



Patchwork News

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Friday 23rd October Term 4 Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

October

28th – 31st

Mon 28th

Tue 29th

Prep Swimming

Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session

School Council

November

Fri 1st

Mon 4th

Tue 5th

Wed 6th

Wed 6th-11th

Mon 11th

Tue 12th

Tue 12th – 15th

Mon 18th

Wed 20th

Thu 21st

Mon 25th

Wed 27th

Thu 28th

CURRICULUM DAY – No students

PLANNING DAY – Alternative program for students

CUP DAY – Public Holiday

2020 Prep transition session 9:30am

Yr 1/2 Swimming

Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session

Prep & Yr 6 buddie excursion – Puffing Billy

Yr 3/4 Swimming

Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session

2020 Prep transition session 9:30am

Yr 6 Cupcake fundraiser

Yr 6 Taming of the butterflies' session

2020 Prep information night

Free Dress Fundraiser – Charity TBA

REMINDERS:

**MANGO
ORDERS CLOSE
9:30AM
WED 30th OCT**



Bell Times

8:55am Warning Bell
9:00am Learning Begins
11-11:45am First Break
11:45-12pm Lunch eating
2-2:30pm Second Break
3:30 Dismissal

Sentral Parent Portal Link:

<https://sentral.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thought of the week: Dreams are the touchstones of our character. Henry David Thoreau

In all my career, I have never seen such astounding Naplan results. We are in the top two bands (above state average) across ALL areas in Year 3, Year 5 and our cohort data. These areas include; Numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. What sensational results! Huge credit towards our Teachers, support staff and students, well done!

A **massive thank you** to everyone in our wonderful community who made PatchFest such an amazing day. Thank you also to the rain that held off as much as possible.

A special mention to our committee who worked tirelessly to make our day spectacular, you know who you are. We would love to hear your feedback on what worked well and any areas where we can improve.

Our success with PatchFest has raised us close to \$8,000 in profit. Our money will further assist with our literacy program.

Thank you all once again for supporting this year's PatchFest – your hard work and enthusiasm gave us yet another wonderful day. I ask that you support the businesses listed below my piece in this newsletter in the same way they have supported our school.

Throughout November and early December, we will be working on our class structures and student combinations for next year. Changes in student numbers and staffing combinations usually cause us to reshape our proposed class structures several times throughout this term.

This means that at the moment we are not in a position to answer any questions about staffing and grade placements for next year. The reality is that we do not know yet who will be teaching grades next year and do not want to mislead you by giving information that is still subject to change.

At this stage, we hope to hold **11 classes (same as this year)** next year for what is expected to be **265 children** next year (currently 261), but we need definite numbers across all levels before we make that decision.

Please let us know urgently if you intend to enrol a child at our school, if you are aware of people in our community who will be enrolling or if you intend to transfer to another school. We desperately require this information as soon as possible in order to establish grade structures for the start of the new school year. If you will not be at The Patch in 2020 please notify the school office in writing as soon as possible.

What are the criteria that we use to make up class lists?

Factors influencing class structure are:

- the educational needs of the students;
- the projected number of students in each year level;
- the ratio of girls to boys;
- the number of teachers employed at the school; and
- resources and facilities.

Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- academic performance – judgments over time
- work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- behaviour
- gender
- social network /friendships
- social maturity
- special needs e.g. twins, siblings .

Continued...

What is the process for placing students into classes?

Based on the criteria **listed** above, teaching staff and administration meet mid-term 4 to establish classes for the following school year.

Teachers ensure each new class has:

- a balance of academic ability
- gender balance
- socially balanced groups

During this process, changes and adjustments are made over several weeks. Each change may trigger a chain reaction of other changes. Proposed class lists are submitted to me for final ratification.

The new classes will be announced on Orientation day, December 10, with the exception of next year's Prep classes which will be announced on Prep information night on November 27th.

2020 GRADE PLACEMENT REQUESTS

Parents are now invited to write to me about any concerns they may have for their child's educational needs for 2020.

Please note, requests for particular teachers **will not be** considered as the best interests of all of the children and the effective management of the school must be taken into account.

Letters will be considered up until 4pm, Friday November 1st, 2019.

