



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to Remember

### November

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Curriculum Day (students not required at school)
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Prep – 2 Swimming Program
- Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
- Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Working Bee 10am-1pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7.15pm
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup>	FREE DRESS supporting State Schools Relief – Gold Coin Donation

### December

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Prep 2014 Parent Information Night 7pm – 8pm
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prep & Buddy Excursion
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Orientation Day
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carols Evening
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting 7.15pm
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 6 Graduation
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 4

## Uniform Shop

Remember that the Uniform Shop is now open

**every Monday  
from 8.45am to 9.15am.**

If you are unable to attend the Uniform Shop during opening time, you can always leave your completed order form and payment at the Office any school day except Friday.

Thank you ☺

## Yarra Ranges Council Parking on The Patch Rd

There are further changes being made to the parking restriction along The Patch Rd near our school.

For full details, please [click here](#) to view document on website.

## Curriculum Day Tomorrow Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013

Please note that students are not required at school on this day.

Unfortunately, due to insufficient numbers, there will be no Curriculum Day Program offered by OSHC on this day.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

## From the Principal...

WOW!!! What an extraordinary night on Tuesday. I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff, the production team, the parents and, of course, our students. A mammoth task!!! We have a slide show currently going on the TV in our foyer containing some terrific images captured during the evening by Kate Haley.

Special thanks to:

- Simonne & Richard Licciardi from [MRE Property Marketing](#) for sponsoring us once again with the programs,
- Paul Townsend from *Yarra Image Works* for donating his time and expertise to record a DVD to offer for sale to the school community – going to the school many, many thanks.

A special acknowledgement to our Masters of Ceremony, Ashley and Finn from Years 3 & 4, for their excellent presentation skills and to Acayla and Tahlen who managed our prop department - thank you. You will find an extensive list of people who all helped to make our 'Showcase' the amazing success it was in your program. We sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support.

We also spoke to you as a community about the incredible achievements of our Garden Team lead by Michelle. Please see these acknowledgements later in the newsletter.

Tomorrow is a student free day and no children will be at school – please enjoy a long weekend.

We also are looking forward to Monday when our teaching staff will be spending the day planning, out of their classrooms. As we have done in previous years, we are offering an alternative program for the students at school on this day which will be run by our regular Casual Relief Teachers.

My exciting news is that I am now the proud grandmother(Marnie) of Amara Lillian - a special welcome to our family. Of course I am biased but she is beautiful, alert and melts your heart.

Have a great weekend,

*Deb*

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## Premier's Sustainability Awards – What a Night!

What an inspiring and entertaining night we enjoyed at Shed 14, Central Pier, Docklands, last Tuesday evening. Our delegation of garden team parents, staff and leadership were treated to delicious local produce, entertainment (Catriona Rowntree from *Getaway* and Anthony Callea, performer), innovative sustainable projects and delightful (and very formal) surroundings.

Our selection as one of three finalists in the Education Category was indeed an honour and a wonderful affirmation of the merit of our environmental program and sustainable school practices and we proudly viewed the large screens as they displayed images of some of our students at work. The poster which was displayed along with all the other finalists from the 9 categories may be seen near the office. There are also some copies of the project finalists on the tables in the staff room to have a look at if you are interested.

Whilst we did not win the award (Bentleigh Secondary College won), we were so proud to be in the shadow of Bill Thomas from Bentleigh and Monash University's Sustainability Unit; both organisations have achieved outstanding progress in sustainability and are clear role models for others.

**Photos:** Below is a link to flickr so you can look at the photos from the night,  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/48656722@N04/>

It was a wonderful night and we all had a fabulous time.

Cheers,  
Michelle

# Environmental Science

It seems like 2007 was only yesterday when there was just a slab down in what we now refer to as our *Learning Landscape*. Back in 2007 we would have simply sat in the garden.

Our current graduating Year 6 class of children has watched over the years as the garden has grown into an exceptional educational component of our school.

What extraordinary work and vision this team has provided since 2002, incorporating the school's 3.3 hectare landscape into a student learning area.

