



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to Remember

### August

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** Gr 5 Visiting Monbulk College  
**Tue 27<sup>th</sup>** Indigenous Studies with Murrundindi

### September

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup>** Shopping Tour Deposit Required  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** Hoop Time  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** Kids Teaching Kids  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** School Council Meeting 7.15pm  
**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** Footy Colours & Cupcake Day  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of Term  
Students Dismissed from 2.20pm

### October

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm  
**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** School Council Meeting 7.15pm  
**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** Shopping Tour  
**Tue 29<sup>th</sup>** Showcase

### 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>**  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Community Sub-Committee Mtg 6pm  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** School Council Meeting 7.15pm

### December

**Thur 5<sup>th</sup>** Prep & Buddy Excursion  
**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** Year 7 Orientation Day  
**Thur 12<sup>th</sup>** Carols Evening  
**Thur 19<sup>th</sup>** Gr 6 Graduation  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Last Day of Term 4

## Congratulations Renae!

Congratulations to our ex-student and Marg's daughter, **Renae Hallinan**, for being chosen for the **Australian Netball Team** for the third time!

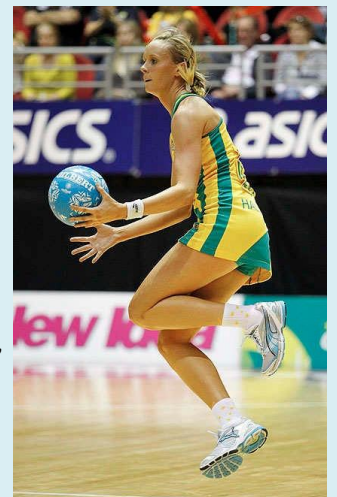
Renae has already been chosen for our national team twice before and has proven her commitment, passion and leadership ability as vice captain of the Adelaide Thunderbirds. Members of the national team need to strive for a place each year to play at this elite level. Marg told me recently that whilst Renae was at school here at The Patch, she stood up in class and said, "One day I'm going to play netball for Australia!", and after much hard work and effort, her dream has become a reality.

Many of us have dreams and goals but not everyone shows the perseverance and dedication over a long period of time to actually achieve those goals.

If we asked Renae, I think she would probably say that the journey and experiences she had on the path to achieving her goal were almost as important as the end result.

I think she will have met some amazing people and visited some great places – all experiences that will have enriched her life.

Whether your own goal is to have a particular job or to become the best in your chosen field, remember to give it everything you've got and enjoy the journey.



# From the Principal...

**Thought for the week:** *Have you been to Holland. c1987 by Emily Perl Kingsley. All rights reserved*

I have received a great article from a parent on "**Have you been to Holland**" by Emily Perl Kingsley. Please take the time to read.

*I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this.....*

*When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David, The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.*

*After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."*

*"Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."*

*But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.*

*The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.*

*So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.*

*It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.*

*But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."*

*And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very, very significant loss.*

*But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about Holland.*

I hope you have enjoyed this piece it rings true with so many things in life. We are often expecting things to be as we have planned but strangely life throws us many challenges to deal with. I have always believed we are only sent what we can deal with, however sometimes we need a helping hand as life can overwhelm us.

We would like to acknowledge Monbulk Real Estate (MRE) who have sponsored a sign in Monbulk at the Monbulk Silvan Road roundabout, advertising enrolments for next year in conjunction with Monbulk Primary School. If you are coming to The Patch next year please make sure you enrol your child as soon as possible.

On Thursday, Richard from MRE (who is one of our parents) and I walked to the top of the school to determine where our new information board will be placed. A huge thankyou to Richard and MRE and be sure to look for the sign between the gravel driveway and asphalt drive coming soon.

As a school we need to look after each other and at Monday night's School Council meeting there was agreement to support our new "Caring for the Community" fundraising events. We will be raising funds for those families in our community that are in need, feel overwhelmed or just need a hand. The first of these is a Cupcake and Footy Colours Day on September 17<sup>th</sup> information coming home soon so please look out for this notice.

