



# Patchwork News

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**      **Term 4 Issue 2, 2022**

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## Dates to Remember

### NOVEMBER

- Wed 16<sup>th</sup>      Prep 2023 Transition Session 2 (9.30am-10.30am)
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>      Casual Dress Day – UNHCR (donations via Qkr!)  
(Theme is book or movie character / casual)
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup>      Smile Squad Dental Van commences  
(Consent form required to be seen)
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>      Prep 2023 Transition Session 3 (9.30am-10.30am)
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>      Jnr Hoop Time State Finals 🏀
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>      Junior School Athletics Day - Prep & Yr1/2  
(On the oval – 9am – 1pm)
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup>      Working Bee (9am – 1pm) 🐝
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup>      Election Day Sausage Sizzle (8am – 2pm)
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup>      Yr1/2 Day Camp – Log Cabin Ranch  
(8.45am drop off – 3pm pick up)
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup>      Prep 2023 Parent Information Night (6pm-7pm)
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup>      Prep Camp Afternoon
- Wed 30<sup>th</sup>      Yr6 Youth Leaders Presentation Night 6B (Tania)  
(5.30pm – 7.00pm in the library)

**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

## DECEMBER

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Second Hand Uniform Sale (8.45am – 9.15 near the chessboard)
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yr6 Youth Leaders Presentation Night 6A (Ollie) (5.30pm – 7.00pm in the library)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Farewell Assembly for Chris Walker (instrumental music teacher) 10am
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Big Show Colour Fun Run</b> (2pm on the oval)
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 & Yr6 Surf Lifesaving Excursion
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jnr & Snr Choir performances at Carols on the Mountain (Ferry Creek Recreation Reserve – Carols start at 7.30pm)
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Celebration (2.30pm)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Step Up Day & Semester 2 Reports available on Compass
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Graduation – Sky High Mt Dandenong
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Knox Leisureworks Excursion
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4 for students (no early finish)</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day – No Students
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day – No Students



## From the Principal...

It promises to be a very busy and eventful few weeks for us all, as we reflect and look forward to a smooth transition into 2023. We are fast approaching step up day for all students on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>. For our new parents this is when the year 6 students transition to High School for the day and for our remaining students from 9:05 am to 11:00 am the students all step up to meet their new teacher and classmates for 2023.

On this day you will receive your child's report electronically and be advised of the class teacher. We will have Information Nights for each year level and Meet the Teacher in Term 1 2023 for all families Prep to 6.

Teacher placements are still being finalised from Year 1 to 6. Our prep teachers for 2023 will be Alesha and Karen, who are already working with our new cohort of Prep children on Wednesday's. Our first session was this week and an amazingly settled group of children who appeared to be happy, well organised and as if they had been at school for a year not a first-time visit. A credit to their Kinder teachers and parents.

Each year we work hard to ensure that your children are placed in well-balanced classes that offer students every opportunity to grow as active, flexible, and resilient learners in a supportive environment. We make every attempt to include a range of abilities and strengths in each class. This involves looking at children's needs and making the best possible educational plans for all children in the school.

When placing children in class groups, we will be mindful of addressing this along with consideration of who your child learns best with, their ability, behaviour, and social needs. While sometimes this means that your child will not be with all their friends, we hope that every student is with people they enjoy sharing and learning with.

In 2023 we will have the following structure

Prep	= 2 grades
Year 1/2	= 4 grades
Year 3/4	= 3 grades
Year 5/6	= 3 grades

We will have specialist teachers in STEM, Art, Music and Physical Education and will deliver AUSLAN within class time.

Parent Payment Charges for 2023 will be emailed by the end of November, there are several pages of information as we implement department guidelines. These, documents can also be found on the website and are available in hardcopy at the office

Fire Safety at this time of the year and Term one is always on our minds. As a school, we will continue with our regular practices to the hall, in case of an emergency or the oval depending on the identified risk. We continue to have a strong plan and process in place for many years now.

Over the next few weeks, we ask that you focus on your fire/safety plan in the case of extreme weather days.

Please see information further on about the process for our Catastrophic Fire danger rating days (the old CODE red) on the website.

Two of our long-standing staff members will be retiring at the end of this year. Chris Walker who has been with the school as an Instrumental Music Teacher for 33 years and Judy Peterson over 20 years as teaching staff. Both have made immeasurable contributions to the school, enriching the lives of the students, staff, and community. They have been valued beyond words and will be greatly missed.

## A reminder for the commencement of Term 1 2023



We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Catastrophic fire danger rating days. More information is available on the school website.



**On days of Total Fire Ban all children will be required to be picked up from drop off and no children will be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.**

As part of continuing Emergency Management arrangements, roll marking after the children have come in from lunch, at 12pm, will continue to occur.

