



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

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Reminder:

2017 Parent Payment Charges will be available to make your payment via Qkr! Early Term 1.

2016 charges will remain on Qkr! If you wish to finalize your account by the end of this year.



16 Days until Christmas!



From the Principal...

Thought for the week: *The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible. Arthur C Clark*

Last Thursday December 1st we had a very successful Christmas Carols. It was an amazing night and I wish to thank all our organisers and helpers. It was a pleasure to sit and relax and watch our students perform and sing.

At a special assembly on Thursday 15th we will acknowledge and announce our Principal Awards for 2016 in Civics and Citizenship, Academic Excellence, and Most Improved.

This is our last newsletter for the year and on Tuesday 20th of December we will farewell our Year 6 children and families at our final assembly at 1.00pm. I would like to acknowledge the following families who will move on as their last child leaves The Patch Primary School. Many families have had a long association with us and we wish them and their children every success and happiness.

The Andrews Family	The Freeman Family
The Hendy Family	The McDonald Family
The Simon Family	The Shipsey Family
The Stack Family	The Vranjes Family
The Chatfield Family	The Wallis Family
The Travers /Gojdics Family	The Horton Family
The Lee/Wren Family	The Lee/Shaw Family.

We are truly fortunate at this school to have such wonderful children, parents and staff. As always the teachers and integration aides have remained true to their passion – teaching your wonderful children, keeping them happy and educated has been foremost in their minds.

What a pleasure it was to listen to the speeches of the Grade 6 Boys on Tuesday and Grade 6 Girls on Wednesday during the presentation night of Taming of the Butterflies. They all did such a fantastic job; how proud you all must be as parents. A huge thank you to Bill and Nola for your generous time and effort you have kindly given to our Grade 6 students, we greatly appreciate it. Our Emergency Management Plan (EMP) document has been updated and uploaded to meet the new requirement set by the Department. This document is available for you to read on the school website – it is important to note that the document is exceptionally large but includes the School, the Kinder and OSHC plans. We have a smaller practical version that we use for staff. I wish you all a great and relaxing break – we are looking forward to 2017

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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.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair that was held in November.

We sold almost \$3000 in books and novelty items. I love seeing the children come in with their pocket money and spend ages (and I mean ages) looking for the exact right book, pen or eraser.

With your wonderful support, we raised \$880 for the library.

The next book fair will be in May. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks again, and have a safe and happy Christmas.

Josie





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ANNOUNCEMENT TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education and Training's Somers School Camp – Woorabinda over 5 days for children in Years 4 & 5.

This year our allocated time is **13/03/2017 – 17/03/2017**. It is a five day commitment and as such I would ask that you **only** fill in the expression of interest form, if your child can attend without concerns of sports or family commitments.

Children who gain selection from our school will join with other Year 4 and 5 children from our school network in this very special Outdoor and Environmental Education and Personal Development program.

The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities all run by specialist permanent teaching staff with the assistance of five local teachers who will accompany the children to and from the camp – this may also include one of our own teaching staff.

The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include High and Low Ropes Courses, Canoeing, Initiative Activities which require a reasonable level of physical fitness. All children are also required to take part in the following activities: Archery, Art, Environmental Studies, Bush Cooking, Mapping, Flying Fox, Disco Night, Camp Fire Night Singing and Diary Writing. Separate boys and girls living arrangements are provided but all activities are done in mixed groups.

The fee for the camp is **\$190** and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation and meals.


This is a great experience and provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self-esteem, meet and mix with other children from our local area, have fun and learn at the same time.

If you would like your Grade 4 or 5 child to attend please fill in the expression of interest form below and return it by December 20.

Names will be selected at random however consideration of behaviour and social skills must be taken into account.

If you have any questions please contact me at school.

Michelle Rayner
Assistant Principal



Monbulk Care Network

Christmas Hamper Appeal

For the past few years at Christmas time, **The Patch School** has collected donations of non-perishable goods on behalf of the **Monbulk Care Network**.

These items are placed in hampers and distributed to members of our community who may otherwise not enjoy many special treats during the festive season. Monbulk Care Network suggests donations of Christmas items such as decorations, lollies and other celebratory foods.

