Dates to Remember

**May**
- **Tues 12th- 14th**
  - NAPLAN
  - Stomp the Beat Disco
- **Thurs 14th**
  - Book Fair
- **Thurs 14th – 21st**
  - Jindivick P.S Visit
  - Open Morning
- **Fri 15th**
- **Thurs 21st**
  - Yarra Ranges Cross Country
  - 3-6 Cross Country
- **Sat 23rd**
- **Fri 29th**
- **Sun 31st**
  - Garden Working Bee

**June**
- **Mon 1st**
  - Parent Info Session - Reports
  - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Mon 8th**
- **Mon 15th**
- **Mon 22nd**
- **Fri 26th**
  - Rugby Session
  - Rugby Gala Day
  - Last Day of Term 2
  - Students dismissed at 2.30pm

**July**
- **Thurs 30th**
  - Australian Mathematics Competition

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**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN tests are conducted at the school and administered by classroom teachers. These tests assess literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers have ensured that students are familiar with the test formats and are providing appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions or concerns, you should make a time to speak with their teacher. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do their best they can on the day. Here at The Patch we approach NAPLAN in a calm and relaxed way and we encourage you to do the same.

The NAPLAN test schedule is as follows:

**Tuesday 12th May:** Language Conventions
- Years 3&5: 40 mins
- Writing
- Years 3&5: 40 mins

**Wednesday 13th May:** Reading
- Yr 3: 45 mins
- Yr 5: 50 mins

**Thursday 14th May:** Numeracy
- Yr 3: 45 mins
- Yr 5: 50 mins

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**QkR How to Session!**

Need assistance with this groovy new app called QkR? You’re in luck! We’re holding an information session next **Tuesday the 12th at 2.30pm** in the staffroom. Bring your smart phone and any questions you have for Lily and Jody to answer. If you can’t make it to the session but have some questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

Hope to see you there! 😊
From the Principal…

Thought for the week: “You can destroy your now by worrying about tomorrow.”

Thank you to those parents who informed us of their concerns in regards to unsafe behaviour being observed at pickup and drop off.

Every school in Victoria deals with traffic congestion at the end of the school day. By permitting parents to drive into the school grounds – something that most schools do not permit – we provide for the safe and supervised departure of students. This will only work smoothly when everyone abides by the same rules. I believe we are a caring community here at The Patch School and when we are patient and considerate, our drop off/pick up system runs smoothly.

I wish to acknowledge and thank those parents who continue to lead by example and show respect for our procedures, children and fellow community members, particularly regarding our drop off and pick up arrangements.

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What is new?
- A staff member will now supervise drop off before school

Where can you park?
- In the top section of the gravel car park (not in lower section this is a staff zone only)
- Along the exit side to the school (not on the grass area to the right)
- At the top of the school outside the boundaries (being aware of local council restrictions)

What do you need to do?
- Please remain patient and considerate of staff and each other during pick up time.
- Acknowledge the signs around our school. - where we indicate ‘Staff Parking’, I ask that you observe this.

What are the Pick-Up Times
To assist in traffic management, we stagger dismissal times as follows:
- Preps and their siblings arrive at pick up by 3.20pm
- All other grades are dismissed at 3.20pm and should be at pick up by 3.30pm
- Students are supervised at drop off until 3.45pm so there is no rush to be here at 3.30pm
- After 3.45pm students must be collected from the office by 4pm

With everyone’s understanding the system will continue to work smoothly.

Have a great weekend,

Deb
herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
OSHC – STOMP THE BEAT DISCO

The Stomp the Beat Disco will take place in the hall, so alternative arrangements have been made for OSHC to operate in the Prep rooms that evening.

Years 1 and 2: If you are planning on sending your child from year 1 and 2 to OSHC and cannot be there to sign them out for the disco, Deb Herrmann is happy to sign them out of OSHC then back in with your permission (permission slip available on tiqbiz or from Sheila).

Years 3 and 4: For children attending OSHC from year 3 and 4, Deb will sign them out for the disco with your permission, and they will need to have a parent or guardian present at or before the completion of the disco at 6.15pm.

Please ensure your child brings their disco clothes with them to school to change into.

Stomp the Beat Disco

Next Thursday the 14th we are having our Stomp the Beat Disco and sausage sizzle! Disco times are listed below.

Orders for sausages and pop tops can be made on QkR up until Wednesday morning at 8am. Cash orders need to be in a sealed envelope with the correct amount of cash and a completed order form (found on tiqbiz and at the school office). They then need to be put into the fundraising box at the office by Tuesday morning.

Thank you.

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The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held On Thursday the 30th of July. The competition is open to all students from years 3 to 6. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The test time is 60 minutes.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

The cost is $6 per child to participate and will be held at school under exam conditions. Payments are to be made on QkR, and all expressions of interest need to be returned to school by Wednesday the 25th of June.

Further information about this opportunity will be coming home with your child within the next week, including the enrolment slip.

If you have any questions please speak to Jennie Simpson.
Garden Working Bee!

Mark this date in your diaries now!

**Sunday, May 31, 10 - 1pm**

All welcome

We shall be focusing on improvements to the front of the school including:

- External Painting
- Planting in front of the Kinder
- Repair works

There shall be a sausage sizzle and soup to keep you nourished along with all the social opportunities that building strong communities create.

Hope to see you there! More information to follow.
Do you have any Spare Wool at home?

