



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to Remember

### March

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>

Thu 12<sup>th</sup>

Thu 19<sup>th</sup>

Tue 24<sup>th</sup>

Fri 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day**

Cupcake Fundraiser for Yr 6 Graduation funds

Senior Athletics (Yr 3-6)

School Council

**Last Day of Term – early 2:30pm dismissal**

### April

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>

Tue 14<sup>th</sup>

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>

Thu 16<sup>th</sup>

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>

Tue 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Easter Monday**

First day of Term 2

STOMP The Beat session. All years.

World Autism Day

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

STOMP The Beat session. All years.

ANZAC special assembly

#### **CURRICULUM DAY – No Students**

School Council

#### **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

3:30 Dismissal

**Please come along to  
our assemblies each  
Friday 9.05am**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

***Thought for the week: 'the beginning is the most important part of the work' - Plato***

What a great start to our term with so many positive events and activities already; leadership day for our year 5/6 students, School Council nominations, year 3 -6 students applying for monitor and team roles, swimming carnival, practicing for our upcoming athletics day, get to know you interviews, prep picnic and home visits. For me, it was the arrival of my new grandson.

I would like to thank and farewell from School Council Pauleen Gould, Mike Rosenfield and Linda McBride who have been an invaluable support over many years. A warm welcome to our newly elected School Councilors; Nicole Murphy, Emma Taylor and Karen Robinson. Our re-elected School Council members are; Becks Wapshott, Elke Evans, Angel Brunette and Michelle Rayner. A further thank you to our continuing members; Ange Ellis, Jo Cheong, Alesha Sangster, Jennie Simpson, Joanne rouse and Stacey Polkington.

As part of our process and meetings, we approved our Annual implementation Plan -A.I.P. on Tuesday night. This document will be uploaded to the website by the end of next week. We are also in a year of review - referred to as our Strategic Review.

Over the last four years our Vision has been to work with our community to provide innovative learning that encourages excellence, strengthens self-belief, supports deep creative thinking, recognizes diversity, develops compassion, respects the environment and gives all students the choices to fully participate in a sustainable global future. This includes our Values of Respect, Integrity and Responsibility:

- **Respect** for one another's achievements, views, dignity, privacy and property, accepting that everyone is different and having their own special and unique qualities
- **Responsibility** through creating an awareness of being answerable, or accountable for one's own actions
- **Integrity** of the individual in striving for realistic goals, open and honest communication and trust worthy behaviours

We will complete the review process over the next three terms and where we will develop our direction of the school for the next four years. The purpose of our review will be to benefit our students and contribute to the wellbeing of our school community through positive interaction and support.

We may ask you to assist us in many ways, some of the areas we may ask for your input, but not limited to, reviewing how we are:

- establishing valuable links between teachers and parents
- communicating information via school newsletters, handbooks and calendars
- organising events for new students and parents at the school
- channeling your views to school leadership and school council about school policies,
- surveys, parent and student forums providing feedback on our successes and areas in need of improvement.

Staff will also be reviewing the curriculum, processes and policies, looking at our successes and areas for improvement.

We are partners in the children's education and we hope that our review will help forge firmer links with the school and our community

Our Annual Report to the community will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June before the scheduled School Council meeting. At this meeting we will present the information that has been placed on the website. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Have a great weekend with your loved ones.

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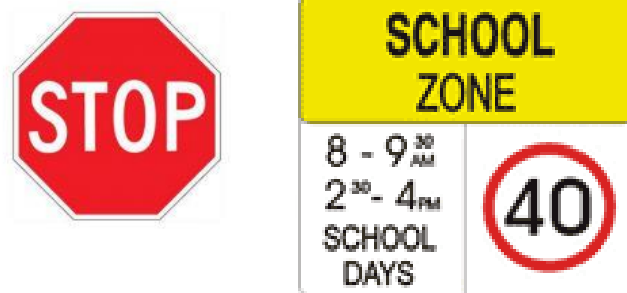
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## The intersection of Camms Road and The Patch Road

We have had a community member raise concern over cars disobeying the Stop signs at the intersection of Camms Road and The Patch Road. This does not mean the blame is directed solely at our parents, however we felt a reminder never hurts.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind our community to obey the speed limit along the surrounding roads, particularly Kallista-Emerald Road and The Patch Road. There are kids on bikes, kids walking, mothers with strollers, older folks walking their dogs inside and outside of school hours.

The Stop signs and speed limits are implemented for safety reasons, so please obey them.



### PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. Principals are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please, try and avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned when items do go missing.

**If a student needs to bring a mobile phone to school, students are to leave mobile phones either with their class teachers or at the office, prior to classes commencing and collect them at the end of the day.**

### ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development states that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. For those parents who seek personal cover, details of an insurer who offers individual accident insurance for \$29 for the year is:

**EBM INSURANCE BROKERS** and the link is <https://www.ebminsurace.com.au/personal-cover/student-cover.php>

## Special Monitor Assembly

How wonderful it was to observe our senior students receive their certificates and badges for taking on roles of responsibility in our school. Newly elected Yarra Ranges Council Mayor Richard Higgins, joined us to congratulate and acknowledge our students for their readiness to develop their leadership skills and share their passions and interests with the broader community.

All positions required students to write a letter describing why they should be considered for the role they selected. **Here are some samples** of the excerpts shared at our special assembly:

**Josh (Tour Guide):** *"I would like to be a tour guide. The first reason is due to my bubbly and energetic personality. I could and would serve as a friendly reminder of what our school encourages. I could give exciting tours in and out of classrooms. Seeing the work that goes on inside would convince the parents to take their children here. No questions would be left unanswered; introducing staff on the way. ...."*

**Dash (Kindness Matters Team):** *"I know that you have your hands full with Kindness Matters and you have filled all the spaces for new recruits like me, but I am sure that even though you've used all the spaces you could still use an extra pair of hands and I am indeed kind, and have hands. I think I could be a superb addition to Kindness Matters".*

**Ruben (Gang Green Team):** *"I would be a good Gang Green Monitor because I have learnt a lot about planting and taking care of the garden. After doing it, it made me excited and positive about the day. Next year I would like to help with getting our school garden looking good. Behind the art room is an area that we could ....."*

**Milla (Art Monitor):** *"I would like to be an Art Monitor because I love helping Sofia in the art room and I have done it most of my school life....."*

**Robbie (IT Monitor):** *"I think I would be a good IT monitor. I have always wanted to be an IT monitor and I have helped untangle charging cords many times. ... I could also do virus scans and help people who are having trouble on computers".*

**Josie (Weather Monitor):** *I think I am worthy of this monitor role because I study a lot of non-fiction, such as the weather. I am also very good at taking notes in notebooks. In this case, weather"*

**Leni (Assembly Monitor):** *I would like to be a set us Assembly Monitor because of my love of setting things up and getting things in their rightful place. I think I would be a good choice because I can get everything done in about five or ten minutes".*

Another important role celebrated at the monitor assembly is the SRC (Student Representative Council). Two students from each class from Year 3 – 6 have been selected either by teachers in the 3/4 area, or voted by their classmates 5/6 area.

To ensure students were not voted on personalities, year 5/6 wrote an application that identified what they would bring to the SRC if they were elected and students voted on the ideas rather than the student (no names were given with the ideas). Here is what Beau wrote to her class (no surprise that she was voted as their rep!):

*Dear 5/6A,*

*I am writing this letter to apply for the position as one of your SRC representatives. Here are a few of the reasons why I think I would be good at SRC.*

*Firstly, I would like to set up a range of additional activities to do at play, including sports and crafts, if you don't have anyone to play with and you don't want to go to the buddy bench. Secondly, I want to make everyone feel like their ideas matter so I would listen to anyone who want to share ideas and take them forward to discuss at the SRC meetings. Thirdly, I believe myself to be trustworthy and organised and will promise to act with respect, responsibility and integrity to uphold our school values. In conclusion, I believe I would make a good SRC representative and hope that you vote for me so school will be a happier and brighter place."*

We are proud of our senior students and their confidence and readiness to be the agents of change in their school. This is what student voice and agency looks like and we intend to extend it even further and deeper to ensure all students have a voice and a call to action.





# Vacation Care Program

30 March to 9 April 2020



**Bookings close:**  
Wednesday  
11 March  
**Full payment due:**  
Friday  
20 March

A school holiday program for children in Prep to Grade 6

Centre-based care: \$61 per day  
Excursion days: \$72 per day  
Opening hours 8am to 6pm

Springfield Pavilion – Springfield Avenue, Croydon

Belmont Park – Olympus Drive, Croydon South

For further information please contact the Children's Services team on 9294 5739.

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## Important information

### Bookings

Vacation Care bookings must be paid for prior to the commencement of Vacation Care. This is done via iPay. If the requested dates on the Vacation Care booking form (on Council's website) are available, these will be the dates that families will be booked in and charged for.