## DID YOU KNOW?

We have developed many links to some significant partners both locally and globally:

- **University of Melbourne**
- **Yarra Ranges Council:**
  - participation in ***Learning for Sustainability*** program, networking opportunities and expertise since 2001 and ongoing.
  - The school participates in and hosts YRC environmental educator meetings
  - Contributes to YRC led seminars and workshops (e.g. "2012 Learning for Sustainability Conference")
  - In 2012 the YRC also helped the school to deliver the "**Kids Teaching Kids**" workshop,
  - 'Earth Keepers' program
- Families: **Friends of the Wetlands** established in 1999
- **Garden Team** established 2006
- **Healesville Sanctuary:** platypus water watch program
- **The RACV Club (Healesville)** – platypus water watch program
- **Vic Forests**
- **I Sea I Care**
- **Slow Foods:** vegetable garden and shed
- **Greening Australia:** tree planting at Coranderrk
- **Melbourne Water** : tree planting around local waterways since 2006 receiving grants every year
- **Healesville Environmental Watch Incorporated (HEWI)** – tree planting around local waterways
- The **Mullum Mullum Festival** group
- **Melbourne Zoo:** act4nature program
- **Make It Count** program with Monash University
- **The Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (LAECG)**
- And our **local community**

Since the establishment of the eco centre in 2007 – 2008 we have won considerable recognition at a local, regional, state and global level.

Some of these include:

### **Garden Awards:**

2009 & 2010

The school won the major School Garden Awards for Victoria in 2012

### **Education Awards:**

2009 EMR Outstanding Primary Teacher award;

2011 Victorian Science and Maths Teaching Excellence Award

State Finalist 2012 DEECD Curriculum Innovation Award (resulting in an invitation to visit Denmark and UK in 2012);

### **International collaboration:**

In 2012 Michelle made visits to schools in Denmark and England deliver Professional Learning to Sustainability Teachers using the TPPS experience.

2013 International invitation to visit Japan for UNESCO

**School visits:** Visits from schools, community groups and principals of 26 groups visited over 2010 - 2013. The TPPS students lead these visits as educators and tour leaders.

**Outreach Program:** In 2012 a new professional outreach program started at TPPS for teachers, community workers and professionals using the learning landscape as a model. So far 7 groups have participated.

**Publications and presentations:** Michelle has contributed to and co-authored five publications based on the LL, has been a keynote speaker at a national conference (Growing Communities 2010) and presented at University and Professional seminars.

**Academic collaboration:** collaborated in academic research projects with four Universities (ACU, Monash, Melbourne, RMIT) and led visits from these and other institutions to the LL (Chisholm TAFE, Royal Botanic Gardens).

**Council partnerships:** In 2012 the Yarra Ranges Council initiated a pilot project based around TPPS to explore how this could be used to facilitate greater integration of environmental education within, across and between schools.

**CERES/Resource Smart:** In 2012, TPPS agreed to be a Mentor School in the AUSSI/ Resource Smart program. This followed a nomination from CERES based around recognition of the school achievements and a willingness to share experiences.

**Premier's State Award** - Our selection as one of three finalists in the Education Category was indeed an honour and a wonderful affirmation of the merit of our environmental program and our sustainable school practices. We were amongst minor and major business as well as community groups.

So, where to next? With Michelle's visit to Japan this year, a Japanese sister school is possible as our global links expand. It is really all about our next generation of students becoming agents of change - one small step can make a difference!



## Budding Graphic Designers

Check out the new sign at The Patch Tennis Club!! Doesn't it look fantastic?! The logo was designed by students from The Patch Primary School, **Shania Turner** (graduated from Grade 6 last year) and **Madeleine Ross**.

The club ran a logo design competition 18 months ago, where many entries were received. Both girls logos were chosen by the committee and with their permission were combined to form the final logo.

Club member, and founding committee member Jenny Lindstedt, did the graphics which was submitted to MRE Property Marketing (who sponsored the signs). I think the logo really captured what The Patch Tennis Club is all about!