If so we would love to use it to make **Wool Bombing Art** around the school grounds, as a part of Grade 5/6 Art Club.

Please drop your wool off in the bucket marked ‘Wool Donations Art Club’ in the school foyer.

Big thanks from Simone and the Wool Bombers!

 kontakting 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 BOOK FAIR IS COMING!**

Winter is nearly upon us and it’s the best time of year to snuggle in bed or on the couch and read. So come to the Book Fair and find yourself a new book or two to pass those cold winter days.

Starts **Thursday May 14th at 3.30 pm until Thursday May 21st at 9am.**

It is also a great fund raiser for the school library.

This year’s theme is ‘Kings, Queens and Castles’

We are also having a Grand Raffle, with fantastic prizes.

Come and enter the Kingdom of Books!

See you in the library.

Josie

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**QkR!**

We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback about our new payment app - QkR. For any of you who do not have access to an iPad or smart phone and cannot access the app, please speak to the office. We will be able to provide you with information about how to access the web version of QkR. This information can also be found on the school website, in the QkR section under ‘School Life’.

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**Tip of the Week**

Adding multiple payment cards & keeping your payments safe

Qkr!™ will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your QkR account.

At checkout, you can easily select from any of your registered cards by simply tapping the ‘Payment’ option near the top of the checkout screen.

Qkr! is provided by MasterCard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

If you choose to pay using a MasterCard, you will also benefit from MasterCard’s Zero Liability policy which protects the cardholder from fraud and unauthorized charges.
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!
Medals will be awarded to the first three place getters in each age group and gender from under 6 to under 15, as well as the male and female open 3000m and 5000m events. There will be an open 3000m and 5000m events for students and parents to enjoy a run. Registration is available online or on the day.
DRENK
Dandenong Ranges Ukulele Festival
Burrinja Cultural Centre
29–31 May 2015

Featuring
Tomoki Sato (Japan)
Paul Jonson (NZ)
Lucy Wise (Aus)
Sarah Carroll (Queen of Bellarine)
Alex Burns (Aus–UK)
Amie Brûlée (France... almost)
Matthew Fagan (Aus)

With
Massed Ukulele Groups, Competitions, Workshops, ‘Women in Uke’, Stalls and more.

Burrinja Cultural Centre
351 Glenfern Road (cnr Manton Drive), Upwey, Victoria 3158

All Festival info and tickets – www.burrinja.org.au
Occasional Child Care

(Licensed with the Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Development)

Our Occasional Childcare program is just that: there are no lock in contracts, its purely affordable childcare on a need basis.

Our program provides your child with a fun, social and playful outlet allowing you some well earned time out to recharge, attend an appointment or just be hands free to spend a morning doing other things. COME & TRY first hour parent/child transition FREE

Wednesdays 3 or 5 hour session  
9.30am-12.30pm  
3 hour session (or part thereof)  
Cost: $25/ $40 for 2 children  
9.30-2.30pm  5 hour session  
Cost $40/ $55 for 2 children

Fridays 9.30am-1.30pm  
4 hour session (or part thereof)  
Cost: $30/ $45 for 2 children

KIDS SKILLS FOR LIFE

With Ros Wilson (Prof. Counsellor)  
This popular course aimed to empower 9-12 year olds, will promote confidence, self esteem, the skills to make the best choices, acknowledge personal strengths, take responsibility, goal setting and problem busting.  
Manual, certificate & celebration on completion. (5 weeks)

Mondays 4.15-5.45pm  4th May-1st Jun  Cost $75

HEALTHY HOMES, HEALTHY KIDS

With Brigitte Seun (Building Biologist & Consultant)  
How to create a healthy home that supports your family’s wellbeing. Discover what factors can contribute to sleeping difficulties, nightmares, behaviour and concentration difficulties, and how you can do amend these factors.

Friday 15th May  9.30am-1.30pm  Cost $10  Childcare Available

SUPER FUN DRAMA—COME & TRY FREE

With Sharon Scott (Child Theatre & Drama Teacher 10+ years)  
The classes are all about creativity, self expression, building confidence, developing social skills and most of all having lots of fun! Each class involves drama based games and activities that encourage active participation and expression.

FREE workshop  
Saturday 23rd May  10.00-11.00am 5-8yo & 11.30am-12.30pm 9-12yo  
4 Week classes will follow based on interest.

PLAYGROUPS: New Members always welcome

Monday Mummas Playgroup—babs around 12mths  
Monday afternoons 1.30-3.00pm  Cost $20 family per term

Tuesday Mummas—babs around 12mths  
Tuesday afternoons 10am-12pm  Cost $20 family per term

Selby Playgroup— all ages under 5  
Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm  Cost: $20 family per term
If you would like to bring your group along, create a

To enrol ph: 9754-2039 or E: selby@selbyhouse.com.au
For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr!

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!:

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks

Watch the Qkr introduction video

http://vimeo.com/100952137
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 😊

Monbulk & District Community Bank® Branch
70 Main Street, Monbulk, VIC 3793
P 03 9752 1130
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

CARDIO TENNIS
Cardio tennis for adults starting at The Patch Tennis Court! FUN, FITNESS, MUSIC, & TENNIS. Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am, or 6:30-7:30pm. First session is FREE! If you play, or haven’t played in ages....it doesn’t matter! ALL WELCOME!
Contact Renae for more details, or just turn up. 0403 498 085

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 290396 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