"The Patch Circle of Friends" have asked us to include a letter to the school community in today's newsletter explaining and highlighting their fundraising for this year. This group consists of parents from the school and the wider Patch community. Please take the time to read this letter and if you have any support to offer, queries or questions please contact "The Patch Circle of Friends"

Have a great week

*Deb*

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# The Patch Circle of Friends



No doubt many of you have come across our friend Lynda Loveridge (Yeomans) as part of your involvement either in the school, kinder or the community. Lynda has 3 beautiful boys Jack (Gr4), Kurt (Gr2) and Harry (Prep). Sometime ago Lynda was diagnosed with a genetic disease called Neurofibromatosis and subsequently both Jack and Kurt were found to have the same disease. On top of this, during the past few months Lynda's family has been dealt additional terrible blows:

- Kurt has recently been diagnosed with Macular and Retinal Dystrophy which will result in Kurt eventually losing his sight.
- Jack has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumour and is undergoing further medical testing to determine the best course of action.
- Lynda is also undergoing testing as a result of spinal issues relating to the Neurofibromatosis.

As a single parent, this has placed a terrible burden on Lynda and her family both emotionally and financially. Lynda has to attend numerous medical appointments for both herself and the boys:

- Kurt is attending The Royal Children's Hospital and Eye & Ear Hospital, as well as the Blind Association to determine the support and course of action going forward as his sight deteriorates.
- Jack is undergoing testing at the Royal Children's Hospital.
- Lynda is currently undergoing testing through a Neurologist for her spinal issues and other issues related to her disease.

As friends of Lynda's we have grouped together to form 'The Patch Circle of Friends' to help support Lynda through this journey. The purpose of the group is to support their family with costs associated with their illnesses and which will enhance their wellbeing.

To date we have provided meals and a weekly support group with her friends.

As the costs involved in attending numerous medical appointments such as fuel and parking can be onerous we would like to fundraise to help contribute to these expenses. We are also looking to help by purchasing an Ipad which can be used by the boys during their numerous appointments. Anyone who has had an unwell child, having to attend hospital appointments and sit in waiting rooms will know just how difficult it can be for both parent and child. Therefore, by providing some sort of respite during this time, may help ease what is always a difficult situation. They will be able to use the Ipad to download audio books, which would be particularly beneficial for Kurt as his sight deteriorates. Other educational apps can be downloaded such as Mathletics etc to help support Jack in periods of absence from school.

Upcoming potential fundraising events may include:

- Raffle (tbc)
- Diana Ferrari fundraising event (November 2013 tbc)
- Emerald BBQ (21<sup>st</sup> December 2013 tbc)

We have also established a community bank account managed by 'The Patch Circle of Friends' where all fundraising money will be deposited and distributed from. If you would like to contribute to this fund you can directly deposit funds to the following account:

Bendigo Bank Monbulk

Account name: The Patch Circle of Friends      BSB: 633000      Acc: 150105708

Understandably people will choose to contribute in many different ways, whether it be assisting at fundraising events, directly contributing financially or just supporting one of the events. If you would like to assist in any way, please feel free to contact us.

Contact details for 'The Patch Circle of Friends' are:

Sue Flynn: [sue\\_flynn@bigpond.com](mailto:sue_flynn@bigpond.com)      Lynne Stack: [lmcstack@bigpond.com](mailto:lmcstack@bigpond.com)

We will keep you up informed of dates as they come to hand.

'The Patch Circle of Friends'



# Spelling Bee

Over the last two weeks, the school has been buzzing with practice for The Patch School's first Spelling Bee.

Every student in Grades 3 to 6 completed a written test. Six to eight students from each year level then took part in a semi-final last week and this week all students at those year levels attended a final.

There are lots of reasons why spelling should be celebrated. This week is 'Writer's Week' and all writers want their readers to understand them. Anyone who has struggled through badly spelt writing will know that it doesn't matter how brilliant a text is – if you have to put all your energy into decoding it, you won't appreciate it as much.

But spelling is really about words – their history, their meaning and their usage and good spellers love them.

Our winners this year were presented with a small trophy at assembly on Friday.

Congratulations to:

Grade 3	<b>Ben Smith &amp; Genevieve Whitford</b>
Grade 4	<b>Ada Whitehead</b>
Grade 5	<b>Liam Couvreur</b>
Grade 6	<b>Ruby Jones</b>

Thanks to all of the students who participated, especially the more than 30 who sat in a line on chairs spelling difficult words. You are all champions.