### Late pick up fee

The Vacation Care program finishes each day at 6pm. If a child is not picked up by this time a late fee will be charged, according to the following scale - \$10 for every 10 minutes or part thereof per family.

### Cancellations

No refunds or credits given for days that families have booked and no longer require. Payment is required for all booked days whether children attend the program or not.

### Children's belongings

Strictly no money or children's toys (including iPods, phones, DS consoles, cameras) are to be brought to the program.

Please clearly label all your child's clothing and belongings.

### Priority of access

The Australian Government regards children at risk of abuse or neglect as a priority group for access to quality childcare. Families in crisis should also have support and assistance from child care services to the maximum extent possible. The Australian Government resources child care with a major purpose of meeting the child care needs of families with recognised work or work related commitments. Where demand for care exceeds supply, it is important for services to allocate available places to those families with the greatest need for childcare support.

### Clothing

- > Children must be dressed in clothing appropriate for the weather. In wetter months, please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots. In warmer months, please dress children in 'sun smart' clothing, including covered shoulders.
- > Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes for playing. No thongs or flip-flops.
- > Please label clothing and personal belongings with your child's name so that it can be easily identified.

### Food and drinks

- > Parents are required to provide nutritious lunches and snacks, such as sandwiches, fruit, cheese sticks, and water. Please send plenty of food for your child to eat.
- > Please send a refillable drink bottle with water every day.

### Enrolments

Enrolments for the Vacation Care program must be completed online at: [www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/School-holiday-programs-primary-school](http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/School-holiday-programs-primary-school)  
For more information, please call Council's Youth and Children's Services team on 9294 5739.

- > Please no cans/bottles of soft drink.
- > Please note that we cannot heat or cook children's snacks or lunches.
- > Many excursions do not allow us to take wrappers, we strongly encourage families to re-think your child's lunch box and send nude food each day to the program.

### Excursions

- > Children must arrive at the program at least 30 minutes before the stated departure time - this will help us to avoid being late for booked activities. The bus will not wait for those who are late.
- > If your child will not be attending on an excursion day, please contact the Educators at the program before 8.30am to prevent delays in departure.
- > Please dress appropriately as excursions will run during all weather conditions.
- > Children are not to bring money on excursions.
- > When travelling by bus we use Ventura bus lines. All buses are fitted with seat belts.
- > Educator/child ratio is: 1 educator to every 8 children and for a swimming excursion 1 educator to every 5 children.
- > Please make sure your child brings a refillable water bottle and plenty of food to eat with no wrappers.

### Medication

- > If a child is to receive medication during the day, parents must complete the Medication Instruction Sheet, and sign the medication in and out with an educator each day.
- > Medication must be in the original containers with the original labels and the child's name and specific dosage must be clearly visible on the containers. This also applies to any over the counter medication.

### Additional needs children

All children are welcome to participate in our Vacation Care Program. If your child has any additional needs, please contact Council's Vacation Care Coordinator on 9294 5739 at least six weeks before the program is due to start to discuss the best ways to support your child.

### Additional days of care

During the holidays you must contact Council's Vacation Care team on 9294 5739 if you wish to book your child in for additional days of care.

### Child Care Subsidy

Child Care Subsidy is available to families who have linked their myGov account. If you are unable to link our Vacation Care program to your account, please contact Centrelink on 13 61 60.

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## Monday 30 March

### INCURSION

#### Hip Hop Don't Stop

Due to popular demand, we are having FunFit incursions visit us for a hip-hop incursion! We will also get the chance to try out some cool moves in an acrobatics session - like a human pyramid! Today is going to be filled with so many fun activities and games!



## Tuesday 31 March

### EXCURSION - DreamCity

Departure time: 9.45am  
Return time: 4.30pm

Get ready to take on the careers of the future as we explore the new high-tech DreamCity. You can operate a flight simulator, perform surgery, fight fires, or produce your very own podcast! The possibilities are awesome!



## Wednesday 1 April

### EXCURSION - Active April

Departure time: 8.30am  
Return time: 4pm

Today we will be going to Town Park, Croydon to participate in Active April. There will be lots of outdoor activities including golf, tai chi, and giant yard games! If the weather permits we will walk over to the X Space, Croydon for potato cakes and chips, and a play on the playground!



## Thursday 2 April

### IN-HOUSE - Dress up

#### Heroes and Supervillains!

Avengers assemble! Come dressed as your favourite hero or villain, or create your own unique identity. Today we will be challenged to see if we have what it takes to change the world!



