



Patchwork News

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

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THANK YOU FOR A FANTASTIC
AUTUMN FESTIVAL!

Dates to Remember

March

Thurs 24th

Last Day of Term 1 early finish at
2.30pm

Fri 25th

Good Friday

April

Mon 11th

First Day of Term 2

Weds 13th – Fri 15th and

Gr 5 EarthKeeper's Camp

Mon 18th to Weds 20th

Mon 25th

ANZAC Day

Thurs 28th

District Athletics

Fri 29th

Prep to Two Athletics Day

May

Tues 3rd

Yr 1 & 2 National Gallery
Excursion

Thurs 5th

School Photos

Tues 10th & Weds 11th

NAPLAN

June

Mon 13th

Queen's Birthday

Tues 14th

Yr 1 – 3 Sustainability Incursion

Thurs 23rd

Gr 3 Scienceworks Excursion

Fri 24th

Last Day of Term 2

Have a happy
Easter and a
wonderful
holiday! See you
on Monday the
11th of April for
Term 2!



From the Principal and Assistant Principal . .

Thought for the week: 'Good friends are good for your health.' Irwin Sarason

Well what a huge success our Autumn Festival was on Saturday, made possible by our wonderful parents, staff, children and broader community. Despite the weather and its associated challenges, our community - parents, staff, students and friends - once again stepped in and helped to prepare the site, erect the marquees, set up stalls, put up decorations, organise schedules, move chairs and tables and ensure everything that needed to be done was ready. It is always such a rewarding experience to see the level of dedication and involvement from so many people and to witness months of planning come together so seamlessly.

We are very grateful for such an active and committed community that enables us to plan, organise and implement important events for our school. Through these opportunities, we can promote our school to the broader community, demonstrate what is important to us and raise some funds for much needed resources.

A big thank you to our teachers, integration aides, administrative staff and education support staff who put in many additional hours to ensure class activities were fun, sustainable, engaging and well supported. The activities were much enjoyed and demonstrated some important knowledge and skills that our children have developed. Visitors to our wetlands were amazed by the articulate, informed and confident year 3 & 4 students that took them on tours and taught them about the pond-life living in our wetlands. Our grade 5 & 6 students propagated succulents in 2015 to sell, ran workshops on the use of binocular microscopes to study nature up close, explained how seed bombs can help to regenerate natural bushland and demonstrated how they are easily made.

The prep classes ran workshops to create beautiful miniature gardens with material from our grounds and gardens and year 1 & 2 continued the artistic element with colourful stick yarning and glorious watercolour leaf mobiles. Music and art teachers ensured the performers were prepared and captivating with their Autumn accessories and the Garden Stage rang out with their harmonious voices and instruments.

Along with preparing the students and ensuring they were fully involved in the planning and execution of the event, other staff members were making sure the administrative side was running smoothly - this was the first time

we used QkR to allow the purchase of wristbands and raffle tickets which enabled us to have a longer selling time for raffle tickets thus generating more funds (nearly 1,000 tickets sold!). Trialling new initiatives such as tokens (not a great success and we will return to using cash for food next year) is an important way to move forward and we are fortunate to have so many creative and enterprising minds on staff.

As mentioned in the email and note home to parents, this event would be impossible without them, in particular those in the Events Team and others who took so much responsibility and initiative which eased the load on our school staff. We are in awe of their generosity and extremely grateful.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their generous donations to our silent auction and raffle:

