Room. Forms at the office or contact Pilar on 0427881572 HASTA LUEGO !