



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

September

Fri 16 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – Early Finish 2.00pm Preps & siblings 2.15pm Yr 1/2 & siblings 2.30pm Yr 3-6
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October

Mon 3 rd	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 (don't forget about Day Light Savings commencing)
Tues 4 th	Summer Sport – Cricket, Volleyball, Softball & Tennis (selected students)
Thurs 6 th	 40th Birthday Celebration – A Patch in Time!!
Tues 11 th	Casual Dress Day – no cost
Thurs 27 th	 Halloween Dress up Day 
Fri 28 th	CURRICULUM DAY – Student Free Day
Mon 31 st	Common Professional Practice Day

November

Tues 1 st	Melbourne Cup Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wed 2 nd – Mon 7 th	Prep & Y1/2 Swimming Lessons (not 1/2C)
Tues 8 th – Fri 11 th	Y3, Y4 & 1/2C Swimming Lessons
Wed 9 th	Prep 2023 Transition Session 1 (9.30am-10.30am)
Fri 11 th	Puffing Billy excursion for Preps and Y6
Wed 16 th	Prep 2023 Transition Session 2 (9.30am-10.30am)
Fri 18 th	Casual Dress Day – UNHCR (donations via Qkr!)
Wed 23 rd	Prep 2023 Transition Session 3 (9.30am-10.30am)
Fri 25 th	Junior School Athletics Day
Mon 21 st	Proposed Smile Squad Dental Van Visit
Mon 28 th	Y1/2 Day Camp – Log Cabin Ranch
Wed 30 th	Prep Camp Afternoon

**Assemblies every
Friday on the
basketball court at
9.10am.**

**Families are welcome
to attend!**

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
3:00pm Prep Dismissal
3:15pm Yr1/2 Dismissal
3:30pm Yr 3-6 Dismissal

Some words from Michelle...

How wonderful to finally welcome Spring and to have the light in the morning to remind us that warmer weather is on the way. Despite the relentless cold, rainy weather, there is a feeling in the air that we are through the worst and the approaching holidays will be a timely opportunity to recharge the batteries and return to school refreshed, reinvigorated and ready for a wonderful term 4.

Unfortunately, Deb is unwell at the moment and on sick leave. Hopefully, she makes a full recovery soon and is able to return in full health. In her absence I have written a few bits about upcoming and current events.



40th Birthday Celebration Update

Our first week back begins with a bang as our 40th Birthday Celebrations, “A Patch in Time”, takes place on Thursday, October 6th. The day will be a celebration of all things school, the ‘80s, the number 40, and our local history.

All classes have been heavily involved in investigating our school and local history, creating representations of our landscapes and buildings, exploring significant events in our school’s history, preparing performances to share with the broader community and genuinely becoming more familiar with how our school has grown and changed over the years. We love our school and want to share some of it’s greatest achievements with you.

This is roughly what the day will look like:

- 9.15am on the basketball court (weather permitting), the day will begin with an Acknowledgement of Country by Emily Webbers (proud Gunai/Kurnai woman) and kinder children.
- 9.30ish: Year 3 students to do a performance depicting some of the events our school has produced over the years
- 10 – 11am: Prep classes open for classes (and adult visitors) to view the models they have created of the school and landscape
- 12 – 1pm: Year 1/2 classrooms open for classes (and adult visitors) to view the creation stories and related activities to share some Indigenous history of the area.
- 1 – 2pm: Year 4/5 classrooms open for classes (and adult visitors) to view the projects students have developed that focus on a range of themes from the ‘80s (fashions, music, etc)
- 2.30 – 3.15pm: Year 3 & 6 classrooms open for classes (and adult visitors) to view student projects that explore school history, changes and highlights.



40th Birthday Celebration Update cont...

We are approaching this day as a bit of an Open Day where parents are welcome to drop in at any time and view what is going on around the school. There will be a visitors' book to sign in so we know who is on site, and we hope parents will take the opportunity to see some of your child's work over the last term.

From 4pm a Whole-School Performance will take place on the basketball court. The rough outline will include:

- Acknowledgement of Country by Emily Webbers.
- Year level and some ensemble music performances featuring some '80s songs
- Mask parade by year 6 students
- Whole school aerobics workout (audience included) – it is the '80s after all!
- MC'ed by Paddy Harvey

There will be seating and standing room for the audience to watch the performance. Feel free to bring a chair of your own also.

