



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

May

Mon 23rd – Weds 25th

Mon 30th

2nd EarthKeeper's Camp

Curriculum Day (student free day)

June

Mon 13th

Tues 14th

Tues 17th

Mon 20th – Weds 22nd

Tues 21st

Thurs 23rd

Fri 24th

Queen's Birthday

Yr 1 – 3 Sustainability Incursion

Reports go home

Three-Way conferences day sessions (parent, student, teacher)

Three-way conferences night session

Gr 3 Scienceworks Excursion

Last Day of Term 2

July

Mon 10th

Thurs 13th

First Day Term 3

Circus Program starts every Thurs & Fri

Scholastic Book Club is here!

All orders and payments are to be made online either on the Scholastic website

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

or by downloading the LOOP app. **No cash or cheques to the school please.**

If your child misses out on a catalogue you can view a copy online at:

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp>. The cut-off date for placing orders is Friday 3rd June. **Happy shopping!**

Important upcoming payment dates

(Please note that forms for these have not all gone home yet, they are just for your calendar at this time)

- Circus by 9th June
- Year 3 Scienceworks excursion by 7th June
- 3/4 camp due by 14th July (camp dates 10-12th August)
- Year 6 camp due by 21st July (camp dates 16th-18th August)

Glass Jars Needed!

We are seeking glass jar donations for an upcoming art project! If you have some lying around the house, lids or no lids, please bring them to school and leave them in the red tub at the entrance.

Thank you!

From the Principal...

Thought for the week: "The one who smiles rather than rages is always the stronger"

JAPANESE WISDOM

Education Week went off to a great start with our Open Morning for current enrolments on Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents who came down to observe and participate in their child's class. On Wednesday our first session of year 5 EarthKeepers took off to Mount Toolebewong for camp. We are looking forward to hearing all of their great stories! Good luck to our second session of Earthkeepers who leave on Monday. A big thank you is owed to our fantastic parents, for all of their efforts in helping this camp run as smoothly as possible, we couldn't do it without you. Thursday was our Open Morning for 2017 enrolments. We are thrilled by the number of prospective enrolments we have for next year. Thank you again to all who attended and to our amazing Prep team for all of the work they put into the day.

Well done to Ted from grade 4 who was the winner of the Arthur Streeton Art Award from Upwey High! This award is open to students from years 4 - 6. Ted submitted a photograph and was the lucky winner, earning himself \$100 in prize money! He is planning to spend this on more photography equipment. Congratulations Ted!

We are currently having repairs done throughout the school. These consist of the replacement of the carpet in the 3B classroom (who will be working in the Library until this is complete), plumbing works in the staff and girls toilets, electrical works and fixing the drainage issues in the 3/4 area. Please bear with us as we have these completed.

Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent our school at the SSV District Cross Country on May 27. 34 students from years 3-6 were chosen to compete, and will go to Crystllbrook Park at Cardinia reservoir with Kent on Friday. Well done Kiara, Emily, Eydie, Yoni, Ford, Darcy, Ruby, Milla, Jade, Cooper, Minka, Jasmine, Emily, Dylan, Alex M, Pearl, Amy, Aden, Noah, Grace, Alex T.T, Molly, Lilian, Nathan, Ben, Lachie, Josh O, Josh S, Harlo, Charlie, Jack, Jake, Natasha and Leah.

On Monday the 6th of June we will be holding a Parent Seminar about Managing your Child's Anxiety and Worries. I encourage you to come along, as this will be a great way for you to not only learn, but to come together with other parents and share experiences. This seminar will be delivered by our fantastic Student Wellbeing Office Jody Yandle, with partnership from ARCVic (Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria). The seminar will run from 7.30-9.30pm, please email the school if you wish to attend.

On Monday the 30th of May we will be having a student-free Curriculum Day. OSHC have a 'Restaurant Day' program running from 7.30am-6pm with fun and engaging activities all day. Please fill out an enrolment slip, from the website or at the office, and return it to school by Wednesday the 25th to secure a place.

From Monday the 23rd of May until the 6th of June, we will be holding a 5cent fundraiser for our school. In each classroom there will be a jar where students can put as many 5cent coins as they can find. At the end of the challenge the class with the most 5cent pieces will win a free BBQ lunch, so start collecting!

Have a wonderful weekend with your loved ones,

Deb

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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*

News from your School Council

May 2016

We are well on the way through the year and there has been some great work progressing with the School Council and Community Groups.

You may have received the news that each grade or year level is working with parent representatives to assist classroom teachers in communicating events, organising support for teachers in the classroom and also organising social events for families. This is in its infancy and it will take some time to work through but by all accounts this is a welcome addition to school life. This is an idea that has come from the Parents Group and it's great to see it coming to life.

School Council and the Parents Group have also set up a 5cent fundraiser that will start next Monday 23rd May and run until Monday 6th June. A money box will be placed in each classroom and you can put in any 5cent coins you may have. At the end of the 2 weeks the winning grade will get a Free BBQ lunch put on by school Council. The rest of the school will be able to buy lunch on that day too. So start saving up your 5cent coins to put in the tin over the next 2 weeks.

Our OSHC program has committed to running on both our Curriculum days this year and we have an exciting day planned for those attending on Monday 30th May. It will be a Restaurant Day where the kids get to cook pancakes, tacos, cakes and more. There is also a full day of games planned including a basketball workshop. To relax in the afternoon I believe there will be a movie and cubby making. You can book in at the front office or by calling 9756 7463. The next curriculum day will be on Monday 1st August.