If you choose to pick up your child early from school, it is a requirement that you sign your children out on the touch screen at the office. This is of particular importance on Total Fire Ban Days.

In the event of an unforeseen fire, 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.

## Democracy Sausage Sizzle and School Working Bee

Yes! We're doing it again! **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** is the Victorian State Election, and The Patch PS is once again a polling station (and a very convenient one at that, with ample parking, no crowds and easy access).

To utilise the opportunity to raise some much needed funds for our school (we are hoping to purchase some new numeracy resources for 2023), we shall be **selling beef and vegetarian sausages and hamburgers** from 8am until 2pm from the staff room courtyard. **There will also be chocolates, natural confectionary and juice boxes for sale.**

Payments may be made in cash or with eftpos.

We are using an online system to help organise volunteers wishing to help cook, serve or set up/clean up on the day and **would love to see you add your name to the roster** from the link below. Here's how:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/axjsrMs>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Michelle or Kim (9756 7463) and we can sign you up manually.

**Please consider coming along and voting at our school, buying some sausages, helping on the stall or joining us at the working bee for an hour or so. You will be so glad you did!**

## GARDEN WORKING BEE

Our next working bee is scheduled to coincide with the State Election on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and will run from 9 – 1pm. The focus this time is to clean up the wetlands so we can utilise it for our outdoor learning and ensure it is safe and accessible for our students.

Tasks we wish to complete include weeding ivy and blackberries, clearing and raking paths, pruning low lying branches and improving access to the water for ponding.

Children from Grade 3 and above may accompany their parents in the wetlands but must always remain with them and are their parent's responsibility.

Children younger than Grade 3 are not permitted inside the wetlands but may work with their parents in the garden weeding (including ivy from trees), raking, mulching, and planting.

Please feel free to bring something along to share for our morning tea and any tools you wish to use. There will also be plenty of tools from our tool shed available for use.

I hope to see you there, warm regards, Michelle ([michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au)).

# SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN !!!

When: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 @ 2pm**

Where: **On the Oval**

What: **Wear white or light colours or whatever you are comfortable in.**

Competition 1 – Class with the most fundraising profiles created won a CLASS PARTY!

**WINNER = 4/5A (Yale's grade)**

Competition 2 – Student/s with the most amount of money raised as at 27/10 gets to colour bomb MICHELLLE on race day!

**WINNER = Charlie C (4/5A) & Henry C (1/2D)**

Competition 3 – Class who raised the most during the week ending 4/11 get to go to the SNACK TENT on race day!!

**WINNER = 1/2D (Liz/Megan's grade)**

Competition 4 – Class who raise the most during the week ending 11/11 get to colour bomb Tania, Alesha, Sofia, Kent, Grace, Ollie & Yale on race day!

**WINNER = 1/2C (Grace's grade)**

Competition 5 – Student who raises the most overall amount gets to colour bomb DEB on race day!!!

**WINNER = TBA**



# SCHOOL COLOUR FUN RUN !!!

The fundraising component will be closed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November and the online prize ordering opens!!



Online prize ordering will be open for 1 week, until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022!!

We are so grateful for all of your fundraising efforts – thank you!!

Race day will be lots of fun – cant wait to see you all there!!

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## Casual Dress Day



This is S.R.C and we are here to let you know about an upcoming dress up day.

We will be raising money for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). You will be able to make donations via Qkr! From 12/11/22 – 25/11/22.

The theme is a book or a movie character. But if you don't want to do that just casual wear or uniform.

This event will be held on **Friday NOVEMBER the 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Apart from that have fun!

S.R.C Members - Poppy & Amelie





# CUBBY COUNCIL



Last Friday at assembly, we presented our Cubby Council members with a badge, designed by the team, to represent their commitment to promoting respect, good will and creativity at the cubby area. This space has greatly improved with the dedication and collaboration of the team and is now considered a safe, supportive and neighbourly place to play.

There had been concerns that since the disruptions of Covid, the cubby area had become a less than friendly space, and that students had forgotten how to play and co-create together. Thanks to the Cubby Council, there are now guidelines, expectations and support to ensure people play fairly, respect each other's constructions, and enjoy the opportunity to be creative. Well done team!



# 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fundraising Update

Funds raised from the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations have been eagerly spent on items identified prior to the event and include:

- Two new BBQs to replace our old ones. They will have their inaugural appearance at our upcoming sausage sizzle on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- \$2,000 worth of take-home readers from Sunshine Books to refresh our collection.
- \$620 worth of Eco-Bins to update our waste management system and ensure our recycling is best practice. Well done Nina and the recycling team, particularly Abby Brooke who initiated the idea of improving the system.
- \$800 worth of games including Chess, Scrabble, Hungry Hippos, Bananagrams, Uno, Connect 4, Checkers, Playing Cards, Spot It and others. These will be available for students to use on Friday mornings in the library and during Chess Club.
- Yet to purchase - \$1,000 worth of Lego for construction opportunities in the senior grades and Numeracy resources.



