



# Patchwork News

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HAVE YOU  
GOT YOUR  
CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
READY?

29 Days until  
Christmas!



# From the Principal...

*Thought for the week: 'Nobody is too busy, it's just a matter of priorities'*

## **Staffing and Class Structure for 2017**

After much deliberation, discussion and investigation of the best possible combination of grades for your children and placing of teachers, I am pleased to announce our structure for 2017. Staff will work now work on class student lists ready for Step Up Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

I am able to let you know that Tim and Sam have secured positions for 2017, whilst Ella is still investigating her options. I would like to thank these young graduates for their dedication and commitment to teaching and wish them all the best in 2017.

We also have resignations from the following staff who were due to return in 2017: Naomi Campbell, Jacqui Street, and Angie Martin.

	<b>Staffing</b>
<b>Prep</b>	Alesha + Nina
<b>Prep</b>	Lesley
<b>Year 1</b>	Tania
<b>Year 1</b>	Megan
<b>Year 2 &amp; 3</b>	Karen + Haley
<b>Year 2 &amp; 3</b>	Jess + Nina
<b>Year 2 &amp; 3</b>	Hayden
<b>Year 4</b>	Pauleen
<b>Year 4</b>	Jennie
<b>Year 5</b>	Andrew + Judy
<b>Year 5</b>	Kent
<b>Year 6</b>	Kellie + Yale
<b>Art</b>	Sofia
<b>Enviro</b>	Michelle
<b>Music</b>	Leanne and Lissa
<b>Japanese</b>	Jane
<b>Wellbeing</b>	Jody
<b>Office Staff</b>	Maddy
<b>Business Manager</b>	Karen
<b>Library /Quicksmart Numeracy</b>	Josie
<b>Integration Staff</b>	Trish, Deb A, Cem, Nicola, Cheryl and Melissa
<b>OSHC</b>	Sheila, Edith and Gloria

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December you will receive your child's report and their class teacher for 2017. If you have anything you need to discuss with the teacher you are able to organise a brief interview with the class teacher after you have received your child's report.

Parent Payment Charges will be emailed by the end of November for 2017. There are several pages of information to explain the new education department guidelines we have implemented.

I will be on Long Service Leave from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of December until Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>. I am celebrating a significant birthday during this time with family and friends.

Whilst I am away I leave the school in the very capable hands of Michelle.

Have a great weekend.

**Deb**

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# THE PATCH PS WINS

## “BIODIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR”

On Friday, November 11, our Grade 4 students Logan, Darcy, Ruby, Gracie and Ted represented The Patch Primary School at the annual ResourceSmart School Awards in the city. Here is what they had to say about it.

**Ruby:** Our school entered three competitions which were “Waste School of the Year”, “Biodiversity School of the Year” and “Student-Led Action Team of the Year”.

We were finalist for two awards and won the “Biodiversity School of the Year” award for 2016.

Biodiversity means having lots of different varieties of living things and we won because:

- We have planted over 2,000 indigenous plants on our school ground
- Our plantings have attracted lots of wildlife and increased biodiversity
- We have regular working bees to care for our plantings, and
- We are committed to constantly improving our biodiversity.

This is the award we were given and this is the book that shows all the winners.

**Gracie:** On Friday most of us woke up at 6.30 in the morning, got dressed in our school uniform and left for the Belgrave Railway station. We wanted to catch public transport into the city because it is more sustainable. First we went by bus, then train and finally tram to the Melbourne Museum where the ceremony was held. Ella rode her bike and met us at the museum. It took us two hours to get there and nearly three hours to get home again but it was fun and educational. Thanks Ella for coming along.

**Darcy:** The ceremony started at 9.45 and our hosts’ names were Natalie Hunter from a show called “Totally Wild” and Josh Earl who is a comedian on a children’s show. The awards encourage schools to take actions that improve sustainability in their schools and focus on water use, reducing waste, saving energy and improving biodiversity. We listened to some very important people talking about how we can work together to make the world a better place.

**Ted:** We joined the Dinosaur Group for some museum workshops and learnt about how animals are prepared for display in the museum. We saw stick insects and stuffed wildlife and also visited a few of the museum displays. I loved seeing all the exhibits and learning about the origin of the Earth. My mum also came along and helped on the day which was great.

**Logan:** After we had finished our workshops, we had some free time in the museum so we visited the Forest Gallery. In this gallery we took notes so we can improve the swamp, fern gully and school grounds. One idea is to make a waterfall with rocks in the fern gully.

I found a blotched blue tongue lizard and a new type of fern call the Ray Fern.

It was a really great day and we learnt a lot.

Prize money won:

\$500 for Biodiversity School of the Year

\$300 for finalist School Student-Led Action Team of the Year

\$100 bonus

Here are some images of day below.





## A reminder for the commencement of Term 1 2017

– We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red Day fire danger. More information will be available next year.

**On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from drop off and no children will be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.**

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days.

As part of continuing Emergency Management arrangements roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. Please remember to sign out your child/children if they are leaving early. In the event of a fire we would waste several precious moments trying to work out where children are if they have not been signed out.

## NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

It's that busy time of year now where there are events, parties, winding down or winding up to Christmas depending on your view of the 'silly season'.

We have the Christmas Carols coming up next week and we have our fingers crossed for a lovely evening. This year it will be a more relaxed picnic and family event based on much of the feedback we received after last year. It was brought to my attention recently that these carols were instigated by a parent nearly 10 years ago and we hope that we can make this a great event inclusive of the kinder, the whole school and new parents coming into prep next year. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday 1st December from 5.00pm.

At school council this week we were pleased to find that the efforts of the events and fundraising teams this year has shown that well co-ordinated events can really make a difference. These teams and events have raised more money this year than we have seen for a number of years and I believe that Deb will be announcing the full details of the totals and how they will be used in the school. I want to say a huge thanks to the many, many parents and friends of the school that contributed to all the events this year making them run smoothly for everyone involved and allowing our kids to shine.

Sadly school council says goodbye to a long term and quiet contributor to the school. Stephen McDonald has been involved for many years on the finance committee and more recently as our Treasurer. He has been able to assist school council in many ways and we are very grateful for all his input and work in his time on school council. He has been very patient with me this year in helping me understand the intricacies of school budgeting, he is often found behind a BBQ at an event or counting money in the office and of course reading through reams of reports that would make most of us fall asleep immediately. Thank you for everything seen and unseen that you have put into school council. Stephen will be passing the baton of treasurer to another (but unrelated) McDonald, Troy McDonald. We wholeheartedly welcome Troy and look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Many of our school community contributed to the parent survey or feedback sessions this year. I will send out a letter soon with an overview of the collated information for families to read, but in short, your feedback has been heard. We have seen some of the suggestions already implemented like offering babysitting to parents at evening events. School Council will be having a planning session in December to look at ways we can assist the school in implementing some of the others areas such as communication and supporting academic achievement for all students. I understand that there are other changes relating to academic achievement and supporting the children's learning that will be undertaken and this information will become available once the planning for classes and structures for next year are complete. Thank you to everyone that participated, filled in forms, emailed, called or chatted with myself and other school councilors.

It was great to see many parents at the information session run by Tom Brunzell this week. There will be another session early next year with more information available.

As always school council is here to represent you, the parent community and support the teachers at our school. We are aware 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 on:

[tebbutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tebbutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au)

*Sarah*

On behalf of The Patch School Council

# Dates to Remember – even more!

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## January

- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**                      Uniform shop ordering opens on Qkr!

## February

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



The Patch Store  
will have a special  
Christmas menu for  
take-aways  
Order via QKR before  
5pm 30th Nov

The Patch Community Carols 2016

## Come and celebrate the year at our Christmas Carols by Candlelight

**Thursday 1st December**

The Patch Reserve  
5pm Picnic and relax  
6.30pm Carols start  
BYO picnic and chair

Please bring a non-flamable candle  
and visit the craft table to decorate.  
LED Christmas candles will be  
available for a gold coin donation.

Visit the fundraising stall selling yummy home-baked  
Christmas goodies to help Matt Clear's Go fund Me campaign  
to access potentially lifesaving treatment for his brain cancer.

If the weather is inclement on 1st December, our back-up date is  
Friday 2nd December

## Merry Monbulk Colouring Competition

Colouring sheets will be sent home today for the Merry Monbulk Christmas Party, please return your completed sheet to Monbulk & District Community Branch @ 70 Main Rd Monbulk by **Friday 02/12/2016** to enter.

Prizes will be drawn at Merry Monbulk 03/12/2016.



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## 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](mailto:uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au)



**OSHC  
END OF YEAR  
FAMILY FUN**

**Thursday 15th  
December**

6:00 p.m. at the hall

Sausage Sizzle and Family Games  
All OSHC families welcome



CHRISTMAS TREES  
@  
SELBY CFA



Help support

1<sup>st</sup> Selby Scout Group  
DEC 3<sup>RD</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>  
9AM - 4PM  
FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

\*\*DON'T FORGET TO BRING A CAMERA OR YOUR PHONE  
AND HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH SANTA.....  
(Free with any tree purchase or gold coin donation)



**Emerald Scouts**  
**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Dec  
Sat 10th & Sun 11th Dec  
Emerald Scout Centre  
21 Kilvington Drive Emerald



*Can you run as fast as Thomas?*

A great day out

**27th NOVEMBER 2016**

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[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEKIDSFUNRUNWITHTHOMAS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEKIDSFUNRUNWITHTHOMAS)

**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**



**What else is on?**  
 Find us on Facebook

**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  
 Ferny 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



# **POOL OPENING PARTY**

## **SATURDAY 3rd DEC**

### **12<sub>pm</sub> - 7<sub>pm</sub>**

#### **BANDS, FOOD GAMES & FUN!**

**FEATURING :**  
**FULTON STREET - SOUL BAND**  
**TALK LIKE BEARS • LOCAL DJ**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com.au)