## Friday 3 April

### EXCURSION - Marvel Universe Live!

Departure time: 8.30am  
Return time: 4pm

Today we are heading to Rod Laver arena to watch Marvel Universe Live! This all-new, action-packed, arena show unites 25 of your favourite Marvel super heroes and villains in a race against time to stop Loki from gaining control and crowning himself ruler of the universe. If the weather permits, we will stop to explore the Royal Park Natural Play Playground.



## Monday 6 April

### INCURSION

#### The Amazing Race

Are you ready for an adventure? Today we will be having Supreme Incursions out for a very important quest - channel your inner explorer as we search different lands looking for clues so that we can unlock the treasure chest!



## Tuesday 7 April

### EXCURSION - Comedy show

Departure time: 9am  
Return time: 5pm

Today we are off to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival to see the smash hit show 'Alex and Luke's make your parents disappear - the magic extravaganza'! If the weather permits we will also be stopping to explore Fitzroy Gardens.



## Wednesday 8 April

### IN-HOUSE & BIG DAY OUT

#### Egg-cited for Easter

Join in the fun and games as we get ready for Easter! There will be games and crafts, an Easter Egg hunt, and lots of chocolate!

**Big Day Out**  
Excursion: See attached flyer for our Big Day Out excursion for 2020 Grade 5 and 6 children.



## Thursday 9 April

### EXCURSION - Let's get wild!

Departure time: 9am  
Return time: 5pm

Join us today for an adventure to Melbourne Zoo. Roar with the big cats, journey down the trail of the elephants, and head deep into the jungle where lemurs roam and gorillas rule.



## Friday 10 April

### Good Friday public holiday

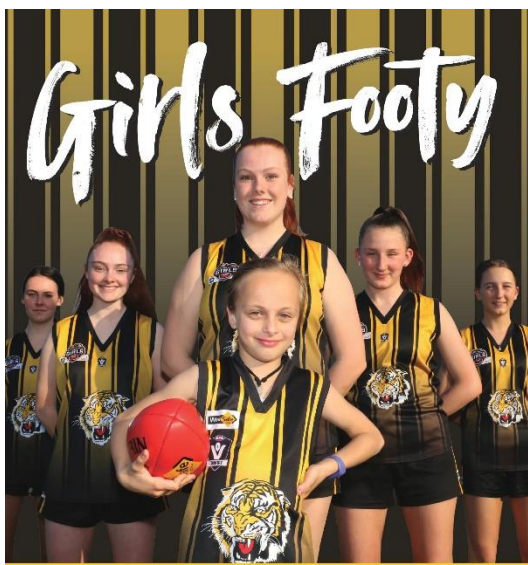



## REMINDERS

- Please remember to bring your sunhat and a drink bottle every day.
- Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the departure date for all excursions (buses will NOT wait for latecomers).

- **NO NUT PRODUCTS** - we have children in the program with anaphylaxis, so please refrain from bringing nuts (including peanut butter and Nutella) to the program

# Girls Footy

**GIRLS PRESEASON  
U16/U18 TRAINING**

MONDAY Talaskia Oval UFTG 5.15pm – 6.30pm  
THURSDAY Chosen Ave Upwey 5.45pm – 7.30pm

Contact Brendan Ferguson [president@utjfc.com](mailto:president@utjfc.com) or Gareth Phillips [secretary@utjfc.com](mailto:secretary@utjfc.com)



Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club

## REGO & COME AND TRY

BOYS & GIRLS | AGES FROM 4\* - 18 YRS

**TUESDAY** **FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>** **STARTS 5PM** **COLCHESTER RESERVE**

CNR COLCHESTER RD  
& BERESFORD DR  
BORONIA

for more information email: [secretary@easternraptors.com.au](mailto:secretary@easternraptors.com.au)  
[www.easternraptors.com.au](http://www.easternraptors.com.au)



Do you wish to play a team sport in a friendly and supportive environment?

Make New Friends?  
and Have Fun?

Then come along and play Under 12's  
at the **E**merald **J**unior **F**ootball **C**lub.

Training is Thursday night  
commencing 4pm at Worrell Reserve.

For any further info please contact:  
Matt Byron (coach) on 0438 653070

**Go B Bombers !**

## 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

### 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](mailto:chrisw7@ymail.com)

### Violin & Viola Lessons

New Teacher details coming soon...

### 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.

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