

Patchwork News

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Friday 13th September Term 3 Issue 2

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Dates to Remember

September

Wed 18th Division Athletics
Thu 19th Yr 5/6 Hooptime

Fri 20th End of Term early dismissal 2:30pm

October

Mon 7th Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session Mon 14th Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session

Sat 19th PATCH FEST 12 – 7pm

Mon 21th Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session
Wed 23rd Prep 2020 Transition Session 9:30am
Thu 24th Yr 5/6 Surf Life Saving Excursion

28th – **31**st Prep Swimming

Mon 28th Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session

Tue 29th School Council

November

Fri 1st CURRUCULUM DAY – No students

Mon 4th PLANNING DAY — Alternative program for students

Tue 5th CUP DAY – Public Holiday

Sentral Parent Portal Link:

https://sentral.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/portal2/#!/login

REMINDERS:

Have you ordered a
calendar with your
Childs artwork? Orders
close strictly 18th
September via Qkrl



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thought of the week: "No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude." – Alfred North Whitehead

It's great to be back seeing everyone's happy faces.

Thank you Michelle for holding the fort and all her hard work whilst I was away. It was nice to know that I could go on leave knowing that the school was in safe and capable hands.

Congratulations and good luck to all the students heading to the Division finals, we have 24 students that have made it through. We have never had this number of student competing at this level before! It is wonderful to see how well our Physical Education program is supporting the talents of our students.

It was wonderful to watch the Year 5 music performance this morning on marimba's and also our junior choir.

Just a reminder if your child is intending the climate strike next Friday, please let the school know.

PatchFest is 36 sleeps away, the team has done such an amazing job so far and I am really looking forward to this day.

Don't forget, Term 3 comes to and end on Friday with an early dismissal of 2:30pm. All students will be at drop off at 2:20pm.

This is our last newsletter until term 4, so please enjoy your time with your family and I hope the weather is kind to you.

As we head into term 4, you will have received notification as to our bushfire plans, please see more information below in the newsletter around our procedures.

Friday 1st November we will be having a curriculum day (no students) and Monday 4th November is planning day for staff as they will be doing their full First Aid refresher. Students will have an alternative program on this day.

Have a wonderful weekend, one week to go!

Regards,

Deb

Principal

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GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE/ SCHOOL STRIKE 4 CLIMATE

Dear families,

You may have heard of the upcoming Global Climate Strike or the School Strike 4 Climate march scheduled for Friday, 20 September, from 2 – 4pm, beginning in Melbourne's Treasury Gardens. This event coincides with the UN Climate Action Summit on September 23 in New York.

The School Strike 4 Climate (SS4C) movement is made up of school students from cities and towns across Australia. Most have never met in person but are united by their concern about the planet.

"We are striking from school to tell our politicians to take our futures seriously and treat climate change for what it is - a crisis. ... Our planet earth is precious and can't be replaced. Our politicians can show that they care about our futures by... taking urgent action to move Australia beyond fossil fuels to 100% renewable energy for all (and a future) where everyone can enjoy our beautiful environment, clean air, clean water and a healthy Reef" (https://www.schoolstrike4climate.com/sept20).

A number of families from The Patch School and Kinder are planning to attend the event and will travel by train from Belgrave Station. Some may choose to participate in a range of additional activities organised by local groups such as the Hills Community for Climate Action group who will be holding a general meeting this Saturday at Tecoma Uniting Church at 2pm.

The Australian Education Union (AEU) supports the rights of students to speak out in protest about the challenges posed by climate change in Australia and to give "voice to their real concerns about the impacts of climate change, and (to protest) the inaction by the federal government".

Like the AEU, we advocate strongly for educators and students to be properly informed and educated about the science of climate change and its impacts on Australia and the world's developing countries. We have a strong environmental ethos at our school and a commitment to promote and implement sustainable practices and values wherever we can. We also promote student voice and agency, as embedded in our curriculum, and value opportunities that provide real life learning in an authentic context.

The student climate strike is not a Patch School event. There are no arrangements in place to organise, supervise or oversee child attendance and participation at the strike.

Our school will be running as normal on Friday, September 20. This is our last day of term and dismissal is scheduled for 2.30pm.

For those who wish to attend the event, your child/children may come to school for the morning and be marked in attendance in the role THEN BE SIGNED OUT BY YOU AS LEAVING EARLY, or you can enter your child's absence through the parent portal as "parent's choice".

