



Patchwork News

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

Friday 28th July

Term 3 Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

July

Fri 28th

The Patch Trivia Night

Mon 31st

School Council

August

Tues 1st

Stomp The Beat

Thurs 3rd

Preps celebrate 100 days of school

Fri 4th

Parents morning coffee 9:30am

Tues 8th

Stomp The Beat

Sun 13th

Working Bee 10am – 1pm

Mon 14th

Reach Rookies Yr 6

Tues 15th

Stomp The Beat

16th-18th

Yr 3/4 YMCA Camp

Mon 21st

Assembly for new Monitors

Mon 21st

Puberty Education Yr 5/6

Tues 22nd

Stomp The Beat

Wed 23rd

Community Meeting

Fundraising dates to remember

July

Fri 28th

The Patch Trivia Night

August

Fri 4th

Parents Coffee Morning 9:30am

Fri 25th

Yr 6 Cupcake Day

Mon 31st

Luella Cochrane

September

Fri 1st

Parents Coffee Morning 9:30am

Tues 12th

Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle/ Footy colours day

Thur 21st

School Showcase

The Patch School Parent Seminar Program

Topic: Relaxation & Mindfulness Strategies for Anxiety, Grief and Emotional Regulation

Presenter: Luella Cochrane

Date: Thursday 31st August 2017 @ 7pm

Venue: The Patch School Library

**** More information on Pg6, please register via TryBooking****

From the Principal...

Thought for the week: A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

Chinese proverb

Welcome back to Term 3.

We are making changes to the entrance foyer as we begin to communicate information on our vision and values, displaying what we are learning through student work more regularly. Our newest display is the Kindness Tree, which is our main feature for this term. All students thought about how to be kind to others and what this would look like. They have written their responses on leaves and attached this to the Kindness Tree. We encourage you to please stop and have a look at this amazing piece of work, which has been designed and lead by Jane and Sophia. It has all students work featured outside the Prep area. Coming soon there will be a display of the completed information around the Berry Street Education Model.

We are also excited to have Luella **present this term on "Relaxation and Mindfulness Strategies for Anxiety, Grief and Emotional Regulation"**. A flyer will be available soon.

We have a busy term with years 3/ 4 and 5 camps, 100 days of school for the Preps, an author visit, year 5/6 puberty education and finishing our term with our Showcase on Thursday 21st September. Once again, we are looking forward to a spectacular array of performances, including a presentation by our 2017 graduating class. As mentioned in assembly last week, there will be auditions for supporting roles in our Showcase. These auditions will be open for students from Year 4 – 6 and will be held on Tuesday at lunchtime over several weeks commencing in week 3. Students will not need to know lines for their audition, just to have a passion, commitment and desire to practice and **perform**. Our theme for this year is "Heroes and Villains"

We have also reached the time of year when the Department of Education and Training asks the school to randomly identify parents to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. This applies to every school in Victoria and about 30% of our parents are invited to complete this survey. All responses are anonymous. The information helps the school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. We will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

This year the survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd, and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August. You will be notified, if your name has been selected via email and instructions provided. The survey is available in the following languages English, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha) and Hindi. Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September. Staff and School Council will then review and develop recommendations to report early in Term 4.

"Caring for our community" often we have families who are experiencing difficulties financially, health wise or with general management of our busy day to day lives. We are fortunate at The Patch to have such a caring community when our friends are in need whether they are children, parents or staff past or present. We would like to reconfirm if you are having trouble, please come and talk to us, sometimes a listening ear can go a long way to helping. We may not be able to resolve the issue but we certainly are here to help in any way we can.

I would like to congratulate Jack 4B for an outstanding achievement, he placed first in the Junior Division of the 2017 Round 6 Spellmasters competition, winning the first place Macquarie Dictionary prize including; a Macquarie school-wide yearly subscription for The Patch Primary School and earned a place in the junior finals at the end of the year. We wish Jack all best for the finals, congratulations and well done!

We are now beginning planning for 2018 - however before we can even begin to think about grade structure we need to have enrolments for Prep 2018 finalised. If you have a child commencing Prep in 2018 please make sure you have enrolled as soon as possible.

We are also asking those families not attending The Patch next year to inform us by Thursday 31st August. . Enrolment fluctuations impact on our level of decision making. This information will allow us to make informed decisions.

Deb

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Garden Working Bee

Sunday, August 13, 10am – 1pm

Our second working bee for the year will be held next term on Sunday morning, August 13 so please write it in your diaries and on your calendars now so you can come along and meet some other families whilst contributing to improving our school ground.

