



Patchwork News

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

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Dates to Remember

May

Mon 15 th	5/6 Reach Rookies
Thurs 18 th	Science Incursion 1/2/3
Thurs 18 th	Book Fair Ends
Mon 22 nd	Education Week
Tues 23 rd	Whole school open morning (sausage sizzle lunch)
Wed 24 th	Prep 2018 open morning 9:30am
Thurs 25 th	Free Dress Day
Mon 29 th	Annual Report to School Community
Mon 29 th	School Council

June

Fri 2 nd	Parents' Coffee morning 9.30am
5 th – 7 th	Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp
Mon 12 th	QUEENS BIRTHDAY – NO SCHOOL
Thurs 15 th	Taikoz-Musica Viva
Fri 23 rd	Reports go home
Fri 23 rd	2/3 Melbourne Museum
Mon 26 th	School Council
27 th /28 th	3 Way Conferences

CSEF

Reminder
Do you have
a valid health
care card?

Card holders valid from 30th Jan 2017 may be eligible for CSEF Funding.

Last applications will be accepted up until 23rd June

For those who are celebrating Mother's Day, may it create wonderful memories.

- Deb (Principal)

Tiqbiz is now called 'FlexiBuzz'!!

You may have noticed that your app icon on your phone has changed to a green bee (logo below) this is because 'FlexiBuzz' has bought out Tiqbiz.

The mobile app/website is still mostly the same, apart from a new logo and new website address: web.flexibuzz.com. Login & Password remain the same.

If anyone is having issues locating the new-look app, please contact the school office for assistance.



Community Flashmob opportunity

Dear Students and Parents,

Our school has an exciting opportunity to be part of a Community Flashmob!

What: A flashmob is a group performance in a public place. The aims are to surprise and entertain the general public, to create a moment of spontaneity and to have lots of fun. Flashmobs are usually rehearsed secretly to enhance the 'surprise effect.'

Why: Plastic Bag Free Dandenong Ranges are a local group committed to raising awareness in the Dandenong Ranges of the importance of less plastic waste in our environment. PBFDR has created 'Boomerang Bags' an alternative to plastic bags. Upwey IGA have agreed to the community flashmobbing their store for this cause!

How: Students at local primary schools are learning a great song at school over the next few weeks, called 'Carry Better Bags'. This project gives students an opportunity to work with songwriter and musician Cath Russell, who's coming to the school on behalf of PBFDR to work on the song with us. The event will also be filmed for us by film students from Ranges Academy of Performing Arts.

Where: The Flashmob will take place at Upwey IGA (with their full permission). If your child/ren want to participate, you and your child will need to be available to attend the general rehearsal and the event. All children participating in our flashmob require a parent or guardian.

When: To take part in the flashmob:

- a general rehearsal involving all schools and groups will take place at Tecoma Uniting Church

Hall

4.40 pm - 6.30 pm Friday 26th May

- the FLASHMOB will take place at IGA Upwey

1.30pm for a 2pm start Saturday 27th May

- if you're unable to attend the general rehearsal but you can make the flashmob we still want you!
Come along on Sat anyway

*there is no cost involved for your family's participation. This event has been made possible by funding through the Shire of Yarra Ranges and is a project conceived by collaboration with Plastic Bag Free Dandenong Ranges and Southern Ranges Landcare.

The Patch School

Every day is an open day!



Education Week tours for Preps 2018
Wednesday 24th May 9.30 am

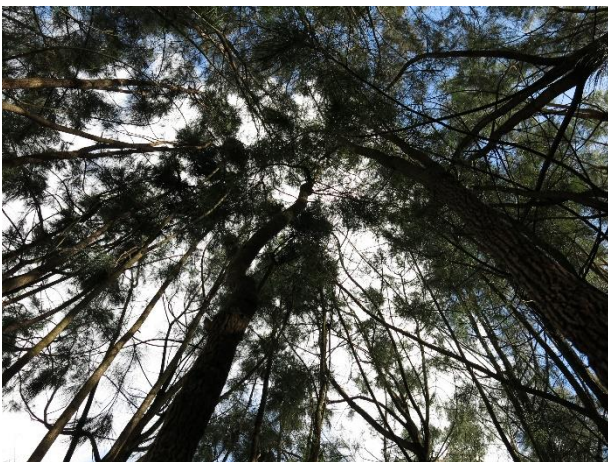


EDUCATING FOR THE FUTURE

- Welcoming approachable staff
- Focus on Literacy and Numeracy
- Strong established specialist programs in Art, Music, Science and Environmental Education
- Environment Centre and Wetlands
- Hands-on learning
- Philosophy P-6
- Japanese cultural program

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Snapshots from the week by our amazing
Yr 5 photographer Ted





Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



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

I have sent an email with details about the challenge and a form to fill in if your children are participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children and is a great way to encourage reading and to provide an achievable challenge.

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

If you would like your child's name to appear on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to the office or Jessica in the 2/3 rooms.

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Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....