Following this, there will be a beer and wine tent, food stalls, ice-cream van, popcorn, fairy floss, all in keeping with the '80s to keep up the vibe and promote opportunities to catch up and have fun.

There will also be a small display depicting some historical aspects of the school site and a wonderful silent art auction in the library. **Dress in '80s gear** (may be fashions on the field if there are sufficient styles worth celebrating!)

A platform called [signup.com](https://www.signup.com) will enable volunteers to offer help for a range of tasks including setting up and packing up stalls, serving, selling or decorating. We would love to see as many helpers as possible donate an hour to ensure the event is simply wonderful.

Please see our social media posts for more information.



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SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM

Plain Vanilla	\$5.00
Chocolate Dipped, Plain & Candy / Sherbet	\$5.50
Choc Dip & Candy, Choc Dip & Nuts!	\$6.00

GELATI ICE CREAM - ALL FLAVOURS

Plain Vanilla	
Chocolate Dipped, Plain & Candy / Sherbet	\$7.00
Choc Dip & Candy, Choc Dip & Nuts!	

LARGE CUPS

Chocolate / Strawberry / Caramel Sundae	\$9.00
Rainbow Gelato Cup	\$10.00

SMALL CUPS

Chocolate / Strawberry / Caramel Sundae	\$6.00
Rainbow Gelato Cup	\$7.00



All Double Cones	\$3.00 Extra
Waffle Cones	\$1.00 Extra
Flakes	\$2.00 Extra
Fairy Floss Multi Coloured Bag	\$6.00

MOBILE ICE CREAMS

Coming Soon to your School



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Menu

- Plain Vanilla
- Plain with sprinkles or sherbet
- Chocolate Dip
- Chocolate Dip with sprinkles or nuts
- Plain with Flake
- Chocolate with Flake
- Chocolate Nut Sundae
- Strawberry Sundae with sprinkles
- Rainbow Gelati
- Fairy Floss

NOT ALL MENU ITEMS AVAILABLE AT ALL SCHOOLS

Date: THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

Time: 11-11:45, 2-2:30, AFTER SCHOOL & 5:45PM onwards

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Size 10,12 & 14 short sleeved polo tops are currently out of stock at Beleza School Uniforms.

The team at Beleza have given us an ETA of late Oct / early Nov at this stage. This ETA is factoring in possible shipping delays and the time their warehouse would need to process the stock and deliver it to the Boronia store. They are hoping that the ETA of late Oct / early Nov is a worst-case scenario.

Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding!

Update - The girls winter tunic will also be available up to size 16 next year.



CUBBY COUNCIL



Three weeks ago, a Cubby Council was established to address some of the problems that have emerged around the cubby building area near the oval. This space has long been an area where constructive and creative play has been promoted in the way of cubby building and has been modelled on some strong international research around the importance of “den-making” for young children, especially those between 7 – 9.

Our cubby council meet every week with me for the last hour on Wednesday and so far we have been able to identify lots of things we love about the cubbies, lots of problems that are faced at the cubbies, a range of possible solutions that could improve experiences at the cubbies and a recognition that the group itself may have been responsible for some of the issues but are important stakeholders to enable us to move forward.

The group is made up of 20 students from Prep – 6 and our most recent discussions have been to create a series of statements that promote a positive environment for all at the cubbies.

Statements such as: At our cubbies, we:

- Work together to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all
- Share materials fairly and respect each other’s ideas
- Ensure our structures and behaviours are safe
- Respect other people’s constructions and materials
- Value living things and only use loose materials in and around the space provided

This is just a start in our problem-solving, but it demonstrates the will students have to find ways to keep the cubby building opportunities available for all.

Let’s see what they come up with next...

Michelle

Building Update:

There has been much progress around our Building Upgrade and we are on track to soon be able to see a MASTER PLAN created by the architectural company, Craig Tan Architects, that will provide a vision for possible works across the whole school site.

Stage 1 construction is scheduled to begin next October 2023, with completion 12 months later. We have been involved in weekly meetings with the architects and project managers from the Victorian School Building Authority and have found the process inspirational. We feel our school values, ethos and goals are well understood and embedded in all aspects of the concept plans, including the landscape architecture.

Next term we will be able to share the finished Master Plan with the community and outline the process for rolling out stage one which is to improve teaching and learning spaces in the main building. This may be through a whole new build or a refurbishment of the existing building.

