



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

May

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| Tues 10 th & Weds 11 th | NAPLAN |
| Thurs 12 th – Thurs 19 th | Book Fair |
| Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th | Education Week |
| Weds 18 th – Fri 20 th | 1 st EarthKeeper's Camp |
| Thurs 19 th | Open Morning 9.30 - 11am |
| Mon 23 rd – Weds 25 th | 2 nd EarthKeeper's Camp |
| Mon 30 th | Curriculum Day (student free day) |

June

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| Mon 13 th | Queen's Birthday |
| Tues 14 th | Yr 1 – 3 Sustainability Incursion |
| Thurs 23 rd | Gr 3 Scienceworks Excursion |
| Fri 24 th | Last Day of Term 2 |

July

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| Mon 11 th | First Day Term 3 |
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Little Devil's Circus

All students from Prep to Grade 6 will be participating in our 10 week Circus Program, run by Little Devil's Circus. Remember to save the date of Thursday September 15 as it will be our circus Performance! A matinee and evening show will be held at The Discovery Church in Mount Evelyn.

Don't forget to pay for the circus Program! Payment is due by Thursday the 9th of June. If you have CSEF you can use this fund to pay, simply select the 'Pay by CSEF' option on QkR.

Thank you for your support, co-operation and patience as we dealt with the issues surrounding our power outage this week.

The readiness our staff and community showed to just get on with it was fantastic. It is resilience at work and we should be proud of our coping skills and resourcefulness. Thank you!

From the Principal...

Thought for the week: "Everyone's children deserve a well-rounded curriculum that invites them to co-connect knowledge across subject areas, uncover implications, take initiative and exercise their imaginations" Nancie Atwell - Global Teacher Prize 2015

First of all, I need to say a HUGE thank you for the incredible work that everyone has put in this week. Michelle, Jennie and Jody - you went above and beyond to ensure everything ran as smoothly as possible while I was on leave and I couldn't be more grateful. I am extremely lucky to have a staff which are so capable and ready to put in the extra mile. Thank you also to our school community, who have been extremely understanding as we worked through the issues surrounding our power outage this week, your kindness and patience has been greatly appreciated. To have nearly all our students here this week, regardless of no power, was a great reflection of the trust you have in us as a school. Also, to those parents who brought in morning tea, cakes, tea and coffee for our staff, you are wonderful, we appreciate your kindness and generosity more than we can say.

Congratulations to our 55 senior students who went down to Knox Athletic track last week to compete in the Mountain District Athletics day. The feedback on the day was excellent - exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship from students, amazing help from parents and an overall great day for everyone!

Congratulations to our 2016 Out of School Hours Care Leaders - Niamh, Ryan and Cameron! We are so proud of you for being selected for this role. We award this position to select grade 6 students each year; they have to put forward a written application which is reviewed by Sheila and myself. These students were specifically selected for this role thanks to the leadership, maturity and enthusiasm they have shown at our OSHC program. Being an OSHC Leader is a big task. It involves being able to run activities with the children, being aware of Emergency Management procedures and generally assisting Sheila and other OSHC staff. Well done Niamh, Ryan and Cameron. On our Curriculum Day on May 30th we will be running an OSHC Program from 7.30am until 6pm. This will be a great day filled with activities and fun, so be sure to sign up!

This Sunday we celebrate Mother's Day. Take a moment to reflect on the wonderful women in your life, may they be a mother, grandmother, aunty, sister, friend etc. Our students have been hard at work in Art making beautiful clay works for Mother's Day. Unfortunately, the power outage caused damage to the kiln and we were not able to use it this week to fire the work in time for Mother's Day. Thank you to Sophia for all her extra work on the weekend trying to get these masterpieces fired in time, you are a gem.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day weekend with your loved ones,

Deb

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

KIDSMATTER AT THE PATCH PS!

