



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to Remember:

Assemblies are on  
hold for now

### October

- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> School Council – 6pm (Webex)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Qkr! orders for Tea Towel Fundraiser close

### November

- Mon 1st Planning Day
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> MELBOURNE CUP DAY Public Holiday**
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Prep Transition Session - 9.30am – 10.30am (TBC)
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> P-2 Athletics (TBC)
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 Prep Transition Session - 9.30am – 10.30am (TBC)
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Lord Somers Camp (TBC)
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022 Prep Transition Session - 9.30am – 10.30am (TBC)
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> School Council – 6pm (Webex)
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 Prep Info Night  
6pm – 7pm via Webex
- Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Y1/2 Camp Afternoon (TBC)

#### Bell Times

- 8:55am Warning Bell  
9:00am Learning Begins  
11-11:45am First Break  
11:45-12pm Lunch eating time  
2-2:30pm Second Break  
3:30 Dismissal

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

*Thought for the week: The key to happiness is having dreams: the key to success is making them come true. - James Allen*

Welcome back to Term 4. What a rollercoaster of a year we have had, but our resilience is getting us through. Our NAPLAN results have shown continued growth in our Year 3 and 5 students. There are still a few envelopes that will need to be collected from the front foyer.

I would also like to acknowledge our Tutor program from years 1-6, under the guidance of Kellie, Viv, Josie and Sarah. These staff have worked to develop a remote way for our students on this program to continue to show growth. A monumental effort.

Staff were re-energised and inspired by our Presenter (Emeritus Professor of Science, Mathematics and Technology Monash University) Peter Sullivan - Numeracy guru during our Curriculum Day yesterday. We are excited to commence implementation of many of his strategies and stories around the teaching of numeracy. The interaction of our staff was wonderful to observe and how staff were able to share with our Network.

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November we will be having a whole school planning day for teachers. This will involve employing Casual Relief Teachers for the day to take those who will be onsite, Authorised workers and Vulnerable children and Preps. The program will be altered to accommodate this planning. A reminder if you are intending to have an extended weekend please make sure you let us know. Before and After School will continue as normal.

Staff will commence preparing class groups for 2022 from this Monday and 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.

In the past teachers have asked the children to identify who they learn best with. This year we are incorporating a new system called Class Solver to assist in creating groups for classes next year. **We are asking for parents to take the time, to have a considered discussion with their child, as to who they LEARN best with, not necessarily their best friends.**

**Each child should identify up to 5 children in their year level e.g. Year 4 in 2022.** We hope with your assistance this will enable a consistent approach and reduce the anxiety for children and parents. After all the relevant data has been received, Class Solver will then ensure there is at least one child selected from their list.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED...

We are working towards a Step-Up morning for 2022 classes on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December, COVID-19 restrictions allowing. During this time children will meet with their new teacher and classmates. Teacher allocation will come home with your child's reports on this day.

I would like to extend an invitation to those parents who are not returning to The Patch in 2022, to write to me by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, so we are able to commence our grade allocations for 2022. If you have any pertinent information you wish to be considered in relation to this, please put it in writing and pass on to me by **Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

The parent voluntary payments for 2022 will be placed on the website, along with the policy and processes for you to view after our School Council Meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. We will send a hardcopy home at the beginning of the year but you are welcome to look and note what is required.

Have a restful week

*Deb*

[debra.herrmann@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:debra.herrmann@education.vic.gov.au)

## BUSFIRE PAREPAREDNESS

Earlier this week a Compass message was sent to all families regarding Bushfire Preparedness for the upcoming bushfire season.

It included a link to a survey that we require all families to complete. Thank you to those that have already completed the survey.