The link below provides some useful additional information. There may also be some further information on the parents facebook page (please remember this is <u>not</u> our school facebook page).

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZU0D2VG-

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If you are wishing to attend the strike, a number of families shall be catching the 12.17 train from Belgrave and gathering together at Treasury Gardens. For more information you may wish to speak to Michelle Rayner or Prue Schafferius (pruewelsh@hotmail.com), mother of Lucinda in prep.



A reminder for the commencement of Term 4

We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to relocate to Knox Central Primary School on days of Extreme fire danger and close on days of Code Red Day fire danger.

On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from school. Children will NOT be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.

Sign Out Reminder for early pick up - If you choose to pick your child up early it is an absolute **must** to sign your children out at the office. As part of continuing Emergency Management procedures roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. In the event of an emergency, we would waste several precious moments trying to work out where children are if they have not been signed out. I can only implore you to make sure you follow this very simple procedure.

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days.

Please note that it is the responsibility of every family to:

- 1. know where to find and understand Fire Danger Rating information
- 2. understand The Patch School's procedure for days of EXTREME fire danger and CODE RED fire danger
- 3. sign the form acknowledging your acceptance of these responsibilities and return it to the school (Form below, which should be completed upon enrolment).

Please note the following procedure for children who are relocating:

- Your child will be expected to attend Knox Central PS
- Students are to arrive at Knox Central PS by 9am, no earlier than 8:45am. No staff will be on duty.
- All Parents are to park and sign their children in at the office/designated area for The Patch PS students. Please do not just drop your child off.
- All students must be collected at 3:30pm from the designated area and signed out by their parent/guardian/emergency contact. Please note that there is no afterschool care.



PATCHFEST 19 – 'It Takes A Village'

PatchFest Update

be awaiting you.

Well our long awaited PatchFest is just around the corner and there has been a flurry of activity recently to finalise arrangements and seek volunteers to help on the day.

You may have received an email requesting your help on a stall or activity. Thank you so much to those parents who have been able to accept their "invitation"; giving up an hour or so of their time on the day means everyone gets to have a fun day. It has been a lot of work planning, seeking support, pulling in favours, organising activities and preparing for every contingency and the PatchFest Committee have been extraordinarily committed, creative, constructive and capable. I want them to be able to have some fun on the day also, so we all need to ask ourselves, "what can I do to help?" A single hour of your time will go a long way and can make all the difference. If PatchFest is going to be an annual event, we need to ensure we don't burn out the very people who can make it happen. If you are unable to help on the day, perhaps you can help on the day before or the day after. See

Maddy if you can lend a hand.

Our **student performances** have been scheduled for two time slots. Prep-2 shall perform between 12 - 1pm. Years 3-6 shall perform between 2-3. The year 6 mask parade is scheduled for 5pm. If you can consider lending a hand outside your child's performance times, that would be wonderful. I hope you have been following PatchFest on Instagram and facebook as the marketing team have created a beautiful "story" of our school that is as promoting as it is enticing. Please tell your friends and relatives to come along and help us create a day to remember and help raise funds for much needed literacy support, art resources, and maybe even a mobile stage of our own! We intend to be as sustainable as possible. Sofia is working with the children to create beautiful bags from old t-shirts, musical instruments have been created from old pipe, homemade items under the label "Patch Made" will be on sale at the Plant Stall, homemade cakes, fairy floss, pom poms, arcade games and challenges, second hand books and toys, interactive activities and much, much more will

Parking on the oval shall be available for a gold coin. Wood-fired pizza, proudly supplied by Pizza Rolo and The Patch Store shall be cooked and sold up on the oval with all the other edible delicacies. Can you help us with any marquees or gazebos? We desperately need extras to ensure protection on the day. Please let Maddy know if you can help.

It's going to be a great showcase of everything we do well at The Patch; come and help us celebrate **Facebook Event Link:**

https://www.facebook.com/events/647791045633396/

Yr 3/4 PatchFest Stall

Dear Parents and friends,

In term 4 on week 2 (Saturday 19th October), we are all looking forward to Patchfest, a wonderful community celebration. The grade 3/4 classes will be running a stall selling

SECONDHAND TOYS and CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

We are hoping that Spring cleaning and holiday tidy ups may find many toys and children's books that you would be willing to donate. The circulation of these treasures is wonderful fun for the kids at Patchfest and supports our values to "reduce, re-use and recycle".