School Council would like to thank all the teachers and staff for the way they handled the difficult days during the recent power outages. It was a good reminder that we live in comfort most of the time and power is a key factor in so many comfort items like heating and lighting. The teachers all remarked at how well the children and parents worked during this time and it was a good lesson in many areas for school processes. Thank you to everyone for handling the situation so well.

School council is run by volunteer parents that give up their time to assist in the running of the school. We now also have a Parents Group and various committees assisting in areas such as garden, maintenance, OSHC and events. If you would like to be part of the school parent helpers please feel free to email myself or Michelle to register your interest so we can help you find an area that interests you.

I am aware that there is always room for improvement and hope that if you have ideas, concerns, issues, complaints or feedback that you will contact the school or myself. You can email me at tebutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Sarah

on behalf of The Patch School Council

Smart Sustainability

From Ella & Nina

Winter is almost upon us, which can mean increasing energy bills. Here are some tips that may help you to reduce your energy use and keep your bills down.

When cooking on the stovetop, Keep lids on pots. This can help reduce the amount of time and energy used. Dinner will be cooked faster too.

Set your fridge temperature to 4-5 degrees and your freezer temperature between -15 and -18 degrees celsius. Keep fridges and freezers in a cool, well-ventilated spot away from the oven and the sun to save electricity. Keep a five-centimetre gap around your fridge so air can circulate freely.

- Reduce your need for heating devices by:
Close the doors to unused rooms to reduce the size of the area you need to heat.
- Keep curtains and outside window shades closed to reduce the amount of energy needed to maintain a consistent temperature inside.
- Rather than heat your bedroom, add another blanket to your bed or use an electric blanket, wheat bag or hot water bottle.

These tips and more can be found at

<http://www.energyaustralia.com.au/residential/energy-saving-safety/energy-saving-tips>

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



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Great Community Raffle 2016

Ferntree Gully Motor Group are donating all the raffle prizes at no cost to participating groups.

This year the Ferntree Gully Motor Group will be giving away 2 cars!

The prizes for 2016 are:

1st Prize: choice of a: Volkswagen Polo, Nissan Micra, Holden Spark or Suzuki Swift

2nd Prize: choice of a remaining vehicle as listed above

3rd Prize: \$1000 Westfield Voucher

4th Prize: \$500 Westfield Voucher

All the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets from The Patch will come right back to our school!

Raffle tickets will cost \$2.00 each. (ie if you sell 2000 tickets - you will get \$4000)

Ferntree Gully Motor Group will also pay for the printing of the raffle tickets which will go on sale from 1st May, 2016 until the 31st July, 2016.

The raffle will be drawn at Ferntree Gully Nissan, 1000 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully, on Monday 15th August, 2016 at 6.00pm, interested parties are welcome to attend.

The presentation of prizes and cheques will be at a special presentation at Ferntree Gully Holden/Volkswagen at 6.00pm on Tuesday 23rd August, 2016.

Books of 10 raffle tickets each will be coming home to every family this week.

If you do not wish to sell your book, please return it to the office as soon as possible; simply place remaining tickets or whole book in the metal box at the counter.

This is a very simple way for our school community to raise much-needed funds and we thank the sponsors - Rotary Club of Emerald & District and Ferntree Gully Motor Group for their generosity.

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.*

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 😊*



5¢ challenge

23rd May to 6th June

Win
a free BBQ
lunch!

Your classroom will have a money box placed in it for 2 weeks for you to place as many 5 cents coin in that you can find.

The class with the most 5 cent coins at the end of the challenge will win a free BBQ lunch!

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!**



You are invited to a Calisthenics fairy party

3 years - 5 years

For further information Ring Lyn 97547232

0425801522

Saturday, 21st May

9.15 - 10.00AM

36 Pine Crescent Boronia

Come along and join in the fun

Bring a friend or two as well



Paying Cash at School

At the request of the Department, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you need 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.



WANTED

RANGES BASKETBALL CLUB are wanting

U8 -10 girls to play this coming Winter 2016 season commencing on 21st May 2016.

If you have thought about it, now is the time to register and get on court.

Training times are 45 minute duration on either Monday or Tuesday between 4-5.15pm (TBC) at Monbulk College stadium.

Game day Saturday in the Knox area between 8.30am - 11am.

Please contact: Carey m) 0417 398 834

e) ct3103@bigpond.com or Emma m) 0458 663 105

For more information.

'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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a Special Place*

*Nurturing the
Spirit with Ease
and Grace'*





SUN VALLEY - SEEKING NEW OWNERS



24 The Patch Road, The Patch

Perfect to live in as is, or retrofit and create your new family home with flexible living extended over two levels. Suitable for large family, multi-sharing, home-based business, tourism, boutique conference reception centre, (STCA).

Engage your ecopreneurship and develop your vision on nine acres of land on a NE aspect with great soils and high rainfall (1200mm). Excellent potential to develop intensive organic agriculture, horticulture (eg. grapes), egg production, orchards, etc. for healthy, sustainable living. Become part of a wonderful community with friendly, innovative people, walking access to an award-winning primary school, and excellent public transport to Melbourne CBD.

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Built	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Community	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Energy	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Water	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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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=1#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

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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