This year, during every lunchtime play, there will be two or three Grade 5/6 KidsMatter students stationed at the Buddy Bench. Their job will be to help other students with issues such as not being able to find a friend, or solving small disputes about taking turns or rules of a game. Sometimes, students just need someone to listen. If students cannot find anyone to play with, there is also a backpack of activities that students can do. Thank you to the KidsMatter Student Action Team, who has given up at least one lunchtime per fortnight to help other students at The Patch PS.

Members: Kurt, Luca, Ryley, Ryan, Nathan V, Max, Jonah, Aden, Liam, Isaac, Tameem, Emily, Amy, Leah, Pearl, Natasha, Charlotte.



Ryan and Ryley doing their first shift on the Buddy Bench.

We are members of the senior Kids Matter team. Our main aim is to make our school a better place! We have started a new program for children in the playground when they are having problems with friends or have no one to play with. We will be around the Buddy Bench in brightly coloured vests helping your children.

Thanks

By Tameem & Amy

Grade 3 Peace Poems

Students from Grade 3 have been looking at Anzac day as an example of a significant day of commemoration in Australia. Here are three poems written by Grade 3 students on the topic of Peace.

Peace **By Samantha**

Peace is relaxing
Under the stars
Peace is reading a book

Peace is hearing the splash
Of a waterfall

Peace is a sleep with the stars high
Peace is calm
Like a breeze
Or a chime.

Peace **By Dash**

Peace feels good

No guns
No people shouting and crying
No people dying
Just silence and happiness

Peace is happy
No fights
No war
Just silence and happiness

Peace feels good

Peace **By Theo**

Peace makes people proud of people
Who fought in the war
And have joyful hearts.

Peace is waking into a world
Where everything is free
And to happy faces.

Peace is colourful thoughts
And peace is being protected.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and The Patch is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

MAY BOOK FAIR!

The Patch Primary School Book Fair starts Thursday the 12th of May at 3.30pm. The book fair that we held in November, raised over \$600 for our school library. Thank you to everyone for their support.

Our library has some beautiful books and without the support of the school community and the wonderful people who do the scholastic book club, we would not have such a comprehensive and delightful selection of books.

The book fair starts at 3.30pm on Thursday the 12th of May and finishes 9.00am Thursday the 19th.

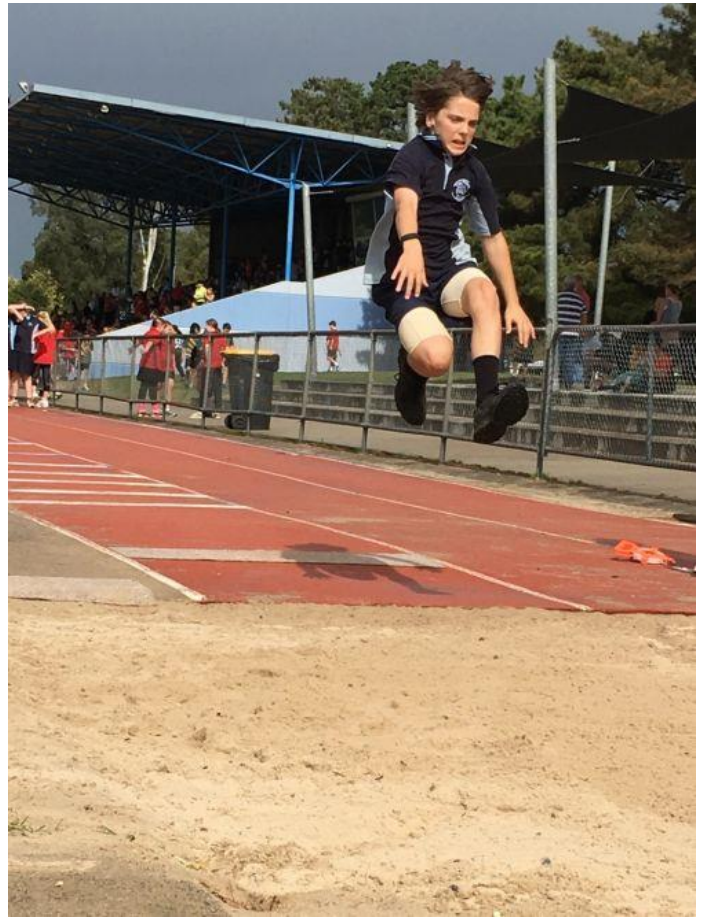
See you at the book fair!