Letters received after this date will not be accepted unless in exceptional circumstances. These letters are to be addressed to me with all details and information provided kept in confidence.

While I have letters on file from previous years, I **will only be taking into account letters I receive this year.** Often friendship concerns become outdated as the children grow in maturity and develop new friendships. However, if you have information from previous years that you feel is relevant to your child's placement, please include this in your letter. Don't assume I know!

As you may understand, the allocating of children to classrooms is a very complex task and one that requires patience and a great deal of thought. Please assist us to make this process as smooth as possible by taking note of the requests as outlined. Please also be aware that requests are requests and will automatically happen. Every decision will be made for the best learning outcomes for all our students.

Should you wish to discuss any concerns with 2020 grade placements in person, please contact the school office to arrange a time for a chat.

EVERYDAY COUNTS

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

In Primary School, some students miss on average three weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year.

Last year new laws were put in place that mean parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer.

A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Regards,

Deb

Principal

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- MRE Realestate
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- Candoo Signs
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- Yamina Rare Plants

Support / donations:

- Carter Bros
- Pellegrino's
- Bam Bam
- Seasons restaurant
- Sushi Express
- Celebrations Monbulk
- Mountain Men
- Emerald Community House
- Ferntree Print
- Diggers Nursery
- Sam Moon (Marketing/social media)

Performers:

- Lost Canoe
- The Tracey Roberts Quartet
- Parkville
- Merk'n'Quims
- HERE ME
- Bellique Bellydance
- Al MacInnes

On Wednesday the 23rd October we were lucky to have the Ranges Young Strings Ensemble come to perform at The Patch.

My Favourite Strings



Here are some comments and questions we had for the ensemble. Music Making with some of the 'String' family...

I enjoyed sitting in the orchestra. Gage

Violin

I liked how some of the music was intense. Nina

Viola

I enjoyed learning about the different instruments. Kitty

Cello

I loved seeing the people that used to go to The Patch.



I like seeing our friends from our old kinder. Regan

Music helps you learn - Music helps you think - Music helps you relax

How do they turn the horse hair into a bow? Josie

Music is for anyone and any time - Music is FUN and COOL!!!!

How do you make the low sounds on the cello?

To find out more about playing and learning music and Ranges Young Strings, go to the Dandenong Ranges Music Council website:

I enjoyed how everyone had different parts to play.

www.drnc.org.au

I enjoyed the person playing 'Smooth Criminal'.



How long did it take to learn Pirates of the Caribbean?

I don't know how they go those song ideas, but I liked them! Matteo



I enjoyed the cool effects on the cello. They were interesting and loud. Veronique



Myah in Prep was asked to draw a picture of something to do with her performance of PatchFest. What a wonderful reflection of the day!



A reminder for Bushfire Season

We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to relocate to Knox Central Primary School on days of Extreme fire danger and close on days of Code Red Day fire danger.

On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from school. Children will NOT be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.

Sign out reminder for early pick up - If you choose to pick your child up early it is an absolute **must** to sign your children out at the office. As part of continuing Emergency Management procedures roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. In the event of an emergency, 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.

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days.

Please note that it is the responsibility of every family to:

1. know where to find and understand Fire Danger Rating information
2. understand The Patch School's procedure for days of EXTREME fire danger and CODE RED fire danger
3. sign the form acknowledging your acceptance of these responsibilities and return it to the school (Form below, which should be completed upon enrolment).

Please note the following procedure for children who are relocating:

- Your child will be expected to attend Knox Central PS
- Students are to arrive at Knox Central PS by 9am, no earlier than 8:45am. No staff will be on duty.
- All Parents are to park and sign their children in at the office/designated area for The Patch PS students. Please do not just drop your child off.
- All students must be collected at 3:30pm from the designated area and signed out by their parent/guardian/emergency contact. Please note that there is no afterschool care.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

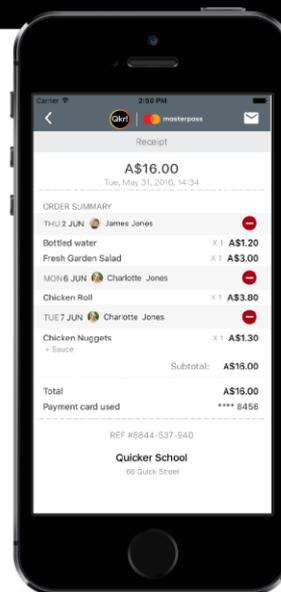
1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
3. Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.