We are also in the process of requesting funds for stage 2 works which be identified in the master plan. We intend to keep the pressure on for continued funding to ensure all aspects of the master plan are able to be implemented. This would be the ideal outcome for our school.

Michelle Rayner - michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au

Wellbeing Support – Anne Lawry

For Anne to arrange an appointment to see your child she requires a referral from the parent/guardian, teacher or child along with a signed Wellbeing Support OPT IN form.

The best way to make a referral is to email Anne: annelawrytps@gmail.com

Wellbeing Support OPT IN forms are available at the office.

Some things we can be certain of!!

Anne Lawry

The role of caring for our young people is always important. However, it remains particularly important as they face ongoing challenges relating to the exceptional period we continue to live through.



I'm sure we all remember hearing about "the new normal" and we all hoped to return to the old normal. However, unfortunately it seems that normal, as we used to know it, continues to elude us. Although lock downs have ceased, disruption and uncertainty have continued. There has been a great deal of sickness as well. **Certainly, life can be exhausting!!**

While we have hung in there for some time now, we continue to hope that the struggle will be worth it. In time many things will become apparent from this exceptional period – some good and some not so good.

In the meantime, our young people continue to navigate a way through the challenges. It's very natural for them to feel upset and angry when events are rescheduled or cancelled. It's also natural for them to experience increased anxiety, to have difficulty defining their emotions or in regulating them.

At school we are seeing some of this coming out in a variety of ways. For example - a reluctance to attend school; challenges with social interactions; inexplicable feelings of anger or anxiety and difficulty sleeping.

Being with young people brings moments of wondrousness, of tremendous challenge, of frustration and of anxiety. Whatever the age of the young people in our care, there will always be new things that crop up, new topics for discussion and new things for us to learn. There can be pleasant surprises and not so pleasant surprises. **Certainly, life is not dull!!**

So many aspects of our roles in caring for our young people require us to develop skills and strengths, that we never imagined we would need to acquire, as we navigate and grow through each new challenge.



Some things we can anticipate, and others come at us from left field. Sometimes we dare to hope for an easy ride, to find that suddenly it isn't.

There are occasions we anticipate difficulties, and surprisingly everything runs smoothly.

The love that we feel for our young people can often be the one thing that enables us to get through.

Certainly, life can be a roller coaster!!

As they ride the roller coaster of life, our young people depend on us, their parents, teachers, and other trusted adults for their safety and a sense of security and connection. They look to us for information and cues about what to think and how to respond. When we demonstrate anxiety, worry, or apprehension, our young people can take these onboard as well. ***Certainly, life can be tough!!!***

As we continue to provide support for our young people, some things that we can all do are:

Stay calm and empathise

Talk with our young person in a calm manner. Encourage them to ask questions and share their feelings. It can help them to hear that their worries are understandable. At the same time, model and communicate calm, rational thinking and problem-solving to address the “what if’s” they may be worrying about.

Listen attentively

This will help us to better understand what questions they may have, and what might be the cause of their worries and fears. Understanding a young person’s particular worries is a step toward helping them work through their fears and difficult feelings. Asking open questions helps our young people to process their thoughts and emotions. It also provides us with more information which enables us to support them better.

Provide honest, but thoughtful and brief information

It’s important for our young people to know what’s going on, but it’s important to avoid exposure to graphic images or news footage that may increase anxiety or overwhelm them. Choose what information to share and explain it in a way that is age-appropriate.

Maintain consistent family-care routines

Simple healthy habits like eating nutritious foods, taking walks together, and consistent bedtimes can provide a sense of predictability and comfort and this brings with it a sense of security. With the school holidays coming up, take this opportunity to spend time relaxing together. Increased connection can ease anxious feelings when young people are feeling fearful.

Express gratitude and share positive news

Encourage them to share news of positive events from during the day, and to practice expressions of gratitude or actions of giving to others. Little by little these things assist our young people to foster positive emotions and offset anxiety.



However, none of us need go through these challenges alone. Together we all form an important part of the wellbeing support team for each and every one of our young people. ***Certainly, we can work together!!***

It is my hope that everyone has a safe holiday, including some special occasions of connectedness, returning ready for Term 4, feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

Take care of yourselves and your precious young ones,
Anne Lawry
Wellbeing Support
annelawrytps@gmail.com

Tuesday 13 September 2022

Change to isolation period for COVID cases

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

Any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID-19 must now isolate for a minimum of 5 days instead of 7. If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day 6. If they are symptomatic, they must remain in isolation until day 7. If they have symptoms after 7 days, they are strongly advised to stay home until their symptoms have resolved.