Sooki Lounge, Walk in Wardrobe (Danielle De Valence), The Blues Train, Little Rebellion (Ali Maclean), Ananda Hot Yoga (Shiri Chikita Bonita), The Wall Sticker Company, Island View Studio, Kallista Biodynamic Market, Epoche, Puffing Billy, Trees Adventure, Tunzafun Knox, Buckley & Phillips Aromatics, Beauty in Sassafras, Ginger Jones Cafe, Mountain Pilates (Jeanette Tatton) Monbulk Aquatic Centre, Tesselaars, Belgrave Book Barn, Kallista General Store (now under new management, check them out!), Arbonne, Ample (Jodie White), Foxbelle Photography (Ingrid Cremean), Peapod Portrait Photography (Susie Roberts), Ranges, Nu-Leaf Naturopathy (Kye Richards), Pinnacle Health Club, Mt Evelyn Recreational Camp, Flemings Nursery, Coolwyn Nursery, RhodoGlen Nursery, The Groove Train Knox, Australian Musical Theatre, Sushi Express, Gino and Steve from Ah' Cioccolato, Monbulk Butcher, Tim's Bakery, Nexus Travel, Chojo Feature Trees, Dawson's Patch Wines (Jody Dawson), Tammie Carter & Annwen Kirby.

Thanks also to all the market stall holders with their creative, original and resourceful products.

A special thank you to Trevor Herrmann for his skills, expertise and time in mapping and setting up the electrics; Bruce Campbell for the hours and hours of blower vacuuming, outdoor furniture and general clean-up he assisted with; Matt Ryan for supplying and erecting marquees; all our wonderful musicians and our speakers Phil Johnson and Richard Bellemo.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Deb & Michelle

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Thanks to the funds raised at our Autumn Festival, so far we have been able to purchase:

- 15 new Binocular Microscopes
- Additional double and single marquees for school events
- the Tyre Maze, which will remain in our school grounds for play

No event is without its opportunities to improve and we hope you will provide some honest feedback - there has been some really considered suggestions so far and we hope there will be many more.



EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS!

1st prize: Sarah Tebbutt

2nd Prize: Gigi Collins

3rd Prize: Ellen McDonald

4th Prize: Jess Dutton

5th Prize: Bev Whitford

Photos from our Autumn Festival









Thank you to everyone for coming along and making the day such a success!

Senior Athletics

Another successful athletics day was had on Tuesday. Parents sitting in the sun, watching their children run, jump and throw their way through our track and field events. It was great to see all our senior students participating and winning points for their houses. Namin (blue) House won the house cup, streaking ahead with 322 points. Yetta (green) came in second with 284 points, Merwool (yellow) in third, with 275 points, and Jelwick (red) house came in fourth place with 248 points.

We also had some outstanding Age Group Champions, who were the highest scoring athletes for their age. They are as follows:

8/9 year old girls: Emily A, 20 points

8/9 year old boys: Josh D, 19 points

10 year old girls: Grace O, 17 points

10 year old boys: Todd M, 22 points

11 year old girls: Amy E, 24 points - making her our highest scoring overall champion! Congratulations Amy!

11 year old boys: Noah V.H, 19 points

12/13 year old girls: Lilian K, 21 points

12/13 year old boys: Nathan S, 23 points

Well done to everyone who came along and participated on the day. A big thank you to our parent helpers for giving up their time to assist on the day, we couldn't have done it without you!

Also, a huge thank you is needed for our teachers for stepping up and ensuring the day ran smoothly. We will be selecting the children to go on to District Athletics over the holidays and will let those students know when school resumes next term.

Have a great Easter break!

Sushi now on QkR!

Due to the great successes we have had with QkR over the past year, Sushi lunch orders will now be solely operating through QkR - the same way as The Patch Store does. You will be able to place orders until 10am on Thursdays on the app, and will also be able to pay by cash at their Sushi Express store in Belgrave until 11.30am.

Smart Sustainability

from Ella & Nina

As part of our sustainability efforts at school, we will be sharing energy-saving ideas in our newsletter so that we can all reduce our carbon footprint (and the size of our energy bills!).

While these ideas may not be ground-breaking, taking simple steps really can help reduce your CO2 emissions and the size of your bills

- Switch off appliances not in use at the wall. The cost of appliances which are switched on and not being used (on standby) can add over \$100 on your annual power bill
- By washing your clothes in cold water and drying on a line or rack, you can save up to \$100 a year.
- Dress for the weather - in winter, wear extra layers inside and lower your heating thermostat. By setting your heating thermostat between 18-20°C, you can decrease your running costs by up to 10%. In summer, wear lighter clothing and keep your air conditioner's thermostat between 24°C - 26°C.