Storing all of these treasures at school can be challenging so we ask that you only start sending things after the holidays to Pauleen up to the 3/4 building. Our community is renowned for its generosity in donation and support of the children's endeavours. We would really appreciate the items you send along but please ensure they are in working order and clean enough for resale.

Happy clearing out and sharing [©]
Regards from the ³/4 team

New overalls for Forest Classroom & Gang Green



Four of the twenty overalls funded by Bendigo bank for our Forest Classroom and Gang Green. Big thanks to Emerald Mitre 10 for providing a huge discount for us.







The Patch OSHClub

RESPECT RESPONSIBLITY RESILIENCE

Hours of operation

Before school care:

7am - 9am (children are sent to school at 8:45am)

After school care:

3pm - 6pm

Program Student Leaders:

Theo Davies (grade 6)

Jack Cotter (grade 6)

Liam Sturt (grade 6)

To enroll or update your enrollment and bookings, visit www.oshclub.com.au or for assistance or if you have any questions, please call 1300 395 735.

To contact us directly, please call 0400 708 773, or email us at thepatch@oschlub.com.au.

Program Coordinator - Bronwyn Ruigrok

Educator - Lucy Collins

Regular Casuals - Annalise Power and Tiarne Moody

Email: thepatch@oshclub.com.au || Phone: 0400 708 773

At The Patch OSHClub we value community, sustainability and the environment, and leading healthy and active lifestyles. All of this and more, we reflect in our program practices, activities and ever changing, colourful breakfast and afternoon tea menu. We strongly believe in developing skills for life and aspire towards a largely child-run service in which all children feel they belong and can

Monbulk & District Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank

SCHOOL BANKING 2019



A kind reminder that our school banking day is Thursday

Jenny from Bendigo Bank will attend The Patch Primary School every Thursday between 9.00am - 9.30am. She will be available to answer or assist with any queries you may have, including opening new accounts.

Did you know? That when you open an account at Bendigo Bank Monbulk that, \$5 is donated to the Emerald Monbulk Wildlife Shelter. You will also receive \$5 into your account to help kickstart your savings journey!

AND

Every time you bank your money as part of school banking, you will go into a prize draw. The winner/s will be drawn out at assembly, at the end of each school term.



LOCAL BUSINESS

TENNIS COACHING at THE PATCH TENNIS COURT

Prep to Grade 3 group lessons available on Monday nights after school!

I am a Tennis Australia Qualified Club Professional (Level 2) Coach, and Physiotherapist, with 30 years experience coaching, including with Junior State Squads.

Contact Renae Aron-Dawson on 0403 498 085.



innovatelearn

Admin/Project Manager Part-time, contractor role

Innovate Learn <u>www.innovatelearn.com.au</u> is a locally-based learning services provider and Authorised Distributor for Wilson Learning Worldwide. We help organisations to develop capabilities within their teams that are critical for the company to achieve its business objectives.

We are looking for someone to help with implementation of workshops and other learning interventions. The hours are varied and irregular and can range from 5 -10 hours a week and require the ability to work from home using your own laptop. The hours are flexible so you can work around your other commitments. It is essential that you have:

- Proficiency in Outlook, Word and Excel
- Excellent customer service skills
- Excellent written and communication skills
- Ability to manage a lot of detail
- Autonomy, self-motivation and initiative
- An interest in people-development

If this sounds like you, please tell us about yourself: email hello@innovatelearn.com.au

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Vacation aroondah Care program

23 September to 4 October 2019



Springfield Pavilion - Springfield Avenue, Croydon Belmont Park - Olympus Drive, Croydon South











Important information

Bookings
Vecation Care bookings must be peid for prior to the
commencement of Vecation Care. This is done via iPay, If
the requested dates on the Vecation Care booking form
(on Council's website) are available, these will be the
dates that families will be booked in and charged for.

The Vacation Care program finishes each day at 6pm. If a child is not picked up by this time a late fee will be charged, according to the following scale - \$10 for every 10 minutes or part thereof per family.

Cancellations

No refunds or credits given for days that families have booked and no longer require. Payment is required for all booked days whether children attend the program or not.

Strictly no money or children's toys (including iPods, phones, DS consoles, cameras) are to be brought to the program.

Please clearly label all your child's clothing and belongings.

Clothing

- Children must be dressed in clothing appropriate for the weather. In wetter months, please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots. In warmer months, please dress children in 'sun smart' clothing, including covered shoulders and a hat.
- Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes for playing. No thongs or flip-flops.
- Please label clothing and personal belongings with your child's name so that it can be easily identified.