As an additional risk mitigation, the Department of Health strongly recommends that those leaving isolation wear a face mask when away from home, both indoors and outdoors, and when they cannot physically distance. Those leaving isolation on day 6 should wear a mask for 5 days but particularly the first 2 days. Those leaving isolation on day 7 should wear a mask for 4 days but particularly the first 2 days.

Those leaving isolation should consider taking a rapid antigen test before attending school.

*** Lunch Orders – Friday 16th Sept, 2022 ***

Orders need to be in Qkr! by 8am

Nat from The Patch Store is expecting it to be a busy day and needs the extra hour to get orders ready.



Year 4/5 PIC Workshops



We had an amazing day rotating through three very creative, energetic and fun activities – Dance, Drama and Circus. The best part was that everybody was able to participate and learn not only about the activity but also about themselves.

The bonus was that all of this was free and we are really grateful to the team who ran the day – Michaela, Dee, Sim, Shona and Amy – and the Shire of Yarra Ranges who provided the grant to run it.



Grand Final Winners!!

A few of The Patch Primary School students won their grand finals Saturday 3rd September and Monbulk Netball Club sent through some photos – congratulations!!!



Stella played her Grand Final, for Monbulk Netball Club (13 & Under team). Winning 18 – 13 against Montrose, it was great to see Stella showing her netball skills as a crucial midcourt player.

Also Premiers, were Ivy, Addison and Ella winning their Grand Final for 11&Under for Monbulk Netball Club. Winning 17 – 6 against Mount Evelyn. Dominating through the mid court Ivy and Addison had some amazing intercepts and passes down the court. Whilst Ella was crucial in the defense, perfecting her intercepts, rebounds and defending the shot.



Their coach and parents are extremely proud of the girls. They have certainly put a lot of effort into improving their netball skills this season, and of course had a lot of fun playing – CONGRATULATIONS!!



LIVING WITH AUTISM

4 week parenting program bringing together parents living with a child with Autism
Term 4 2022

Are you the parent or carer of a child who has a diagnosis of autism?

This free 4-week parenting program is an opportunity to ask questions about the autism spectrum and we will support you to consider different approaches/strategies to help with parenting.

The group is free of charge but bookings are required.

If you'd like more information feel free to contact the team at ParentZone.Eastern@anglicarevic.org.au

DATES: Thursday morning
10th November - 1st December 2022

TIME: 10am - 12pm

WHERE: Online - Via Zoom

COST: Free of charge for parents in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne (Bookings essential)

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)



PARENTZONE

BETTER TOMORROWS



Surviving Separation

Are you in conflict with the other parent?

Would you like to:
Manage your parenting arrangements with less conflict?
Learn how to best support your children through separation?

- Learn better ways to deal with your emotions and theirs?
- Build communication skills for the future, for yourself and your children?

Come along, learn some skills to resolve conflict and connect with other parents about the best ways to co-parent, always putting your child's needs first.

When: Mondays - October 10th - December 5th inclusive (eight evening sessions, no session on October 31)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Who: Separated parents

Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)

Bookings: [Click here to register](#)

Questions: Julia at Parentzone
9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

PARENTZONE



FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY (including ASD, ADD)

PARENT PEER SUPPORT GROUPS
STRENGTHENING PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Are you a parent or carer of a child with a disability or developmental delay (with or without a formal diagnosis)? Could you use a bit of support and connection with others who understand?

Come along and join other parents and carers at one of our monthly peer support groups. Share stories and strategies, and have a cuppa, a chat and some laughs with other supportive parents and carers in a casual and comfortable environment. You can come to one or as many groups as you like!

Groups are free of charge and bookings are required

For information on groups, individual support, or if you'd like an information session for your community group or organisation, contact on Michelle 0438 646 744

Details for all groups listed over page.



PARENTZONE



Talking Tweens

A Parents Building Solutions Program
For Parents of Children Aged 8 to 13 years

Do you want to:

- Improve communication with your child?
- Deal with anger and anxiety?
- Establish boundaries with your child around screen use and other challenging behaviors?
- Understand tween development?
- Deal with conflict and improve relationships?

