



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

November

Wed 16 th	Grade 1-3 Fire Safety session
Thurs 17 th - 24 th	Book Fair
Fri 18 th	Grade P-2 Athletics
Mon 21 st	School Council
Tues 22 nd	2017 Prep Transition Session
Tues 22 nd 6pm	Parent Information Session on
(please book asap)	The Berry Street Education Model
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December

Thurs 1 st	Christmas Concert
Mon 5 th	Taming of the Butterflies
	Presentation Night
Tues 6 th	Step Up Day Whole School
Tues 6 th	Reports & Grades go home
Tues 6 th	2017 Prep Transition Session
Fri 9 th	Assembly
Mon 12 th – 14 th	Grade 6 Camp Sovereign Hill
Wed 14 th	Prep Parent Celebration
Fri 16 th	No Assembly
Fri 16 th	Grade 2 Day Camp
Fri 16 th	Prep/Grade 6 Buddy Excursion
Mon 19 th	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Tues 20 th	Grade 5/6 Knox Leisure works
Tues 20 th 1pm	Grade 6 farewell assembly
Tues 20 th	Last day of school 1:30pm finish

BEAT THE PRICE RISE!

Get your uniform
orders in via Qkr!
before the New Year!

2016 orders close
Wed 7th Dec @ 7pm



From the Principal...

Thought for the week: 'Your attitude determines how well you do it' - Lou Holtz

We have had a jammed packed few weeks with a Department of Education Strategic Review, visits from parliamentary officials and our Assistant Regional Director, nomination for awards, children auditioning for the Victorian State School Spectacular, and a Curriculum and Planning Day with Tom Brunzell, to mention a few.

I would like to thank the parents for completing our online survey to help shape the direction of our school over the next 4 years, and our leadership team and students who reported on the day. Held over 4 weeks our review was intensive and will allow us to focus on Literacy and Numeracy and developing our Welfare and community links even further. Our report is yet to be completed and presented to School Council but we are certainly looking forward to 2017.

Our year 5/6 students had visits from our local members Honourable Member Minister James Merlino and Speaker of the House Tony Smith. Lots of questions were asked by our students, with responses from both members providing an insight into how our government system operates. Also two of our year 5 students, Charlie and Honey, will audition for the Victorian State School Spectacular and we wish them all the best and hope they are successful for 2017.

The curriculum day and planning day provided staff with further skills in implementing strategies from The Berry Street Education Model. We are excited to inform you that Tom Brunzell will be running a parent night on November 22nd at 6.00pm. We ask that you book for this session as depending on interest it will be in the library or the hall.

We recommend parents attend as Tom will be able to answer questions about our new behaviour management process for 2017 and the strategies we are implementing in the school.

A huge thanks to our parent volunteers who are now working towards an exciting community Christmas Carols event. This is the first time for a long while that this event is being organised by our parents, and the committed team of Bree, Sarah, and Danni are the main organisers. It is shaping up to be a wonderful event.

Many of you who are on Facebook will already be aware of the crowd fund for Matt Clear who requires assistance in raising funds. Students will have received information today in the form of a post card from Matt Clear and his request for assistance. Please see the article from Matt below.

An acknowledgement to Darcy, Logan, Ruby, Ted and Gracie who discussed our nominations for Bio Diversity and Student Action team awards with our Assistant Regional Director Anthony Raitman yesterday. Anthony was impressed with their clear articulation of the nomination and very interested in the Year 4 blog that the students are working on. A thank you also to our Year 6 tour guides Jasmine and Tim who provided Anthony with an overview of the school.

From death comes life and this weekend my mum and dad would have been married for 62 years, an outstanding achievement. It is also an exciting time in our world as my new granddaughter Eddie has arrived and we will be celebrating as a family, mum, marnie (grandma) and great nanna on Sunday.

Have a great weekend with your family,

Deb

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Athletics Day for Prep - Year 2

Athletics day is approaching fast, so here are a few quick reminders:

- The event will be held on the school oval between 9 – 11am. Fri 18th Dec.
- All students are to dress in their funky house colours
- Any parents that are available to help on the day would be much appreciated, please let the school office know or email us.

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Unexpected surprise...

On Wednesday Deb surprised us all with a practice evacuation drill.

All students did an amazing job getting to the basketball court, lining up, and rolls marked all in a timely manner. Well done!

Uniform Shop News

The last day to order uniforms for 2016 is Wednesday 7th of December by 7pm (for delivery on the 8th December). Get in before the prices go up for 2017 (a small rise due to price increases from suppliers).

Thank you to everyone for the second hand item donations, these donations have been put into the school community fund, which has helped many families this year. We have lots of items waiting for new homes (only \$4 each), so come in and have a look Thursday mornings, and remember to check out the sale items on Qkr!

Qkr! orders will re-open on the 10th January 2017, for delivery on the first Thursday back at school - 2nd February 2017.

The Uniform shop will be closed from the 9th December 2016 - 1st February 2017.

Please email us (the fabulous uniform shop volunteers!) if you have any questions.

uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au

Precious Items

It's important to monitor your child's precious items that they are bringing to school. Unfortunately we have had a tin of Pokémon cards taken from a student's school bag.

If you notice other cards than expected in your child's collection, please return them to the school office.

Dates to Remember – even more!