District Athletics

Well done to all of our senior students who attended the Mountain District Athletics at Knox Sporting Complex last Thursday. We are incredibly proud of our students, their behaviour was exemplary, and everyone listened and followed instructions and was respectful to the other schools around us. We have some of the best athletes in the district here at The Patch, and we couldn't have been more impressed by their skills, positive attitude, and good sportsmanship.

The day couldn't run smoothly without the help of our wonderful parents. Our parent helpers did an outstanding job of running the Shot Put event, which left our teachers to be able to look after, help and supervise the students. Good luck to our students who will go on to compete in Division Athletics in October. We will let you know who this will be as soon as we are informed.





Grade 1 & 2 National Gallery of Victoria Excursion

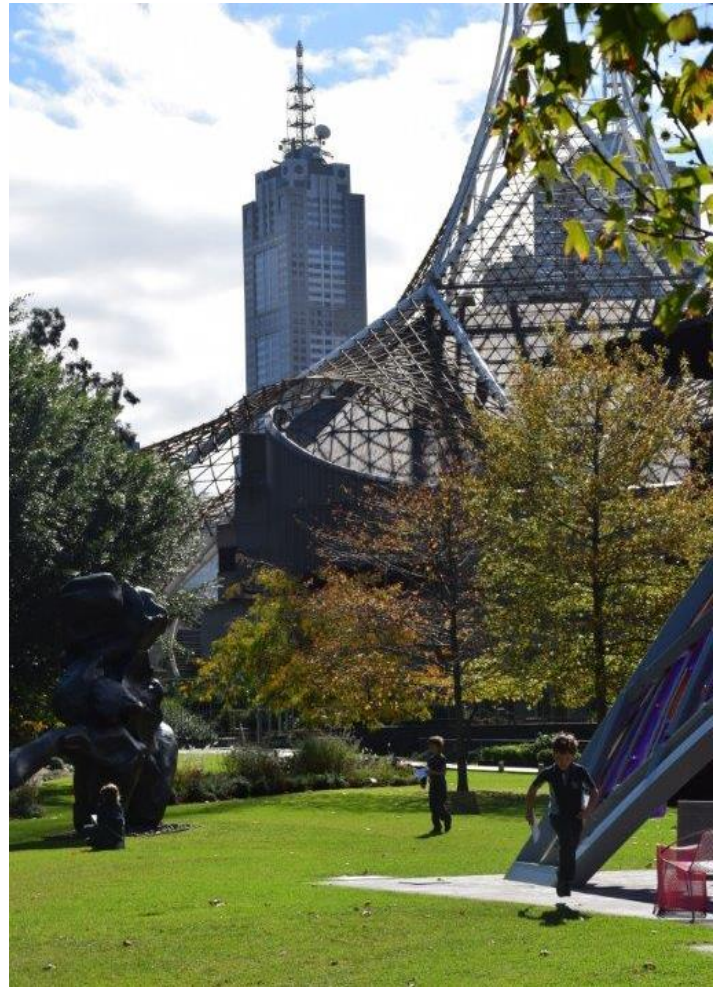
On Tuesday the 3rd of May, Grade 1 & 2 headed for the 'big smoke'. Leaving the hills behind, we hit the freeway with a panoramic view of the city before us. The children were all very excited and so were the teachers despite a grim weather forecast of 100 kilometer winds and rain.

The trip to the gallery launched our literacy learning around reading, writing and enjoying 'narratives'. Children participated in a guided tour called, "Every Picture Tells a Story". It was wonderful to see the children immersed in the artworks around them and fascinated with the stories they told. The children also listened to the story of Picasso's painting, Weeping Woman, being stolen and returned back to the Gallery in 1986 (it seems like yesterday...).