Well done to all those who competed:

Grade 3	<b>Anastasia, Jessica, Max &amp; Ryley</b>
Grade 4	<b>Jackson, Nyssa, Cadhla, Lily M, Sasha &amp; Isaac</b>
Grade 5/6	<b>Luke, Willow, Emma, Daniel, Benji, Aleysha, Sarah, Zali, Grace M, Grace S-D, Talen, Archer, Megan &amp; Monte</b>





# REMEMBER!!

**No payments** are to come to school on Fridays – thank you for your co-operation 😊



**SUSHI EXPRESS**  
Mountain Fresh

**Sushi Express now have online ordering available.**

Just go to [www.mfsushiexpress.com](http://www.mfsushiexpress.com) and click on **Online school lunch orders**.

Please ensure you put your **childs' name, school and class** in the **Instructions to Merchant** field in the via PayPal checkout, otherwise we wont know who it belongs to!

Please ensure you place your child's online order before 9am on Thursdays.

Sushi Express makes every effort to get your child's order correct. However mistakes can happen. There are often extra handrolls in the office so if your child's order is incorrect, ask your child to check with the Jody in the office.

Thanks again for encouraging healthy eating choices in your children.



## UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL

Upwey High School makes available scholarships to assist incoming year 7 students as a way of supporting achievement by students in both academic and curricular areas of the school program.

The Scholarships assist in the purchase of Upwey High School related education requirements for these students who have demonstrated excellence in academic and/or cocurricular fields and who are of high character.

*Scholarships to the value of \$500 are offered in a number of different areas and are available to students studying in Year 6. Applications are now being called for 2014, in these categories:*

- ❖ **Academic**
- ❖ **Citizenship**
- ❖ **Leadership**
- ❖ **Volleyball**
- ❖ **Cocurricular** e.g.: Music, Environmental, School Production
- ❖ **Sport**

*Application forms and details are available at [www.upweyhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.upweyhs.vic.edu.au)*

Get ready for a **BIG** day of shopping!!

## The Patch School Fundraising Shopping Tour Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**\$20 Deposit  
needed by  
5<sup>th</sup> September!!**



If this year's **Shopping Tour** fundraiser is as much fun as last time, you will be in for a terrific day!

We will be visiting a few new outlets & incorporating some toys and childrenswear, enjoying a delicious lunch and still returning before 6pm.

Being closer to Christmas you can get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

Cost will be **\$50** and pick up/drop off will be The Patch School and opposite City of Knox offices, Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or credit card and feel free to pay in instalments if that suits your budget better (min credit card payment \$15).

The more the merrier so why not bring a friend?

Please see Jody to make a payment or if you would like any more details ☺

### PREPS 2014

**Do you have a child  
intending to start Prep at  
The Patch School in  
2014?**

**If you haven't enrolled  
yet, please do so as soon  
as possible as we are  
about to start planning  
classes for the next  
school year. Thank you.**

### Head Lice

We are currently experiencing a higher than usual number of reported cases of head lice in our classes.

Please, please, please check your child's hair at least weekly for live lice or eggs (both dead and alive) and don't hesitate to contact the school office if you require any further information.

Thank you for your co-operation as we try to manage this time consuming and frustrating problem.

# Community Notices

## **Tecoma Dental – Winter Specials 2013 – It all starts with a smile ☺**

Maximum out of pocket expense:

\$20 Check up for kids under 14                      \$160 Check up, clean, x-ray & treatment plan  
\$1000 Porcelain veneer, crown (per tooth)        \$450 In chair teeth whitening

\$130 Personalised sports mouthguards

Check ups & other services could be FREE based on your health insurance cover.

Call 03 9754 2148        Book online at [www.tecomadental.com.au](http://www.tecomadental.com.au)    Visit us at 1586 Burwood Hwy Tecoma

All health insurances accepted. Offers expire September 2013.

## **FOR HIRE Bounce-A-Rama Jumping Castles**

We have five very enjoyable castles! Looney Tunes, Cars, Scooby Doo, World of Disney and a massive Princess Castle! Hire our castles for Parties, Carnivals, School Fetes, Work Break Ups, Fundraisers or Just for Fun!!