Students in SRC have been instrumental in selecting games for purchase, researching prices and availability, and determining the best way to manage them. They have organised their storage and access and will monitor how they are used.

Well done SRC.



is coming... Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022

## How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

## Sign up to Smile Squad:



<https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

# Class Certificate Recipients



Friday 11/11/22



Friday 4/11/22

## Clubs at our school:



We are proud to announce that we have some new clubs operating at our school.

Jarrah in grade 3 has introduced a **Book Club** for the avid readers in the school and they meet on Wednesdays in the library at 2pm.

A **basketball clinic** began this week for interested students in Grade 6 who receive coaching and tips from parents Ange Ellis, Clare Pritchard, Simon Grigg and Gemma Pearson. The clinic will run for four weeks and includes a team playoff at the end. Students have been requesting sports clubs for some time so it is great to be able to see how this can work. Perhaps we will be able to continue running them next year if there are parents interested in helping out. If you would like to volunteer, please email Michelle ([michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au)).

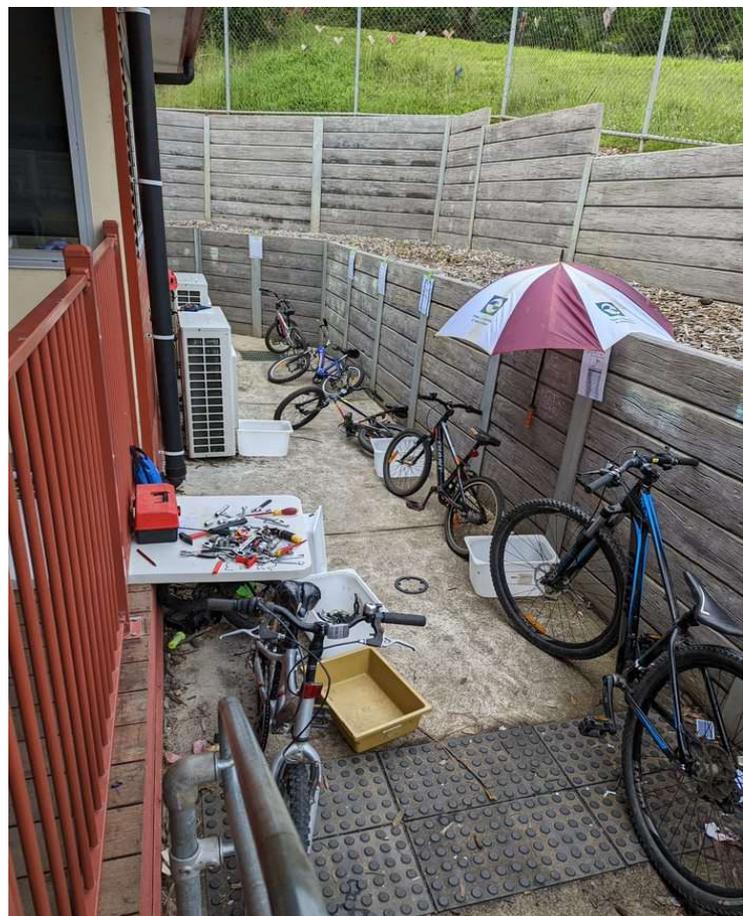
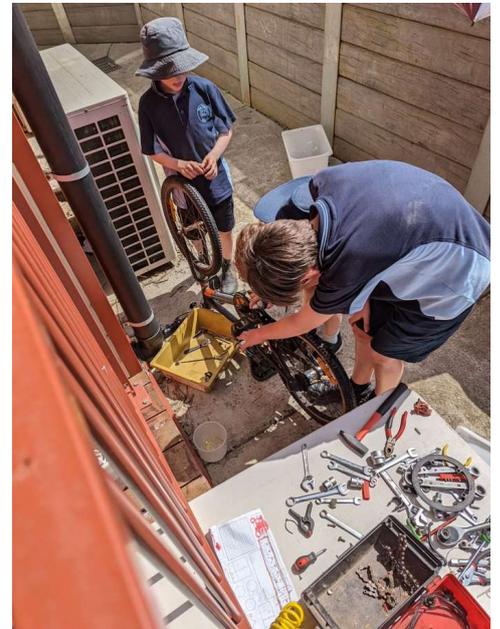


A **chess club** is about to begin in the library whereby some parent enthusiasts teach interested students some simple chess techniques and supervise individual games. We now have 15 chess sets available for students to use and store in a drawer system to enable games to continue over a series of play times.