See <http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/services-and-advice/households/energy-efficiency/at-home/top-10-energy-saving-tips>

for these, and many more fantastic energy-saving tips!

Streeton Art Awards 2016

Upwey High School is proud to host the 2016 Streeton Art Awards. Entries are now being for all five categories for the 2016 event. The exhibition for the Streeton Art Awards will take place in the Later Years Centre at Upwey High School from Saturday 16 April to Wednesday 20 April.

The awards have five categories in 2016-

Category	Prize
Lower Primary School- Prep to Year 3	\$100
Upper Primary School- Years 4-6	\$100
Lower Secondary School- Years 7-9	\$100
Upper Secondary School- years 10-12	\$100
Open (all ages)	\$500

All mediums of work are accepted. There is a general theme of 'Community, Environment and Culture', however all work will be accepted and entered into the exhibition. Primary school entries have no set theme.

Entries can be completed either on-line at www.upweyartsfestival.com or a representative from Upwey High School can collect entries from the primary school from each primary school.

Entry is free into the competition and free entry to view the show. Prizes are proudly donated by the Yarra Ranges Council. Entries close Thursday 14 April.

Upwey High School Art and Music Festival

On Saturday 16 April, Upwey High School will be hosting the opening of the Streeton Art Awards. In conjunction with this, there will be a free music concert, food stalls, market stalls and other entertainment. It is going to be a big day for Art in the Dandenong Ranges, with the 'Open Studios' event also taking place. This is a great opportunity to see the future artists of our community showcase their work. The exhibition and Festival operates from Midday to 4pm. Parking for the event is via the school entrance on Marchant Avenue.

\$10 Christmas Gift Certificate Reminder

Don't forget you may still have your Gift Certificate that was attached to the Christmas trees given out last year. This offer ends on the 31st March so come in and we will deposit the \$10.00 into your account.

Remember your weekly school banking is collected on a Thursday

Have fun saving and don't forget you can contact us at the Bank with any questions at all ☺

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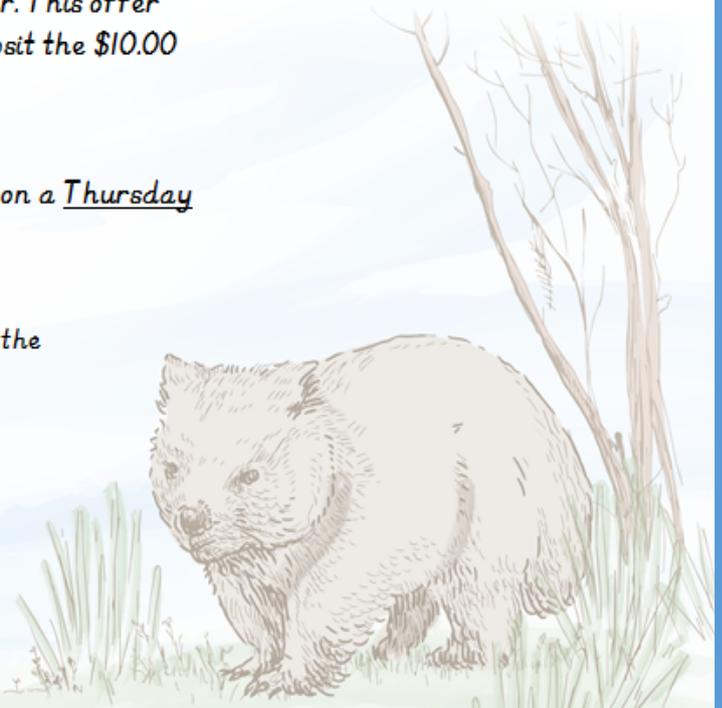
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Is Your Family Entitled to the CSEF?

The Victorian Government has put in place the **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** for eligible beneficiaries. This program provides \$125 per child to be used to pay any of the above activities.

For further information on the CSEF and an application form, please visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=#link80>

If you have any questions about CSEF, please contact the school.