**It is VERY important we collect this information from every family – please complete the survey via the Compass link asap.**

Thank you 😊



**is still coming... Date TBC**

## The Smile Squad program

- Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program
- Free dental care for all Victorian public primary and secondary school students
- 250 dental vans
- More than 500 dental health professionals
- Services delivered by us – your community dental agency



## What does Smile Squad provide for your child?



**Soon your child will be sent home with:**

- ❖ Smile Squad Consent Forms
- ❖ A Smile Squad Showbag

*Please complete the consent forms asap and return to the to school*

## Want to know more?

- Visit the Smile Squad website at [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)

## Tea Towel Fundraiser.....

Our 2021 Patch Tea Towel fundraiser is nearly here.

Tea towels will be available for purchase on QKR from the start of NEXT WEEK.

We aim to sell way over 400 tea towels to raise funds for the Art department in 2022.

The tea towels make great stocking stuffers and are a brilliant gift for grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbours. Start thinking about who you can gift some to as an end of year "Thank you!"

The tea towel will feature every child from Kinder through to Year 6 as well as our wonderful staff.

The kids have done such a wonderful job at drawing their portraits and contributing to this unique gift, so don't forget to purchase some for home and as a keepsake.

Tea towels will start from \$15 for 1 and increase in price, but the more you buy the cheaper they become.

Watch out more information and Qkr! opening for sales next week.

*Qkr! orders will close Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.*

The Patch Primary School benefits greatly from tea towel bundles of 2, 4 or 8 so keep this in mind when ordering & spread the word.



# COVID-19 Vaccination Directions for All Education Workers

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has issued directions for required vaccinations for education workers. These directions are specific to education workers and supersede those for other authorised workers.

All staff who work in schools will be required to have a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 18 October 2021 or be able to produce evidence of a vaccination booking within that week.

All staff are required to be fully vaccinated by 29 November 2021 unless a medical exception applies and will be required to show evidence of their vaccination status.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your colleagues and students and the whole school community. Getting vaccinated will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks in our schools.

The Department of Education and Training's website has frequently asked questions about the vaccine requirement.

## **New Waterproof Shade Sails to be erected over concrete in front of Y5/6 building!**

Our recent grant submission to the Department of Health has been successful and we are expecting works to begin in the next couple of weeks.

We are now working on another application to seek a similar product over the area between the Year 1/2 classrooms.

These additions provide extra outdoor learning spaces for all students to enjoy.



# Community Notices

## 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](mailto:chrisw7@ymail.com)

## Violin & Viola Lessons

Private violin/viola lesson available for all grades from prep.  
Please contact Hiro (0423 765 312 or [hiro1656@hotmail.com](mailto:hiro1656@hotmail.com))

## Private Ukulele Lessons

The Patch School students now have the opportunity to take private ukulele lessons. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 6 years' experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and loves teaching at The Patch. The cost is \$18 for a 20-minute individual lesson or \$12 for a 20 minute group lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email.

0408 102 542 [jessdunn.arts@gmail.com](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com)

## Join Scouts Today!

### 1st Kallista Scout Group

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

#### Joey Scouts (5-8 years)

Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

#### Cub Scouts (8-11 years)

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm

#### Scouts (11-15 years)

Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

[kallistascout@gmail.com](mailto:kallistascout@gmail.com)



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**MONBULK**



**CRICKET CLUB**

# Monbulk Woolworths Blasters

## 2021/2022

Woolworths Blasters (formerly Milo In2Cricket) is back at Monbulk. Over the years our program has been very successful, including one of the largest for female participants.



Blasters is an introductory program designed for kids between 5 and 8 years of age. The aim of the program is to provide young people with a fun and enjoyable way of learning the fundamentals of cricket while, at the same time promoting the values of the game – teamwork, friendship, and fair play.

**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 - 8

**Contact** Tom Watson – 0417 538 329

**Cost** \$99 (includes bat, ball, t-shirt, back-pack, hat, drink bottle and more)

**Day / Time** Friday 5.00pm–6.00pm

### Dates

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - **1<sup>st</sup> session**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - **Grand Parents / Special friend Day**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - **Xmas BBQ**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February - **Presentation Day**



## **Alleviate Your Child's Anxiety** **Interactive Online Workshop**

Join Laurie Arrowsmith from Eastern ParentZone for a 2-hour interactive parenting workshop.