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January

Tues 10th	Uniform shop ordering opens on Qkr!
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February

Wed 1st	First day back for <u>all</u> students 8:50 start
Thurs 2nd	Uniform shop opens

Hi Everyone,

In July last year, I was diagnosed with brain cancer. I was then, and remain now, very open about my situation and challenge. I don't experience any symptoms and because of a range of life changes can say that I'm now physically and mentally fitter and healthier than ever before.

As you will appreciate, it has been a time of tremendous challenge and upheaval for our entire family.

Niamh, Grade 6, Dash, Grade 3 and Jasmine and Maya at high school have been very brave.

As most of you know, doctors in Australia have given me little to work with but I have refused to give up and have systematically explored a wide range of integrative treatment options.

I have launched a public campaign to fund potentially life-saving personalised targeted therapy treatment in the USA.

Part of the strength of this campaign will be its ability to go far and wide, so I would encourage you to publicise the link to your own contacts and share the campaign across your own social media networks.

This is the website link to find out more:

www.gofundme.com/joinmattsjourney

Thank you for your support.

With love and best wishes, Matt x

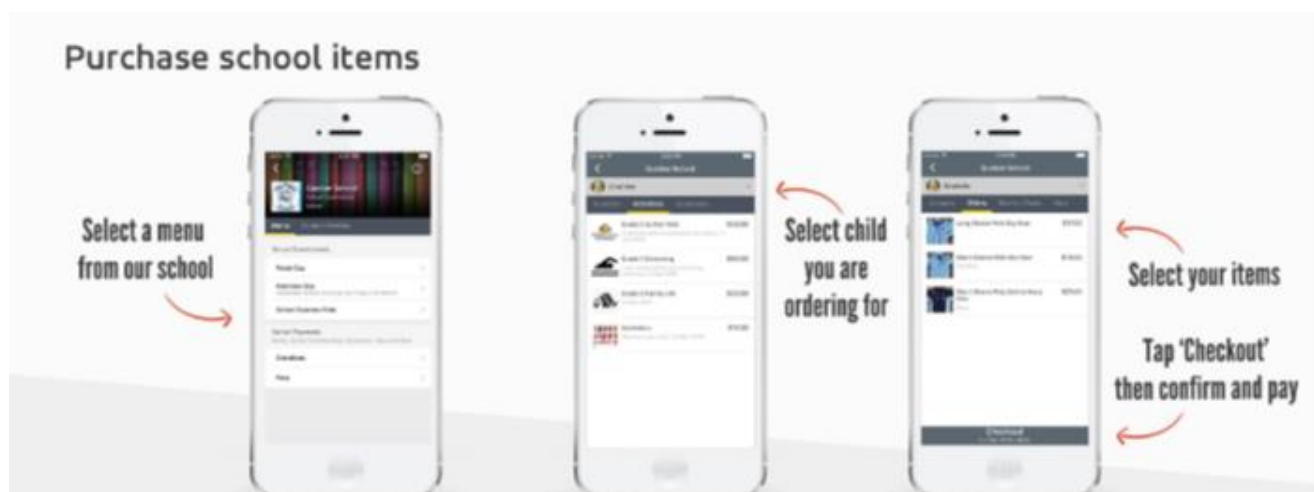
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Qkr!

Please remember to select the correct child when making school payments or ordering lunch orders using Qkr!



The Patch Primary School Christmas Choir



Do you love to sing?

Come and join our Christmas Choir

Who? – For students in Grades 3 – 6

When? – Thursdays – first half of lunch play

Where? – The Prep Pod

We will be performing a special item at
The Patch Christmas Carols Evening
on
Thursday 1st December

See you there! - Leanne Barton and Jess Dunn



POOL OPENING PARTY

SATURDAY

3rd DEC

12_{pm} - 7_{pm}

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Are You Ready Ridge Top?

Sun 27th Nov 11-3pm

Olinda Recreation Reserve 71-73 Olinda Monbulk Rd Olinda

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Family Fun & Information Day



FLETCHERS

What else is on?

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Community Meeting "Personal Bunkers"

Wed 16th Nov 7-9pm
Olinda Community House

**Master Class Info Sessions: "Bushfire Planning with Children",
"Landscaping for Bushfire", "How do I find out What's Happening?"
"Stay and Defend"** Sessions run throughout the day at
"Are You Ready Ridge top? Day" Sun 27th Nov Olinda Recreation Reserve

Open Day

Sun 4th Dec 1-3 pm
Ferry Creek Refuge

Community Bushfire Planning Workshop

Sun 4th Dec 10.30am
Olinda Fire Station

Sassafras Santa Run

Sat 24th Dec

Sassafras Carols

Sat 10th Dec 6pm

Santa Run

Sat 10th Dec 1- 4pm Kalorama &
Mt Dandenong Area
Sun 18th Dec 10- 1pm Olinda Area

Community Meeting "What Can I Do?"

Sun 15th Jan 10.30am
Olinda Fire Station

Community Meeting "Are You Bushfire Ready?"

Wed 18th Jan 7:30pm
Sassafras Fire Station

Community Meeting "Are You Bushfire Ready?"

Sat 21st Jan 2pm
Sassafras Fire Station

Monbulk Primary School

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Entertainment

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Cafe/Food Stalls

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Fun Stalls

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Sunday 20th November

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11am-4pm

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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 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.

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

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