The weather not only held out for us, but the sun shone warmly through the Arts Centre's tall spire, the gorgeous maple trees and sculptures in the gallery's garden where the children enjoyed sketching and eating their lunch together.

*Thanks to everyone for making it a fabulous day of learning, sharing and reflection.
The Grade 1/2 Team.*









ASSEMBLY STARS

*Congratulations to all our students awarded certificates at assembly!
Have you been to assembly lately? We hold assembly every Friday at 9am in the hall or on the basketball court depending on the weather.*



Walking to the Patch Store

Due to some parental concerns around the behaviour of the children walking to the Patch Store we have agreed as a school for Pauleen to walk students to the gates at top of the path. From the gates to the Patch Store, children are the responsibility of their parents. You are able to meet your child/children at the top of the pathway if you have any further concerns.

Thank you.

OSHC CURRICULUM DAY

MONDAY 30TH MAY 7:30am – 6pm

Guaranteed to run!

CCB applies

COST: \$60 PER CHILD – Enrolment slip to be completed by Wednesday 25th May 9am
Enrolment slip available on website and at the office

Restaurant day

Come along and join in the fun making:
Morning Tea: Pancakes/Fruit
Lunch: Burritos/Tacos and Apple Pie
Afternoon Tea: Cupcakes and Fruit

PLUS

- **Make your own placemat**
- **Bring a pillow and blanket for cubby house building**
- **Basketball skills**
- **Movie and lots of games!**



The Patch Primary

Open Morning Come and see our Preps at work!

When: Thursday 19th May 2016

Time: 9.30am tour of the school and chat with the Prep teachers.

Call to book in
9756 7463



To arrange an individual tour, with our Principal Deb
please call: 9756 7463

Visit our website

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



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AUSSIE HOOPS

Aussie Hoops is Basketball Australia's official junior game development program for children aged 5—10 years.

PROGRAM DETAILS

WHEN: From Saturday 30th April to Saturday 18th June.
(8 weeks total)

WHERE: Cockatoo Reserve Stadium
Mountain Road, Cockatoo

TIME: 10:00am until 10:45am

COST: \$70 for new players
\$50 for returning players

All Participants Receive:

- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops backpack
- 1 x Spalding size 5 Aussie Hoops basketball
- 1 x Peak Aussie Hoops reversible singlet.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Email: hoops@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au or juniors@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au

Detach and bring with cheque made payable to: Sherbrooke B.A., P.O. Box 1121, Upwey. 3158.

Name.....Age.....Birthdate.....Gender M/F

Address.....

Postcode.....Phone number.....What school do you attend?

Parents Names.....

Do you require any medication? Y / N If yes, for what condition?

Singlet size: 8 10 12 14 Email Address.....

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The Patch Early Learning Centre

Enrolments now open for

3 & 4 Year Old Kindergarten for 2017

*Friends Laugh Hop Respect Yoga Fun Grow Climb Ride Dig Enrich Sand
Craft Paint Sing Dance Read Sailing Learn Relax Listen Jump Play Paste*



*53 Kallista-Emerald Rd, The Patch
On site of The Patch Primary School*

Ph. 9751 9810

Adele Oram - Enrolment Officer



Mount Dandenong Pheasant Farm presents

Kalorama Chestnut Festival

KALORAMA RESERVE

SUNDAY

1ST MAY 2016

10AM - 4PM

Come and join us for a day of family fun on the mountain. Savour the abundant chestnuts, gourmet food, Devonshire tea, coffee, beer and mulled wine.

Explore the diverse range of stalls showcasing locally made handicrafts and produce. Children can enjoy the fun rides and adventure playspace.



www.chestnutfestival.com.au
Celebrating and supporting our local community.

UNDERSTANDING 'YOUR KIDS'

seminar
with Phil Stenhouse OAM



Do you have a teenage son or daughter? Are you finding it hard to connect with your kids? Are your kids displaying behaviors you don't understand?