Come along to these 6 interactive sessions. Share strengths, challenges, and strategies to parent 8 to 13 year old.

When: Monday afternoons (6 sessions)
Mon 10th Oct to Mon 14th Nov 2022

Time: 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Where: Online via Zoom. Participants will need access to a device with video and audio in order to participate

Cost: Free of charge

Registrations: [click here](#)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

PARENTZONE

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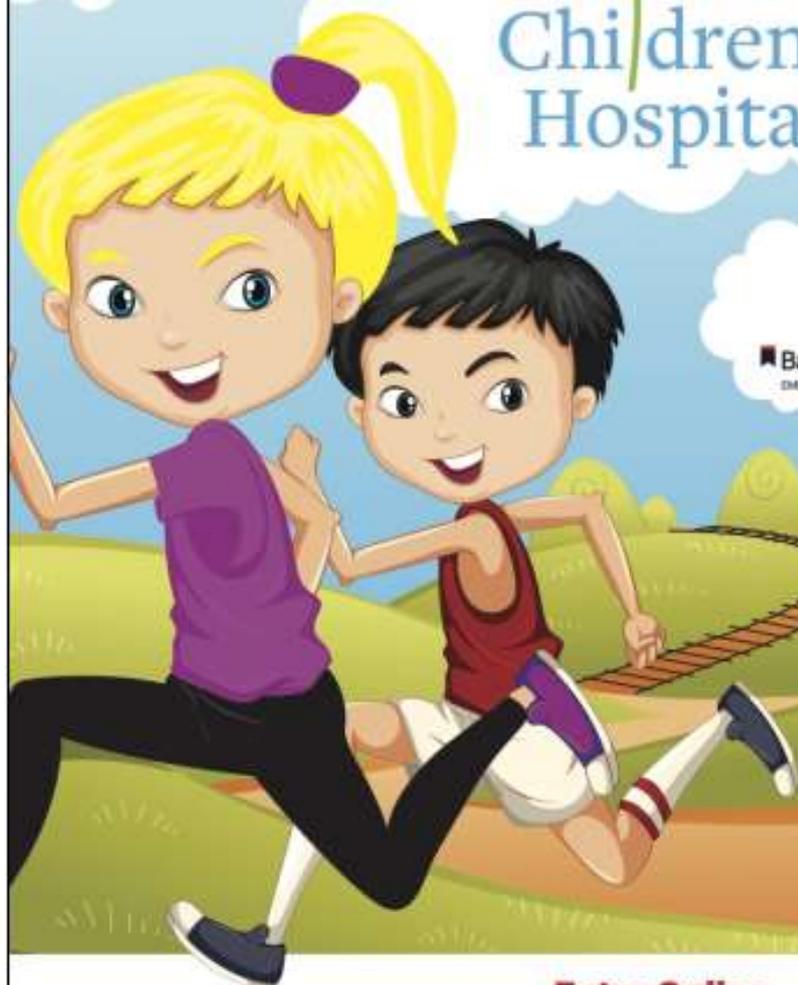
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FRIDAY EVENINGS - UNDER 11'S

UNDER 12'S

FRIDAY EVENINGS

UNDER 14'S

FRIDAY EVENINGS

UNDER 16'S

SATURDAY MORNINGS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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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



1800 SCOUTS
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TO PLAY SPRING COMPETITION**

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SMART SUPPORT

After-School Program

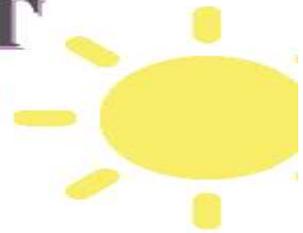
Wednesdays 4–5pm

Menzie's Creek Hall.

\$25 entry.

Afternoon tea included.

Excludes public and school holidays.



Suitable for children aged 5–10 years who experience Anxiety, Depression, Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Shyness, Emotional sensitivity, Bullying or Trauma.

- Sensory play
- Arts and crafts
- Psycho-educational games
- Wellness activities



FOR ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES

EMAIL: ROSIE.W@SMART-SUPPORT.ORG
OR CALL: 5922 4510

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

Violin & Viola Lessons

Private violin/viola lesson available for all grades from prep.

Please contact Hiro (0423 765 312 or 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