If you would like to participate in our collection, special donation boxes can be found in each classroom and in the school foyer.

To enable distribution before Christmas, donations are required by **Wednesday 14th December** for collection at Assembly on **15th December**.

Thank you for helping to spread the true spirit of Christmas.



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January

Tues 10th Uniform shop ordering opens on Qkr!

February

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



Information for Parents:

Hello everyone, my name is Cath Russell and I am a parent of the The Patch School, a local professional musician & registered music therapist (RMT).

I'm working on a fantastic project for next year and I'm looking to get Patch kids & families involved, because the project is closely aligned with The Patch Primary's environment & sustainability focus.

Info regarding the project follows:

Overview & Rationale:

- Plastic Bag Free Dandenong Ranges (PBFDR) is a local group seeking to educate the local community about the benefits of using recyclable bags. PBFDR runs educational forums at community centres and schools on the benefits to our local environment, including our local waterways and local platypus population, when recyclable bags are used
- PBFDR has been auspiced by Southern Dandenong Ranges Landcare, and has been successful in receiving funding from the Shire of Yarra Ranges to create a flashmob aimed at raising community awareness about options to plastic bags
- Cath Russell has been employed by PFRDR & Southern Dandenongs Landcare to facilitate and direct a flashmob, working with children singing 'Carry Better Bags'
- PBFDR has created 'Boomerang Bags' as an alternative to plastic bags and is ready to make these available at the local IGA in Upwey
- The local IGA management has agreed to allow us to flashmob, to raise awareness about the alternatives to plastic bags when shopping in the community. This is not a commercial endorsement of a business but we are appreciative that the store are willing for the event to take place there.

Proposed Date: Sat 25th March, approx midday

Venue: IGA Upwey

Proposed activities:

- primary school children at local primary schools taught 'Carry Better Bags' song during school hours
- families of children at these schools will be notified of the proposed flashmob at IGA and invited to attend a rehearsal
- rehearsal will take place at local hall (venue tba) **Friday 24th March**
- Participating families will make their own way to the IGA for the performance **Sat 25th March**
- all children will be accompanied by parents or guardians and participate with family members present
- PBFDR will be filming and recording the performance to create a short video of the flashmob for sharing on social media
- PBFDR will be notifying local press of the event
- Kids who would like to be involved will need to have an adult accompanying them to the rehearsal & to the IGA. Our hope is that once students have had contact with PBFDR through school, some of them will want to participate in the performance as well.

More information shall be provided next year; looking forward to hearing from as many interested participants as possible.



**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

1st Selby Scout Group
DEC 3RD & 10TH
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

BELGRAVE HEATED OUTDOOR POOL

Great Summer Fun!! 9754 2743



School's Out

3.30pm onwards

Tuesday 20 Dec

Inflatables, Music

Intensive Swimming Program

Beginning weeks 9th & 16th January 2017



\$50

Per week



Weekdays 8am-6pm

Commencing 9th January

\$55 per day

2-DAY HOLIDAY Workshops for kids 6 - 14 years

CREATE THE SPARK

Igniting children's creativity through music and circus



17-18 Jan 2017

\$110
2 days

CIRCUS

Singing

BAND JAM

Spirit of the Arts, Upper Ferntree Gully

**Singing workshop with special guest,
Claire Patti.**

Circus - Emily Huybers is manager & lead coach at Ruccis Circus School and has taught circus for 10 years. The workshops will include juggling, tumbling and tight-rope.



Performance - Fiona Seers is an experienced piano teacher and chorister, her main claim to fame being singing with the Rolling Stones in 2014. Through musical games, she will introduce music-reading, part-singing & microphone technique.

Band Jam - Nicole Alexander has been an inspiration for many young musicians and her unique style of collaborative teaching allows the children to use their own creativity to build musical works.



www.createthespark.com.au

ENQUIRE & BOOK Fiona T: 0438 833 592 E: createthespark1@gmail.com

Two-day workshop \$110 includes morning and afternoon tea. BYO lunches. One-day option (first day only) \$60. BYO lunch. All teachers and staff are registered and insured.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From The Patch School



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.
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