Discover the causes of anxiety and learn a parent-led approach to alleviating your child's worries.

Learn the skills of resilience, and strategies to help your child obtain a more resilient mindset.

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 12 years.

**Questions?** Email Laurie at:  
[laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au)

**When:** Monday 15th November 2021

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region

**Limited Places. Bookings Essential:**

Email Laurie to register your interest:  
[laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au)

**Please note:** This parenting workshop includes group discussions and activities. You will need a device that has access to video and audio, as well as a quiet child-free place to be able to participate.

**PARENTZONE**



# Emotion Focused Parenting

## A Parents Building Solutions Program

### Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better understand and talk with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

### Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses

### When:

Mondays (6 evening sessions)  
18th October - 29th November 2021  
7pm - 9pm

(No session on 1st November due to the Melbourne Cup holiday)

**Who:** For parents in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne

### Where:

**Online** - Via Zoom

### Cost:

Free of charge (Bookings essential)

### Bookings or Questions:

Call Julia on 9721 3629 or 0400 366 495

**PARENTZONE**



## Raising Resilient Kids

A Parents Building Solutions Program for parents of children aged 5 to 12 years

### Would you like to:

- Discover strategies to help your child bounce back from adversity?
- Support your child to cope with change?
- Deal with anger and anxiety?
- Improve your communication and your relationship with your child?

Join us to learn strategies, share stories and take some time out for you.

**When:** Thursday afternoons

October 21st to November 25th 2021 (6-week program)

**Time:** 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom.

**Cost:** Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

**Please Note:** You will need a device that has access to video and audio, as well as a quiet child-free place to participate.

**Bookings:** [sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)



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**PARENTZONE**



## **Autism and Social Skills**

**For Parents, Carers and Volunteers**

Presented by Christina Keeble

This workshop will focus on:

- social communication, what it is and the difficulties it can present for children with autism on a daily basis,
- understanding the early development of social communication skills
- strategies that will support and promote the development of social communication skills in pre-school and primary school-aged children

When: Tuesday 9 November 2021

Where : Online via Zoom

Time: 6:30pm- 8pm

Register at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ekvs3ahfQaO8kd0g4qjS3A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ekvs3ahfQaO8kd0g4qjS3A)

or scan QR Code



Queries: [CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au)/  
0457 825 076

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Department of Social Services.  
See [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

**2021/22 Season runs Oct '21 TO Mar '22**

**WHERE?**

Kings Park, Upper  
Ferntree Gully

**WHEN?**

Starting 9<sup>th</sup> October,  
Saturday's 8.45am start

**HOW MUCH?**

\$165 includes summer  
'21 & winter '22

**Free 2 week Trials!**

**RUN**  
**JUMP**  
**THROW**



**Safe, Fun, family environment for ages 6-16**

Compete in up to 7 events each week.

Try to beat your personal best!

**Join us on registration day**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 10am, Kings Park, Upper Ferntree Gully

**Register online at [Sherbrookelac.org.au](http://Sherbrookelac.org.au)**

**Contact Shane for more info on 0403 001 947**

**Visit [sherbrookelac.org.au](http://sherbrookelac.org.au)**

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## What else do we offer?

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- Peer Groups for families, carers and guardians
- NDIS Application Consultations
- Outreach (in-home and Community Support)
- Action Plans (for Suicidal, self-harming and/or crisis)
- Behaviour and Mental Health workshops for parents/carers and guardians

Contact us for more enrollment, pricing and further information.

## How Can I Enroll?

Email your interest and child's details to:  
[infosmart-support.org](mailto:infosmart-support.org)

Give us a call: 03 5922 4510

Drop in and say hello during office hours (8:30 - 4:30) :  
3/363 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald VIC 3782



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