Food and drinks

- Parents are required to provide nutritious lunches and snacks, such as sandwiches, fruit, cheese sticks, and water. Please send plenty of food for your child to eat
- Please send a refillable drink bottle with water every
- Please no cans/bottles of soft drink.
- Please note that we cannot heat or cook children's snecks or lunches.
- Many excursions do not allow us to take wrappers, we strongly encourage families to re-think your child's lunch box and send non-packaged food each day to the program.

Excursions

- Children must arrive at the program at least 30 minutes before the stated departure time this will help us to avoid being late for booked activities. The bus will not wait for those who are late.
- If your child will not be attending on an excursion day, please contact the educators at the program before 8.30am to prevent delays in departure.
- Please dress appropriately as excursions will run during all weather conditions.
- Children are not to bring money on excursions
- When travelling by bus we use Ventura bus lines. All buses are fitted with seat belts.
- Educator/child ratio is: 1 educator to every 8 children and for a swimming excursion 1 educator to every 5 children.
- Please make sure your child brings a refillable water bottle and plenty of food with minimal packagaing.

- If a child is to receive medication during the day, parents must complete the Medication Instruction Sheet, and sign the medication in and out with an educator each day.

Additional needs children

Additional needs children
All children are welcome to participate in our Vecation
Care Program. If your child has any additional needs
please contact Council's Vecation Care Coordinator on
2924 5739 at least six weeks before the program is du
to start to discuss the best ways to support your child.

Additional days of care

During the holidays you must contact Council's Youth Children's Services team on 9294 5739 if you wish to book your child in for additional days of care.

Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available to families who have linked their myGov account. Please note that every family will be required to confirm their enrolment on MyGov before each school holiday period. Absences may affect your CCS. For more information, please contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Enrolments

Enrolments for the Vacation Care program must be completed online at http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/ School-holiday-programs-primary-school

For more information, please call Council's Youth and Children's Services team on 9294 5739.

Vacation Care Program 23 Sept to 4 Oct 2019 A school holiday program for children in Prep to grade 6

Wednesday 25 Sept

Monday 23 Sept

INCURSION

Disney Magic



Monday 30 Sept

EXCURSION Tesselaar Tulip Festival

Tuesday 24 Sept

EXCURSION Werribed



EXCURSION Explore Margondah

Wednesday 2 Oct

IN-HOUSE

Dr Frankenstein's Laboratory

EXCURSION The Cat in the Hat



Thursday 26 Sept

INCURSION



Football Fever



Friday 27 Sept

AFL Grand Final Public Holiday



Thursday 3 Oct

IN-HOUSE

A Bug's Life

Friday 4 Oct

EXCURSION Oz Tenpin



REMINDERS:

rlease remember to bring your sunhat and a drink bottle every day. Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the departure time for all excursions (buses will NOT wait for latecomers).

NO NUT PRODUCTS - we have children in the program with anaphylaxis, so please refrain from bringing nut products (including peanut butter and Nutella) to the program.





LOCAL CLUBS



Come and Try Scouts!

Come and join the adventure with 1st Kallista Scout Group

Try Scouting FREE for 3 weeks! See what Scouting can do for your child.



Where: Kallista Scout Hall, 8A Anderson Street, Kallista

Section and ages Meeting Times

Joey Scouts 5-7yrs Mondays 5:45pm-6:45pm Cub Scouts 8-10yrs Mondays 7:00pm-8:30pm Scouts 11-14yrs Thursdays 7:30pm-9:30pm

Call or email James for more information (see below).







NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!



All Junior and Senior players and families are encouraged to attend our clubs Seasons Launch.

Date - Tuesday 24th September 2019



Venue - Club Social Rooms Time 6.30pm – 8.00pm



This is one of the most important events in our Cricket Clubs calendar year

Our Seasons Launch will be full of information -

- President Jason Simmonds Present our seasons plans and expectations
- Cricket Victoria Provide an overview on our children protection program
- Club Merchandise will be on sale at heavily reduced prices
- Online registration will be available, and support can be provided
- Our Senior & Junior Big Hawk / Little Hawk program will be launched
- Social club memberships will be available
- Club memberships can be paid



Finger food will be provided on the night

Please make every effort to attend - this is planned to be a fun and informative night

The Importance of Attendance

Please remember that all students are expected to be in their classroom, ready to begin lessons by 9.00am.

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 system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or red 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.

Community Notices

Piano & Guitar with Chris Walker

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

Violin & Viola Lessons

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

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