Use an eReceipt to cancel a food order you have paid for:

1. Select the eReceipt for the order you wish to cancel.
2. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
3. Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.



The Patch OSHClub

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE

INTEGRITY

Hours of operation

Before school care:

7am - 9am (children are sent to school at 8:45am)

After school care:

3pm - 6pm

Program Student Leaders:

Theo (grade 6)

Jack (grade 6)

Liam (grade 6)

To enroll or update your enrollment and bookings, visit www.oshclub.com.au or for assistance or if you have any questions, please call 1300 395 735.

To contact us directly, please call 0400 708 773, or email us at thepatch@oshclub.com.au.

Program Coordinator - Bronwyn Ruigrok

Educator - Lucy Collins

Regular Casuals - Annalise Power and Tiarne Moody

Email: thepatch@oshclub.com.au

|| Phone: 0400 708 773

At The Patch OSHClub we value community, sustainability and the environment, and leading healthy and active lifestyles. All of this and more, we reflect in our program practices, activities and ever changing, colourful breakfast and afternoon tea menu. We strongly believe in developing skills for life and aspire towards a largely child-run service in which all children feel they belong and can contribute to the service.

Monbulk & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch



Monbulk & District Community Bank in conjunction with the Monbulk Cricket Club
bring you the first of 4 spring / summer movie nights

FAMILY OUTDOOR CINEMA NIGHT



HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA
MONBULK RECREATION RESERVE
25TH OF OCTOBER 2019
6:00 PM - MOVIE STARTS 7:15 PM

Community groups will have stalls selling all sorts of fun things for dinner and snacks.

The movie is **FREE** for all to come and enjoy.

The pavilion will be open for bar. Dinner options will be sold. Bring picnics / rugs etc...
No chairs on the oval so only rugs, bean bags, blow up chairs to sit on please.



MOVIE RATED

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FUTURE DATES:
Saturday 25/01/20 Friday 14/02/20 Friday 13/03/20

SCHOOL BANKING 2019



A kind reminder that our school banking day is Thursday

Jenny from Bendigo Bank will attend The Patch Primary School every Thursday between 9.00am - 9.30am. She will be available to answer or assist with any queries you may have, including opening new accounts.

Did you know ? That when you open an account at Bendigo Bank Monbulk that, \$5 is donated to the Emerald Monbulk Wildlife Shelter. You will also receive \$5 into your account to help kickstart your savings journey!

AND

Every time you bank your money as part of school banking, you will go into a prize draw. The winner/s will be drawn out at assembly, at the end of each school term.



LOCAL BUSINESS

TENNIS COACHING at THE PATCH TENNIS COURT

Prep to Grade 3 group lessons available on Monday nights after school!

I am a Tennis Australia Qualified Club Professional (Level 2) Coach, and Physiotherapist, with 30 years experience coaching, including with Junior State Squads.

Contact Renae Aron-Dawson on 0403 498 085.

FREE 1st session!
Come & have a try.



Patch Tennis Club
9:15-10:15 Tuesdays
during school terms

- Coach sets up 1 hour of fun tennis activities to music.
- Great for fitness.
- You don't even feel like you're exercising!
- No experience necessary
- Racquet can be supplied
- Contact Renae on 0403 498 085, or just turn up.

COMMUNITY

Monbulk Cricket Club in conjunction with MADCOW presents

MONBULK FUN RUN 2019

COME AND RUN DRESSED IN BLUE - FOR BLUEY FRASER

Sunday 24th November

RUN TO THE G - 4km AND 8km RUN OR WALK

Start and Finish MCG - Monbulk Cricket Ground 8.00AM - 8.30AM REGISTRATION for a 9AM START SHARP

ENTRY FEES - \$10 SCHOOL KIDS
\$20 ADULT
\$40 FAMILY

• ROTARY BBQ
• DOUBLE SHOT COFFEE VAN

For more information email Kelly at kellyembellish@hotmail.com or register online at www.eventbrite.com.au