Contact Ian 0419 882 132, Amanda 0431 219 065 or email [moks66@bigpond.com](mailto:moks66@bigpond.com)

## **Auditory Processing and Learning - What could your child's behaviour be trying to tell you?**

**Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon**

**Understanding Auditory Processing      Cost \$20** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – 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. We help children with Concentration and short attention span, Development and language delay, Learning and reading difficulties, ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, Sensory Integration, Auditory and Visual processing difficulties. Bookings essential. **Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335**

## **Kids of Gold Camp for the Development of Self Esteem in Children 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

The Kids of Gold camp has been set up by Gary Parsons, a fully qualified teacher, who teaches full-time in relief work in both Primary and Secondary Melbourne schools. Gary has also worked for 15 years with children at the Lake Yellingbo campsite 1984-1999. With him is a staff of trained and appropriately police-checked leaders ( & WWCC), experienced and dedicated in working with children.

The central theme of the camp is "You are Special" , and will enable every child to see how special they really are! Activities will include sessions about value, confidence and self-esteem and include group and individual outdoor rope and initiative activities with trained staff. Music, drama, magic in self-esteem issues; Lots of games & fun activities; Teamwork activities; A 'You Are Special' Concert Website: [www.kidsofgold.org.au](http://www.kidsofgold.org.au)

**Where?** Lyrebird Park Campsite **Cost:** \$55 per child (full sponsorship available) Phone: Jenny( 0418 170 027), & email: [Jenny.breukel@bigpond.com](mailto:Jenny.breukel@bigpond.com) & Gary ( 9737.9475 or 0415 427 396)Email: [kidsofgold@oneseniors.com.au](mailto:kidsofgold@oneseniors.com.au)

## **FASHION PARADE Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September                      1pm & 7.30pm**

Jenny's Shoppe in conjunction with Monbulk Christian Fellowship are holding a fashion parade on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> September. Tickets available from Monbulk Christian Fellowship 9756 7866 Fax 9752 1326, Jenny's Shoppe Monbulk 9756 6102. Shoes by RJ Footwear.

## **Burrinja Circus Festival                      24<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Burrinja are teaming up with Dislocate and Ruccis Circus to present a week of circus fun for the whole family. Including; circus performances for kids and adults as well as aerial, hula hoop and circus skills workshops.

Full details can be found at [www.burrinja.org.au](http://www.burrinja.org.au) '

## **Curiosity at Burrinja      Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013      2pm      All tickets \$15**

Curiosity is a theatrical collision between DR Seuss, Circus Oz and Alice in Wonderland, and was originally commissioned by the Melbourne Arts Centre.

Performed by three of Australia's finest circus theatre performers, Curiosity is a rare theatrical treat not to be missed. Suitable for ages 3 to 8.

## **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).

# Community Notices

## **Sherbrooke Little Athletics Club (in Ferntree Gully)**

JOIN NOW TO BE PART OF SUMMER SEASON 2013-14 Get fit and meet new friends!  
We focus on individuals improving and achieving their personal best whilst having fun  
Where? - Kings Park, Willow Rd, Upper Ferntree Gully (Melway Ref: 74 D 6)

### Registration :

Step 1 - Go to the website - <http://sherbrookelac.org.au> and pre-register online to save time

Step 2 –Come to our registration days at Kings Park (Melway Ref: 74 D 6) on Saturday, 14 & 21st September, 2013 from 9.00am - 11.00am. Make sure you bring a print out of your online registration and copy of your Birth Certificate for proof of age. For those who have not Pre-registered – that is fine – we can do it all on the day!

Program: Starting: 5th October, Ages U'6-U'15 \*Cheap to join, no hidden costs for uniform, entry fees etc...

Saturday mornings: 8.45am – 12.00pm Family, fun & fitness

For more details contact Richard Wicks on 9754 2759 or go to our website: <http://sherbrookelac.org.au>.

## **Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child's Diabetes?**

### **Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.**

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes>

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan ([aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au)) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

### **Violin Lessons**

Hi my name is Siobhan Hicks and I am currently offering violin lessons at my home in The Patch. I have 13 years of experience as a violinist and am currently the leader of both the Symphony Orchestra and Chamber String Orchestra at Blackburn High School. I teach violin lessons from beginner to grade 5 AMEB standard. I encourage my students to find enjoyment in music whilst also learning to sight read and develop their aural skills. Lessons are available for \$25/half hour and we can discuss other arrangements depending on standard and progress.

Please contact me after 4pm on my mobile 0413 960 461

### **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 !

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