Join Phil on Wednesday 4th May as he presents his;
"Understanding Yours Kids' Seminar.

Phil Stenhouse OAM has been working with young people for over 30 years, and has two young adult children of his own. Over the hour and a half Phil will share his insights into the teenage brain, and give you and/or your partner some strategies that will help you understand and connect better with yours kids.

JOIN US ON THE

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1st Floor, 231 Main St, Lilydale

7PM - 8:30PM

\$25 pp

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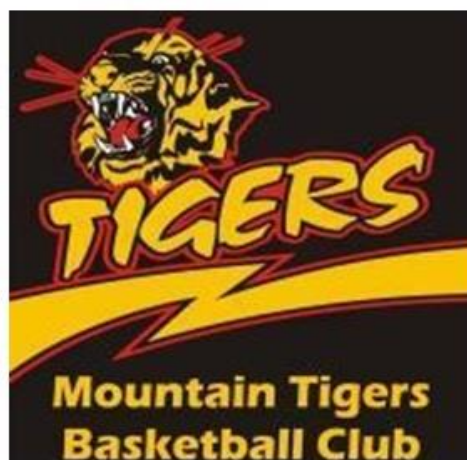
P: (03) 9013 0202

www.philstenhouse.com.au

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.

Players Wanted!



Mountain Tigers Basketball Club is seeking junior players for the winter season.
Join your local club! Learn new skills and make new friends!

No experience required.
Saturday games are played locally!

Please contact Anne Heron for further details:
registrar@mountaintigers.com.au



LILLYDALE LAKE FUN RUN

Join the Yarra Ranges Athletics club for a great morning of running around the Lillydale Lake parklands. This is running at the lake, but not as you know it!!

Sunday MAY 15th 2016 from 9am

2km - Family Event, run/walk

From \$12.00 online entry. Or \$20.00 on the day.

5km - Bakers Delight Dash

From \$30.00 online entry. Or \$45.00 on the day.

10km - Active Feet Lake Challenge

From \$35.00 online entry. Or \$50.00 on the day.

Fully marked and marshalled courses, over gravel, grass and hills.

ENTER NOW at www.yarrarangesathletics.org.au

MORE INFORMATION on the website or e-mail
events@yarrarangesathletics.org.au

ALL 5km and 10km entrants will receive:
\$20 voucher to spend at Bakers Delight Lillydale
\$40 discount redeemable at Active Feet
ALL FINISHERS receive a custom YRA medal

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Foundations
Family Day Care

'SUN VALLEY' SEEKING NEW OWNERS

Rob and Meryl Campbell are selling their family home of over 43 years and would love a family associated already, or interested to join, The Patch Primary school community.

Within a 5 minute walk of the school, at 24 The Patch Rd The Patch, the property has many rarely found features.

The original cottage was extended as the 6 children came along, all part of 9 acres of land with creeks, forests, paddocks, orchard, gardens, and veggie patch, perfect for a more rural family life in The Patch.

Accommodation is flexible over two floors with great access for a home based business and/or to extend/retrofit the home further. Enjoy a few animals or perhaps Permaculture or horticulture on the bottom paddock. Let your children run free in the forest.

A five minute walk to the primary school, public transport, play park, café/store/PO, public hall, tennis courts.

Rob and Meryl have engaged Eco Real Estate to undertake the sale for them - as you probably guessed, unusual real estate agents who focus on environmental properties such as this fine example. You can find all the details of the property on the ecorealestate.com.au website or please call or SMS their Special Agent Catriona MacDiarmid on 0409 528 692 for details of the property and how to visit.

If you know of any families or have friends who would love to move to The Patch, or already live close by and are looking for a new home, please let them know. Rob and Meryl would love to pass their property on to people who will appreciate the healthy land, the healthy home and the opportunity for sun, space and possibly some ecopreneurship in Sun Valley.

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| Land | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| Built | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| Community | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| Energy | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |
| Water | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ | ★ |

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Inspections

By Appointment Only
Open Day Schedule

www.ecorealestate.com.au/2881131

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 😊

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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