Renae Aron  
The Patch Tennis & Social Club

## From our Assistant Principal...

I have many thank you's in this edition of the newsletter! Firstly, thank you so much to all the mums and one dad who offered their time and assistance to run the kitchen at our Showcase on Tuesday so that we could provide tea, coffee, cordial and biscuits etc at both intervals and before the shows started as well. We are extremely grateful for so much support with this aspect of the Showcase so thank you sincerely for working with me to provide what was needed for afternoon tea and supper.

Kellie McDonald, Alesha and I would also like to thank all those once again who have offered assistance in different ways to support the Sangster family in their caring for Jay and Kane. There is a wonderful system in place in terms of the weekly provision of practical items such as extra fruit and vegetables, morning tea snacks/treats, an occasional meal and assistance with sushi lunches – as well as many donations to the trust fund that has been set up for the boys at Bendigo Bank in Monbulk. Our school community has opened their hearts and is doing a very good thing to offer a variety of support in a co-ordinated and caring manner.

As most of you would know, there was a raffle organised and on display at the Showcase to raise money for our '*Caring for the Community*' fund. There are 10 great prizes/prize packages being raffled, including an absolutely beautiful, hand-made quilt. There are tickets still available to be purchased and you can do this all of next week (prizes on display near office area) until the drawing of the raffle at our Friday assembly on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Money raised will be split equally between the Boyd boys' trust fund and the '*Caring for Our Community*' fund.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following people or organisations for their generous donations to our '*Caring for Our Community*' raffle:

**Patchwork Collection Friendship Group**

**Annie Beach Photography**

**Essential Indulgence – Sue Kidd**

**Sue Flynn - Intimo Lingerie**

**Beads by Eddie**

**Autobarn**

**Dahlsens Building Centres**

**Thank you all so much for your support!**

A special thank you also to Sue Kidd, Tammie Carter, Edith Elias, Sue Flynn and Kellie McDonald for their organisation of this raffle and the time they have put in on the promotion and selling of tickets at the Showcase – it has been a very successful initiative so far.

Lynne Pearce  
Assistant Principal

## Jake's Thoughts on our 'Showcase'.

**"I liked the Wurundjeri Creation story because I learnt to not be so scared. I felt good after the play was over.**

**We got to take our costumes home."**

**By Jake Mackay 3/4B**

Good on you Jake!



# Great News About Communicating to our Families!

**Tiqbiz** is a great way to communicate with you via electronic devices including your smart phone, tablet or PC. You need to simply download the app as detailed below, sign on to our school and the categories that are of interest to you and get ready to receive lots of school information quickly and effectively! If you sign up to tiqbiz, you are welcome to unsubscribe from our regular newsletter alerts, as the newsletter will be sent direct to your electronic device ☺

## We're now using an app to send our messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events.

It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer.... or all of them.

Search for: tiqbiz



iPhone and iPad

*Important: Click 'allow' notifications when asked.  
This is to allow your school to send you important alert notices.*



Android smartphone and tablet.



Windows & Mac computers.

Once installed, follow the steps on the next page to tick on our school.

## Find and tick our school

### 1. Log-in

Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.

### 2. Find our school

Click the 'Find' icon and type our school name into the search bar.  
You will now see all of our school boxes.

### 3. Tick on

Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to you.  
When the tick turns green, you're connected.



### 4. Inbox

Click on the Inbox icon.  
This is where you will receive our information

## Technical Support 9am-5pm Mon-Fri (AEST)

Victoria (03) 9800 1489  
New South Wales (02) 8091 6826  
Queensland (07) 5641 4565  
South Australia (08) 8121 5651  
Western Australia (08) 9467 5780  
Email team@tiqbiz.com

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# Your School... Your Community

The **Community Sub-Committee** of the School Council has been meeting and discussing a range of issues affecting the school and the community – it has been a valuable part of the community connectedness of the School Council.

The main purpose of the Community Sub-Committee is to be a forum for discussing ideas and suggestions from parents and be a voice for community building in the school.

Our aim is to continue to build stronger links across teachers, students, parents the Early Learning Centre and the broader community.