Students have also established **writing clubs, nature clubs and footy clubs** and we are thrilled to see them take initiative and build their leadership skills in this way.

# Kent's Bike Workshop

Kent is running a **bike club** outside his classroom for Y3 to Y6 students that like to work with their hands and tinker. Students will be able to work on old, donated bikes and learn about the mechanics as well as how to use some basic tools. Students can also bring their own bikes or scooters and perform maintenance on them. So far the kids are having a ball – thanks Kent!!



# CYBER SAFETY

Firstly, thanks to more than 100 parents who attended our Health and Cyber Safety family forum at school last week, for Grades 3-6. It was an informative and proactive evening, reminding us of the world our children are now immersed in. Two key research based “take-aways” were:

- Children and adults should have no more than 2 hours of “screen” time (including phones, gaming platforms AND television) to minimise screen addiction, poor mental health and “rage” events.
- We need to ensure no phones or devices go into bedrooms – particularly overnight. Some parents suggested “locking away” devices before bedtime- including adult’s devices, which was a strategy most thought useful. The students who were there suggested many fun alternatives to screen times including:
  - Playing outside
  - Family Board games and card games
  - Playing Sports
  - Drawing
  - Reading
  - Playing tiggly, hide and seek etc inside
- Many apps are available for parental control of devices and/or household Wi-Fi.

After School Care has also brought to our attention an online game called “Poppy Playtime”, with a central character called “Huggy Wuggy”. It sounds very cute but is actually extremely scary. It builds up extreme tension, as the “alien” looking character “Huggy Wuggy” lurks in the background ready to eat the player. A number of students at after school care are bringing the game, and events in it to physical play at school.

While Huggy Wuggy may seem safe because of the name, we suggest all parents research exactly what Huggy Wuggy is.

*'Safer School's'*

[.https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/#:~:text=A%20horror%20game%20character%20from,be%20shared%20with%20young%20children](https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/#:~:text=A%20horror%20game%20character%20from,be%20shared%20with%20young%20children).

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## **Summary of Poppy Playtime**

### **Age Rating**

The game itself is a scary experience designed to thrill and unsettle. It has been rated as suitable for [13 year-olds by ESRB](#) and for [12 year-olds by PEGI](#). This includes descriptors for Violence, Blood from ESRB and Moderate Violence and Horror from PEGI.

### **Who is Huggy Wuggy?**

Poppy Playtime is a horror game that involves an unnamed protagonist investigating a mystery in an abandoned toy factory. As the player, you roam around the factory and collect VHS tapes to solve the mystery of what happened. You must solve puzzles while trying to survive the “vengeful toys” left behind. “Huggy Wuggy” is one of the game’s most popular – and visually disturbing – characters. It’s a giant, horrifying blue creature with bulging eyes, wide red lips, and long limbs who actively follows you around as you try to complete the game. He appears in the dark unexpectedly to try and catch you. If you get caught, Huggy Wuggy bears his wide and sinister grin and eats you.

*Video game character Huggy Wuggy triggers warning from school to parents*

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-07-13/huggy-wuggy-poppy-playtime-prompts-warning-to-parents/101227428#:~:text=An%20Adelaide%20primary%20school%20has,imagery%20including%20pools%20of%20blood>

<https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews/poppy-playtime>

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<https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/huggy-wuggy-online-safety-review/#:~:text=A%20horror%20game%20character%20from,be%20shared%20with%20young%20children>

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**Our senior & junior choirs are looking forward to singing at:**

**'Carols on the Mountain'**

**Saturday 10th December at Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve**

**Gates open at 6.30pm & carols start at 7.30pm**

**Parking at Ferny Creek Horticultural Society**  
**Food & drinks available to purchase - BYO picnics, chairs, rugs etc**  
**Choir Students to meet Jess & Leanne near stage area at 7.20pm**  
**The carols will finish around 9pm**

Rotary  
Club of Emerald & District

# KIDS FUN RUN

with **PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY**

**4th December 2022 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook**  
Children 3-12 years running to benefit other children.  
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**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

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scoutsvictoria.com.au

Monbulk & District  
**madcow**  
Community Opportunities Workinggroup

**NOTICE OF 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

All members are advised that an Annual General Meeting of the members of MADCOW-Monbulk & District Community Opportunities Working Group will take place as follows:

Date: Monday 21st November 2022  
Time: 6.30pm  
Location: Monbulk Pavilion, Moores Road, Monbulk Vic 3793

## Community Notices

### 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](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com)

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