Tasks to be addressed include:

- Renovation of the pizza garden
- Weeding and improving the area in front of the art and music room
- Weeding and cleaning up the year 5/6 garden
- Planting some spring vegetables
- Clean up and mulch around 2/3 building
- Prune Fruit trees
- Prune willow archways and tunnels
- Weed the rock wall and area near chook shed
- Spread sawdust on pathways

Cheers,

Michelle

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Recycling at The Patch School!



THE COLGATE® BRIGADE®

ACCEPTED WASTE

1. Toothpaste tubes and caps
2. Toothbrushes
3. Toothbrush and toothpaste outer packaging
4. Floss containers

See the picture above for what you can send in through this Brigade. Then, when you have finished using your toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrush and toothpaste outer packaging and floss containers send them in to TerraCycle to be recycled.

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3. Toothbrush and toothpaste outer packaging
4. Floss containers

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- in Australia
OR
www.terracycle.co.nz
- in New Zealand



TERRACYCLE

Dear Parents,

Duracool is participating in a competition by Colgate in partnership with TerraCycle. Simply collect your used oral care waste (one brand is accepted), send it to school with your child (and we'll ship to TerraCycle to be recycled).

What can we recycle? All brands of oral toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers and their outer packaging.

Why? Every year in Australia and New Zealand, over 30 million toothbrushes and 30 million toothpaste tubes are thrown away. Colgate is awarding \$1,000 plus a custom-made bench to the school in Australia and the school in New Zealand which sends TerraCycle the largest total shipment of oral care waste by November 5, 2017 and we can't wait to see the winner!

Thank you for your participation.

*\$1000 will go to the winner and plus the bench. **One-way shipping cost will be paid by TerraCycle. For full terms and conditions go to: www.terracycle.com.au or www.terracycle.co.nz



**Our bin can be found outside the uniform shop
(Library main entrance end)**

School Council News

THE PATCH COMMUNITY MEETING

6.30pm | AUGUST 23

at The Patch Primary in the Library

The Patch Primary is supported by many families contributing to make our school great.

School Council, Garden Club, Art Club, Reading Support, Communications, and many more groups need parent helpers.

Come + find out what's happening + where you might be able to help out, or bring your idea to start a new group.

ALL WELCOME!

Child minding by our wonderful teachers in the Prep room.

THANKS TO OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM!

Many, many thanks to our wonderful team of parent volunteers who have organised the Trivia Night for Friday 28th July!

We're looking forward to a fabulous night of fun with friends.

COFFEE MORNING

Come and meet other parents from our school community & get the latest on events and news.

Cuppas & morning tea provided!

Next date:
4th August

PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank all parents who have paid their Parent Payment Contributions (school fees) so far.

It's of utmost importance to our school budget that these be paid promptly.

- **If you're yet to pay** your Parent Payment Contributions, you can do so via QKR
- **For more information** on the various Parent Payment Contributions that are listed, please see Office staff.

If you need to make a payment arrangement, please see either Deb or Karen in the Office.

VACANCIES!

We have positions open for casual vacancies on School Council.

If you're interested in being involved, please get in touch with Sarah Tebbutt, School Council President on:

Mob: 0400 402 494

Or email:

tebbutt.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

A New Sensory Garden for the Kinder

A recent grant of \$1,000 from the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank and a donation of \$300 from The Patch Early Learning Centre, has funded a new sensory garden in front of the ELC. Plants with interesting texture, colourful flowers, edible parts, and valuable to wildlife have been sourced and planted in a rich learning activity where students in years 4 & 5 partnered with children from the 3 and 4 year old kinder groups. Below is what some of our students thought about the event which coincided with National Tree Week.



National Tree Week at The Patch PS and ELC by Logan and Gus, year 5

Tuesday July the 25th.

The year fives helped plant plants with the four year old kinder kids at the front of the kindergarten. It was a great day for all of us, we all had great fun. We each got a buddy between two year five's and we let the kids plant the plants along with a bit of guidance from the year fives. The kids were shy at first but it didn't take long for them to start talking to us and get involved. This experience was great for all of us and think that all of us would like to do it again.