Important QkR Lunch Order Tips

To ensure your child's receives their lunch order, could you please:

- Order via QkR **no later than 9.30am** on the day of the order **or** personally at The Patch Store/Sushi Express
- Be sure your child's class is correct in QkR (and update each year)
- Check your receipt to ensure the order & payment have processed correctly

The Patch Store and Sushi Express thank you for all your support with the school lunch program.

Thank you,

The Staff at The Patch Store and Sushi Express

Parking Restrictions Behind the Hall

Please note that there is **no parking behind the Hall**. This is a **staff only** area and we ask parents and visitors to use the gravel car park behind the shelter shed or parallel parking spaces along the ring road. Thank you for your co-operation 😊

CONTACTING OSHC

To contact OSHC staff during program hours please call the main school telephone number **9756 7463** and select Option 1 to be directed to the OSHC landline.

If this line is unavailable, please call the mobile **0419 515 494** and, if there is no answer, feel free to leave a message.

Also call this number during school hours and you will be re-directed to the OSHC Voicemail.

Staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

Paying Cash at School

As we are fast becoming a cashless school, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you are needing to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.



GOLDEN COBRA MARTIAL ARTS

We are a family oriented sports club focussed on confidence building and personal development through physical skills education, goal setting and progressive achievement. Our core activities include training in fitness, self defence and traditional martial arts. Our programmes cater for ages 4-years upwards and we offer a range of classes to suit all ages, abilities and skills including family classes where parents and children can train side-by-side. We are a local community, not-for-profit association.

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Community

- Emerald Market Sunday 20th March
- Dig in Café Friday 25th March
- FunFest Sunday 10th April

Funfest

Sunday April 10th

This year FunFest will kick off a wonderful week of entertainment: PAVE in Emerald. This one day FREE event is a celebration of music, food & crafts.

Our regular market stall holders, local businesses, emergency services, community groups and schools all work together to put on the largest festival held in Cardinia Shire. With over 10,000 visitors, Funfest contributes to our local economy and tourism.

www.pave.org.au



AFL YARRA RANGES

AFL VICTORIA

5-8 YEARS Footy Fun Day

9-12 YEARS Skills Baffle

Holiday PROGRAMS

Come join us!

Wednesday 6th April
Futsal Oz Mt Evelyn
19-23 Hereford Rd,
Mt Evelyn 3796

\$60

A day packed full of footy fun!
Come and test your football skills
Lots of games and fun to be had

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PAVE FESTIVAL
Performing and Visual Arts in Emerald

2016
April 10th – 17th

FUNFEST

A great family day out!
Sunday April 10th
10am - 4pm

www.pave.org.au Find us on Facebook info@pave.org.au

Over 50 events to enjoy!

Strengthening Community Connections

Sustainability through the Arts **5968 3881**

The Importance of Attendance

Please remember that all students are expected to be in their classroom, ready to begin lessons by 8.50am. 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 VPass system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or yellow 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.

Thank you.

Community Notices

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

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

Violin, Viola & Cello Lessons

Lessons are available at school on Fridays with experienced strings teacher Jane Coleman.

For further information call: 0431 290 396 or email: janeliz.coleman@gmail.com. Be quick as there is currently only a small number of places available for new pupils.

Private Ukulele Lessons

The Patch School students now have the opportunity to take private ukulele lessons, starting next term on Mondays, from week 2 onwards. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 5 years' experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and is looking forward to teaching at The Patch. The cost is \$14 for a 20 minute individual lesson or \$10 for a paired lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email.

0408 102 542 jessdunn.arts@gmail.com.au

Cardio Tennis

Run during the school terms, this fun and energetic cardio workout to music, allows you to get great exercise whilst hitting the ball! Run by me, you will be instructed through a warm-up, tennis drills, and fun tennis games. 9:30-10:30am Tuesdays at The Patch Tennis Club (not on if it's raining). All standards welcome. You don't even have to have played before!

Contact Renae on [0403 498085](tel:0403498085).

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