Some of the projects that the Community Sub-Committee have been working on in consultation with teachers and school staff include:

- Communications - identifying ways the school communicates - working on providing some consistency to the way that grade newsletters are issued, came from these discussions. Work across the website, messages from the school and new initiatives on signage comes from these discussions. We've initiated the feedback mechanisms to hear from parents.
- Caring for the Community - looking at ways we can provide assistance to school community members that need support has also been part of discussions in the Sub-Committee.
- Building Links – we have been discussing ways to build links across the school and across the community, including with business.
- Promoting The Patch School – we are now actively discussing a range of ways to promote The Patch School and The Early Learning Centre.
- Other projects are on-going and include building stronger links and cross-promotional opportunities for the school and the Early Learning Centre, developing a marketing plan to ensure we can take every opportunity to promote the school and looking at how the school is branded. We are also developing plans around a community forum (to be held next year) and a whole of school parent survey to be issued before the end of this year.

To continue to consult and hear from parents, we encourage you to consider the following ways that you can engage...

## 1. Provide un-solicited feedback or suggestions

You can provide your feedback by either email or note form...

- ✓ By email: [community@thepatchps.vic.edu.au](mailto:community@thepatchps.vic.edu.au)
- ✓ In a note and pop it in the Feedback Box in foyer at school

## 2. Ensure you complete the parent survey when it is issued (before the end of the year)

**3. Attend the next Community Sub-Committee meeting** and bring your ideas of what you think we could be doing. Next meeting (anyone interested is welcome to attend) is:

**6pm, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at The Patch School**

A key part of our work is to listen and hear from you – so let us know what you think!

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Matt Clear  
(Father of Maya, Niamh and Dash)  
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[clear.matthew@gmail.com](mailto:clear.matthew@gmail.com)



# Photos From Assembly





50<sup>th</sup> Year at Talaskia Road



**Spring Harvest**

# FETE

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November

10am - 4pm



Rides Silent auction  
Live entertainment  
Anniversary display  
Face painting  
Lucky spuds  
Produce Hot food  
Devonshire tea  
Market stalls  
Dog training  
demonstrations  
... and lots more!

**We Thank Our Sponsors**





# Weed Blitz

## Free Environmental Weed Tipping Day

Skips will be available at

**Monbulk Recreation Reserve, Monbulk**

**Kallista Community House, Kallista**

**Kalorama Memorial Reserve, Kalorama**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

**9am - 3pm**

- ✦ Agapanthus
- ✦ Arum Lily
- ✦ Asparagus Fern
- ✦ Banana Passionfruit
- ✦ Cotoneaster
- ✦ English Holly
- ✦ English Ivy
- ✦ Japanese Honeysuckle
- ✦ Karamu
- ✦ Mirror bush
- ✦ Montbretia
- ✦ Red Cestrum
- ✦ Sweet Pittosporum
- ✦ Wandering Trad
- ✦ Wild Tobacco Tree

*When removing weeds please be aware of the potential that native animals may be sheltering in them. Always check woody weeds for nests before removing and where possible replace a weed with an indigenous native plant. Nest boxes are easy to make, inexpensive to buy and a great way of providing homes for native animals.*

## WEED INFORMATION AND ADVICE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

We Cannot accept Noxious Weeds  
due to legal limitations on  
transportation [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au)

For information on weed removal  
techniques call 9294 6822 or  
<http://www.varraranges.vic.gov.au>

Event sponsored by the Urban Fringe Weed Management Initiative and  
council's Weed Wipeout program





# NOVEMBER BOOK FAIR!

The Patch Primary School Book Fair starts Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November at 3.30pm and finishes 9.00am Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas is just around the corner, so it's the perfect opportunity to start early on your shopping and support the school at the same time.

The Book Fair held in May raised \$600 for our school library – a great result, so thank you to everyone who supported the fair.

The Book Fair starts at 3.30pm on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.  
See you at the Book Fair!

Cheers, Josie



## CELIA LASHLIE

International bestselling writer and storyteller



## Growing Gorgeous Boys Into Good Men

Adolescent boys – they seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.