Donations this year are going to the Fraser Family Fund (for Christian 'Bluey' Fraser who needs life-saving treatment for his cancer in the USA. #BattingForBluey - <https://www.gofundme.com/fraser-family-support-2019>)

AFTER THE RUN HEAD TO THE MONBULK CAR SHOW STARTING AT 10am - 3pm MAIN STREET MONBULK







Monbulk Fun Run 2019
#BattingForBluey

Around the BELGRAVE

31st October
4 PM - 8 PM

TRICK OR TREAT THE STREET
SPOT PRIZES - BEST DRESSED GHOULS

Sooki Lounge
6 PM - 8 PM
Ghosts, Goblins & Ghouls Karaoke

The Emporium
Dungeon of Darkness
4 PM - 6 PM
Face Painting
Live Music
Art Workshop
"Chill" Zone



Community Health Service

TERTIARY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

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To be eligible, applicants must be:

Residents of the Yarra Ranges Council who are currently undertaking or are enrolled to commence: Tertiary studies in a recognised health science course at an Australian University or higher education TAFE institute or Vocational education and training (VET) in a health science field.

Please email penny.taylor@inspiro.org.au for the selection criteria and application form.

Applications close 16th March 2020

TERTIARY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1 X \$10,000
- 1 X \$7,500

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS

- 2 X \$2,500

APPLY NOW FOR 2020

Previous award recipient
"I felt very honoured to receive financial support from an organisation within my community, who helped support me in my tertiary endeavours."





* GIFTS / FOOD / MUSIC *

Tecoma Twilight

ETHICAL MARKET

4-8 PM / 17 NOV 2019

GIVE TWICE THIS CHRISTMAS:
ETHICAL BUYS THAT BRING JOY AND
GIVE BACK TO THE WORLD

AT TECOMA UNITING CHURCH
1566 BURWOOD HWY, TECOMA





DADS MATTER

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand the importance of dads in their child's life
- Have rules and consequences that work?
- Develop your relationship with your children?
- Get your head around what your children need from you?

Come along to these 5 sessions and share strategies, stories and take some time out for you!

When:

Thursday (5 evening sessions)
24th October to 21st November 2019

Time:

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where:

Woori Yallock Primary School
1360 Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road
Woori Yallock

Cost:

Free of charge. Bookings are essential.

Bookings:

Helena on 0488 501 204 or 9721 3623

This is a Parents Building Solutions Program

LOCAL CLUBS

SEASON
2019/20



MONBULK
CRICKET CLUB

To find out more contact
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Junior Blasters Co-ordinator
watson.thomas.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
0417 638 329

With the newly refurbished oval & new pavilion the Monbulk Junior Cricket Club is looking forward to a wonderful season!

With Junior teams in Super 7's (U10's), Fast 9's (U11's), U12's, U13's, U14's & U16's

Plus our Junior Blasters program is back again for 5-9 year olds

We cater for kids of all ages who want to play cricket!



Come join in the fun with mates

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!



Join the Adventure

1st Monbulk Scout Group



Are your kids looking for a fun, engaging and safe activity?

Scouts means adventure, challenge and new skills - programs which develop life skills, leadership and resilience. Scouts enjoy being outdoors and off-screen, as they earn badges and make heaps of new friends.

1st Monbulk meet at Monbulk Scout Hall, Monbulk Silvan Rd.
Term fees are affordable and the first three trial visits are free.

Cub Scouts ages 7-10 – Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm

Scouts ages 10-14 – Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Adult volunteers are welcome too, as Leaders or helpers.

For more information contact P Smith on 0419042615
or visit www.scoutsvictoria.com.au



The Importance of Attendance

Please remember that all students are expected to be in their classroom, ready to begin lessons by 9.00am.

We understand that now and again things don't go to plan, but all families should aim for their children to be at school by this time.

Parents should also remember that late arrivals or early leavers must be signed in or out by their parent or guardian using the system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or red tag must also be given to the classroom teacher when collecting your child.

The Department of Education & Training has very specific expectations about school attendance and we ask that all parents be mindful of the importance of prompt and regular attendance at school.

Community Notices

Piano & Guitar with Chris Walker

Tuition 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

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