Key Assets Victoria

Key Assets Victoria is a foster care agency operating in the East, South & West of Melbourne.

There is currently a great need for new foster families and we would be very appreciative if you would consider placing the following ad in your school newsletter.

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE

Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au

Interested families would receive a brochure, information and no pressure!



Put Monbulk & District Community Bank on your shopping list.

If you are looking for a new bank or any banking service then we ask you to put Monbulk & District Community Bank on your shopping list. When you bank with Monbulk & District Community Bank you can not only expect good old fashion service but through our partnership with The Patch Primary School, your school will benefit.

Good for your School

Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch will reward The Patch Primary School by contributing funds for each new loan, credit card, personal account or everyday account opened. Your school will receive:

	Contribution
Bendigo Home Loan	\$500
Bendigo Personal Loan	\$250
Insurance Cover	\$100
New Business Account	\$50
Appointment with Financial Planner	\$50
New Personal Account	\$25
New Term Deposit over \$10,000	\$25

The more banking you do with Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® the more you and your School will benefit. Drop into the branch at 70 Main Rd Monbulk or phone 97521130 to discuss your banking needs.



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 May 2017!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



The Patch – Early Learning Centre

Education Week Open Day
Wednesday 24 May 2017 10am-11am
 Enrolments open for 3yo & 4yo Kindergarten for 2018.



Come view our 4yo Kindergarten program in play
 & see our wonderful learning environment

Yooralla Outer East - The Patch Early Learning Centre
 53 Kallista-Emerald Rd, The Patch
 On-site with The Patch Primary School
 Ph. 9751 9810
 Adele Oram – Enrolment Officer

Dandenong Ranges Ukulele Festival 'DRUKE' 2017

Hosted by
Emerald Primary School

20-21 May

Fill the Hills with Ukulele

A weekend of workshops, performances, 'Golden Uke' Awards, markets and all things ukulele!

Artists including;

The Montgomery Brothers
The Thin White Ukes

Sarah Carroll
Jane Cameron
Alex Burns
Kahiwa

Matthew Fagan's Ukuleleland
A.J. Leonard & Jenny Rowlands
Lucy Wise
Sadie Mustoe



www.drukefestival.org.au



BRING A FRIEND WEEK

15th - 21st May

Do you know someone who doesn't play footy but just might love it?

Invite them to give football a go during the special 'Bring A Friend Week' running at NAB AFL Auskick centres across Victoria. Any boy or girl aged 5 - 12 years can participate, all they have to do is turn up and have fun!

To find out more
Speak to your NAB AFL Auskick Coordinator or visit aflauskick.com.au

This Promotion applies to NAB AFL Auskick centres located in Victoria only.

AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU



Under 8's & Little Lakers Extravaganza

Bring a friend night

Wednesday May 17th

4pm to 5pm

Emerald Primary School

Basketball Stadium

2-4 Heroes Ave, Emerald

RSVP to Lisa 0438 900 611

Hot Dogs, Games, Prizes & Registrations



Laker's Winter Season 2017

Registrations

Now being taken

Round 1 Winter begins

Saturday 27th May

Weekly training sessions held at:

Emerald Primary School

Basketball Stadium

2-4 Heroes Ave, Emerald



Learn to play basketball at Little Lakers

Monday 1st May to Monday 26th June

\$30 per term

8 week clinic for kids aged 4-6 years of age.

Basketball is one of the most popular team sports for girls and boys. It's a great sport to expand your child's coordination and self-esteem. The Little Lakers Program is designed to help kids learn the basics of dribbling, passing, and shooting the ball, all while learning what it means to be part of a team.

Registrations now being taken for Wednesday afternoons. (limit 10)

Call Lisa: 0438 900 611 for all enquiries.



join@emerald Lakers.com.au

www.facebook.com/emerald Lakersbasketballclub



SHERBROOKE BASKETBALL

'GIRLS ONLY'

Hey Girls, why not get a bunch of your friends together and start playing basketball in the new Under 14 girls competition.

Any number of players can register. It can be just you, a couple of friends or a whole team. Whoever wants to play - we'll fit you in. And it doesn't matter whether you are new to basketball or an experienced player because;

**IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN,
MAKING NEW FRIENDS,
& GETTING FIT!**

Register now: **On-line, Call or Email.** It's great fun and you'll make a heap of new friends.

Player & Team Requirements

- Open to Girls Only
- Cannot turn 14 yrs prior to July 31st 2017
- Ideally 6-7 players per team

Competition Details

- Time: 11.40am every Saturday
- Venue: Monbulk College Stadiums
- Sessions run by Sherbrooke Suns Senior Women's Representative Players

Team Entry & Enquiries - Pam Ball

- m: 0401 996 046
- w: www.sherbrookebasketball.asn.au
- e: admin@sherbrookebasketball.asn.au



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.

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 are 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. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 5 years experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and loves teaching at The Patch. The cost is \$18 for a 20-minute individual lesson or \$12 for a 20 minute group lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email.
0408 102 542 jessdunn.arts@gmail.com