



PATCHWORK NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Weds 15th - 20th	NAPLAN for Yr3 & Yr5 students
Thurs 23rd	Free dress as Movie Character - no cost event
Thurs 23rd	AFL Vic Girls Training Session (3.45pm - 4.45pm)
Fri 24th	Snr & Jnr SRC Badges presented at assembly
Fri 24th	Region Swimming (qualified students)
Sat 25th	'Creativity in the Garden' working bee (9am-1pm)
Mon 27th	Mad About Science Incursion (whole school)
Tues 28th	District Tennis (select students)
Tues 28th	School Council Meeting - 6pm
Thurs 30th	Yr1 - Yr6 Cross Country
Thurs 30th	AFL Vic Girls Training Session (3.45pm - 4.45pm)
Fri 31st	Easter Raffle drawn at assembly

APRIL

Tues 4th	Division Tennis (qualified students)
Wed 5th	Prep & Yr6 Easter Picnic
Wed 5th	District Summer Sports (select students)
Thurs 6th	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Early Finish at 2.30pm
Thurs 6th	AFL Vic Girls Training Session (3.45pm - 4.45pm)

Mon 24th	CURRICULUM DAY - no students
Tues 25th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Wed 26th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Wed 26th	STOMP the Beat Incursion
Fri 28th	State Swimming (qualified students)

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
3:20pm	Prep & Yr1/2 Dismissal
3.30pm	Yr 3-6 Dismissal





MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principals email: debra.herrmann@education.vic.gov.au

Assistant Principal's email: michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au

Dear families and carers,

As Deb is currently on Long Service Leave until the end of term, I am acting in her role for that period and happy to meet with anyone needing to raise an issue, share a concern or celebrate an achievement.

The year has started off very positively and I am looking forward to our "creativity in the garden" action day on Saturday, March 25th (just next week). The morning will feature opportunities to participate in some art activities or share some music performances, help with some garden tasks, investigate our wetlands and explore some of the life that lives there.

For the morning, **we would love some help** with:

- donating **pizza toppings** (cheese, passata, olives, onions/capsicum/herbs/fetta/mushrooms)
- **pizza bases** (we've ordered 60 but we'll probably need more if we get lots of people coming)
- **outdoor paint** for our art projects (come along and join in) and **brushes** if you can spare them

If you would like to perform some music on the stage (there is a powerpoint available), please let me know and we can make it happen.

If you want to help us clear up the wetlands a bit (sorry, no children allowed inside) we would love some assistance – raking paths, cutting back, planting indigenous plants, digging up blackberries, etc.

If you love pondlife, come and see what lives in our wetlands – there will be ponding samples set up near the wetlands for anyone to explore.

If you want to learn how to use a pizza oven, come and help cook our pizzas. It's a primeval experience and a great place to "chew the fat".

Please let me know if you can help with any of the above, it's always so much easier when we know what we can expect in the way of helpers and goodies.

On another note, our assembly next Friday will be a chance to present this semester's SRC members with their badges and certificates. The students are fundamental to many of our school activities and next Thursday they have organised a **Casual Dress Day** with a theme of movies and TV characters. This is a free event.

Also, if anyone has a chest freezer lying around that they would be happy to donate we would be most appreciative. Our previous freezer has gone to the heavens, and we often need the freezer space when running sausage sizzles and the likes.

Finally, thank you everyone for donating to our Easter Raffle. The collection of delicious items has been growing each day this week and will provide some fantastic prizes to be drawn in the last week of term. Big shout out to the fundraising team for all their hard work and energy to bring much needed funds into our school.

Warm regards,
Michelle

REMINDERS

- Mad About Science Incurion payment due 9am Monday 20th March.
- Easter Raffle ticket sales finish on Friday 24th March.
- STOMP The Beat Incurion payment due 9am Tuesday 28th March.

2023 PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

This is a reminder regarding 2023 Parent Payment Contributions.

Parent Payment Curriculum Contributions assist in covering all consumables including stationery items that students require in the classroom throughout the 2023 school year.

Other voluntary contributions can also be made to assist in the development and maintenance of our ICT and Physical Education programs as well as grounds beautification.

You can find more information regarding the 2023 Parent Payment Contributions on our school website:

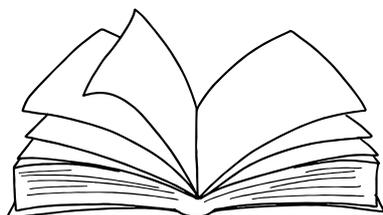
<https://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au>

or request a hardcopy from the office.

Contributions can be made to the school at any time via the Qkr! app.



We would like to thank those families who have already supported the school by contributing to their child's education.



STUDENT ABSENCES & LATE ARRIVALS

When your child is absent from school it is imperative that you submit a Compass Absence Note to explain the absence.

If you encounter issues submitting the absence note, please either email or phone the school to advise the reason for absence.

Class rolls are marked at 9am sharp.

If your child is even 1 minute late to class in the morning, they need to be signed in at the office. Once signed in they can take a 'late pass' to class to show their teacher that they have signed in for the day.

Failure to follow this process may result in your child being marked absent for the day. If that occurs, you will receive an email from the school at 9.30am titled - Attendance Notification : Student Unaccounted For.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



We encourage and value parental and community support at The Patch Primary School. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers and will allow you to be involved as many school events as you require. Once you have your WWCC, please come to the office so we can photocopy this and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWCC check.