Will they survive and become good men? How can parents and schools understand them and help them through this difficult and dangerous time?

Celia's entertaining and enlightening view of what goes on inside the world of boys - an entirely different world from that of girls - offers parents practical and reassuring advice on raising their boys to become good, loving articulate men.

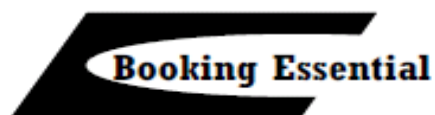
*Light refreshments provided*

**DATE:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
November 2013

**TIME:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**VENUE:** Karralyka Centre  
Mines Road  
Ringwood

**HOST:** Outer Eastern LLEN  
*in partnership with*  
Male Health  
Victoria



**CONTACT:** Gary Buckeridge  
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# Community Notices

The annual **Kids Fun Run With Thomas** will once again be held at Gembrook Puffing Billy Station on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. There will be fun and games for all the family. The Kids Fun Run with Thomas is a Rotary Club of Emerald & District fundraising event with the theme 'Kids Helping Kids'. What better way to raise funds to improve the health of children, than through the exuberance and enjoyment of healthy children. Thomas the Tank Engine has such a special place in the hearts of children, young (and old), that the day is filled with bright-eyed excitement as the children run alongside the train.

The funds raised by the Kids Fun Run with Thomas 2012 will be used to purchase needed equipment for the Children's Ward at the William Angliss Hospital in Ferntree Gully.

For more information and REGISTRATION, visit [www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au](http://www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au)

## Admin All Rounder

We are a small family home-based business located in Monbulk. We need a person to help us for approx 6hrs (1 day) a week during school hours. The job involves a variety of office duties including accounts payable & receivable, invoicing & filing. Excellent computer skills needed particularly in Microsoft Office & Excel.

Please send resume to [judy@downeysroofing.com.au](mailto:judy@downeysroofing.com.au).

**The Sherbrooke Basketball Junior Domestic Summer Competition** has just got under way and a number of teams in our Rookies (9 and under) and under 13s age groups are in need of players.

Competitions run out of Monbulk Secondary College Stadium, Monbulk and Mountain Road Reserve Stadium, Cockatoo from 9am Saturday.

If you or anyone you know are interested in joining a team, please contact James Carradice on 0427 430 185 or at [jdfcarradice@gmail.com](mailto:jdfcarradice@gmail.com)

Alternatively, if you would like to enter a team in Rookies, under 11s, 13s or 15s, please contact Pam Ball at [competition@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au](mailto:competition@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au)

## An Invitation to 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

HOPE Production Group cordially invites you to their Yuletide live theatre presentation of the timeless literary classic, "Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. The production will be performed in association with the Burrinja Cultural Community Centre and will be staged at their venue. All profits go to supporting the Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service who provide aid and support for members of our community in need.

Evening shows on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Matinee shows on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Adults \$22 Child (under 16)/Concession \$16 Family (2 adults, 2 children under 16) \$65

351 Glenfern Rd Upwey 3158 Tickets available for purchase at [www.burrinja.com.au](http://www.burrinja.com.au)

## Auditory Processing and Learning

What could your child's behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

INFORMATION SESSION - Understanding Auditory Processing Cost \$20

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 7:00pm – 8:30pm

At: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Dve Chirnside Park

**Using art, movement and music, we can help transform hindrances that will enable your child to discover their true potential. Bookings essential. Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335**

## TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 !

## New Group Piano Lessons available at The Patch.

To complement the existing piano and music programs at the school, group keyboard lessons are now available for kids from Prep to Grade 6. Groups of 2 or 3 children (of similar ages) will learn piano and music-reading skills in a fun and inspiring way. \$15 per child for half an hour.

Teacher: Fiona Seers (a Patch parent) with over 20 years teaching experience and a love and passion for music education. To enquire about booking a spot for your child please call Fiona on 0438 833 592 or email

[fionaseers@hotmail.com](mailto:fionaseers@hotmail.com).