BUSHFIRE AT-RISK REGISTER (BARR)



School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Schools and early childhood services undertake a range of activities each year to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.

The Department of Education conducts an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. Those at the greatest levels of risk are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and Category 4 list.

Schools at the highest levels of risk (Categories 0, 1 and 2) take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days in their Local Government Area according to their fire risk category to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions.

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being in one of the highest fire risk categories - BARR 2.

Our school will enact its pre-emptive action plan for **relocation at Knox Central P.S. (for families that cannot enact their fire safety plan)** on a day forecasted as **Extreme fire danger rating** in our **local government area (Yarra Ranges)**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires schools at high risk of bushfire to enact pre-emptive action plans based on LGA level fire danger forecasts. Conditions can vary significantly across the wider weather district, so using local forecasts helps us to respond appropriately to risks in our local area and maintain stability and educational continuity for our students and school community. This policy is consistent for all schools at high levels of risk and this approach is supported by emergency services.

The policy also requires that all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school enact our pre-emptive action plan?

Our school will enact our pre-emptive plan to **relocate to Knox Central P.S. (for families that cannot enact their fire safety plan)** on days when the fire danger forecast for our local government area, **Yarra Ranges**, is Extreme.

Our school will use the LGA forecast confirmed by emergency services the day before an Extreme fire danger day in our LGA to trigger our plan. We will advise you when we are enacting our pre-emptive action plan. Please be aware that no one will be on site on days where the school has enacted this plan.

What do we do when our LGA has a different fire danger rating to the wider fire weather district?

As we respond to local conditions, there may be days during the fire season when our fire weather district, Central, is forecast as an Extreme fire danger rating, but our LGA is at a lower level of fire danger. On these days our school operations will continue as normal, however we will be taking action in line with fire services advice by:

- checking our Emergency Management Plan and taking any necessary preparedness actions
- actively monitor our local conditions and warnings
- having plans and procedures in place for if a fire starts to support us to take immediate action.

BUSHFIRE AT-RISK REGISTER (BARR)

Whilst our school will continue to operate, we encourage our school community to consider their own [bushfire survival plan](#) and reassess any travel through bushfire risk areas. We encourage you to follow your family bushfire survival plan and the advice of emergency services.

There may also be days where our LGA is forecast as Extreme fire danger, but Central fire district is not. On these days we **will** enact our pre-emptive action plan.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will also **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating in Central fire district.**

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass and SMS.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by - [reading our newsletters and emails, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.](#)
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is [relocated](#) due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Enact your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters.







Please note: We will continue accepting donations until Wednesday 22nd March, 2023
Thank you!

Easter Raffle Fundraiser

Raffle draw - 31st March

Help the school to raise funds! We are excited to be raising money for music resources and construction equipment.

The raffle draw will be taking place at assembly on Friday 31st March.

Step 1

Donate 1 egg or 1 bag of easter eggs or anything "easter related" to go into raffle baskets. We need donations to come into the school the week of **Tuesday 14th-17th** to be dropped at the front office to Kim.

Step 2

Ticket purchases from QKR will open for sale from **March 13th - 24th**. Purchase \$10 for 10 tickets (or more) & your children can on-sell the tickets to friends, families, neighbours. (tickets will be sold in \$10 bundles).

Step 3

Return your ticket stubs to the front desk by **Thursday 30th** for the draw at assembly on March 31st.

Good luck!



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our school has an excellent extracurricular music program with 5 instrumental music teachers offering lessons on various instruments. All instrumental teachers are contractors, set their own fees and timetables. Music lessons can fill up quickly, so waiting lists are a possibility for some lessons. If you are interested in music lessons for your child/ren it is best to contact the teacher individually.

Jess Dunn

Junior Choir, small group ukulele lessons, small group voice lessons, solo lessons (voice or ukulele)
Email: jessdunn.arts@gmail.com
Mob: 0408 102 542

Hiro Mukai

Violin
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Mob: 0432 765 312

Eddie Cole

Guitar
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Mob: 0417 152 947

Mieke Florisson

Senior (Yr3-Yr6) Piano
Email: miekeflorisson@bigpond.com
Mob: 0407 647 511

Madeleine Rowe

Junior (Prep - Yr2) Piano
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Mob: 0408 539 523



MONBULK NETBALL CLUB NETSETGO Program



WHEN: Thursdays 4:00-4:45

DATE: 4th May - 10th August 2023

WHERE: Monbulk netball club, Moores rd Monbulk

WHO: Girls and Boys ages 5-10

PRICE: \$95 including a welcome pack with a ball and t-shirt



CONTACT US:



OR



monbulknethballclub3793@gmail.com



school holiday ART workshops

WEEK 1

**WEDNESDAY 12 AND
THURSDAY 13 APRIL**

2023

CHILDREN

10AM - 11:30AM

1:00PM - 2:30PM

**Pottery - Functional Monster
Mugs AM**

**Pottery - Cactus - flower
pots PM**

WEEK 2

**TUESDAY 18 AND
WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL**

2023

FAMILY:

(1 ADULT 1-2 CHILDREN)

10AM - 11:30AM

1:00PM - 2:30PM

**Glass fusion - coasters and
jewellery AM**

**Ceramic -
porcelain jewellery PM**

COST:

\$35 PER PERSON PER CLASS

Children aged 8 - 16 yrs

Emerald Community House Hall

356-358 Belgrave - Gembrook rd. Emerald

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

EMERALD COMMUNITY HOUSE

PH: 5968 - 3881