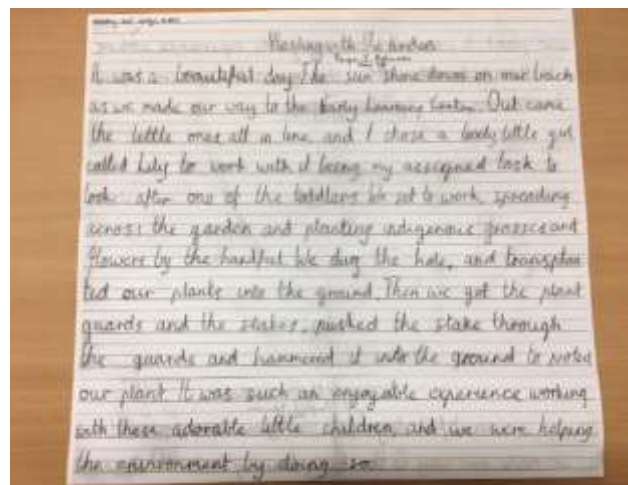
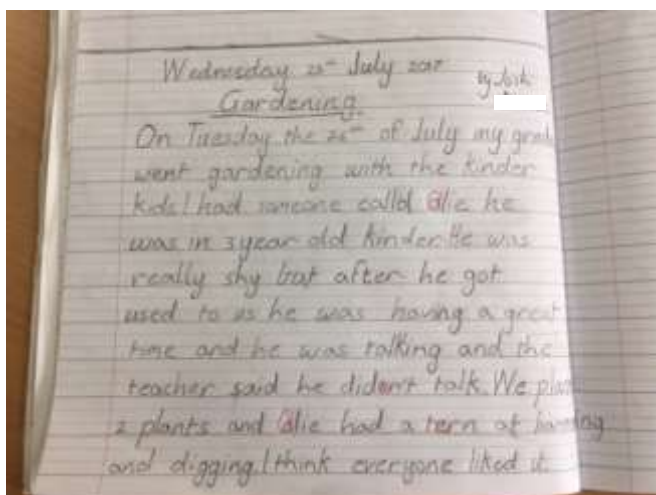
Mulching

Wednesday July the 26th.

Today the grade fives were doing the finishing touches on the garden in front of the kindergarten. We were mulching the garden and putting the final stakes in the ground. We have got a lot done in these past two days. It was perfect timing because it came pouring down with rain. This was another great day in the garden and everybody had fun.



The following pieces of writing are by year 4 students Josh and Paige:



Here are a few images of the event...



← This is a picture taken with our little Parrot Drone of some of our Yr 5 students working on our Kinder Sensory garden. Exciting times ahead!

The Patch School Parent Seminar Program



Relaxation & Mindfulness Strategies

For Anxiety, Grief and Emotional Regulation

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST, 7PM

THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

53 KALLISTA-EMERALD RD, THE PATCH

We invite you to attend an engaging, skills-focused evening presented by Luella Cochrane. This workshop offers a range of holistic, evidence-based practices that acknowledge, support and empower both adults and children to maintain their wellbeing through challenging circumstances.

You will learn about:

- The value of emotions and what each of the primary emotions can teach us
- Times of trauma and crisis as opportunities for deep connection, presence and radical acceptance
- Practical tools utilising the wisdom of the body to support the functioning of the mind
- A blueprint for wellbeing that can be adapted for individual circumstances

You will leave with a greater appreciation of the mind/ body connection, increased confidence in the skills and resources you already have and new strategies to add to your resilience toolkit.



Luella is a global Speaker, Consultant, Trainer and Advocate with a huge love of bubbles. She has worked in the health industry for nearly 20yrs as a Kinesiologist, Health and Education Consultant, Course Writer and Lecturer. On a mission to improve the health and wellbeing of as many people as possible, Luella thrives on weaving together scientific research, personal experience, case studies and compassionate curiosity to create integrated solutions to every day challenges.

To register for this FREE workshop, please click on the trybooking link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/303301>

THE PATCH SCHOOL BANKING: HELPERS NEEDED

Each Thursday a small group of parents organise the kids school banking that runs through Bendigo Bank Monbulk. Through this partnership the school earns rewards and is eligible for grants. This year the school received over \$1500 in club rewards to go to our school fundraising efforts.

The Bendigo Bank has also agreed to support the literacy program due to the success of the school banking partnership to the tune of a few thousand dollars!

This is a great program and easy to run and we are in need of a few more helpers on a Thursday morning. It takes around 15 mins, we always have 2 parents to make it easy and with a few extra helpers we each only have to do the banking a couple of times per term. It's a lovely group of parents and an easy job. Please email sarah.tebbutt.s@edumail.vic.gov.au if you can help out on any Thursday this term at 9.00am for 15mins.

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Pick-Up/Drop off

While staff try their best to load all children into cars as quickly and as safely as possible, if you are in a hurry or find the process frustrating you may prefer one of the options listed below to pick up your children.

- Come 10 mins early, park and meet your children at the greeting tree or their classrooms. Park at the hall on The Patch Road and meet your children at the end of the track on The Patch Road.
- Arrive at 3.40pm when most of the traffic has subsided and your children should be waiting for you without you having to do a lap.
- Send your children to after school care and miss the traffic altogether!

If you choose to use our pick up/drop off procedure (including no parking in the drop off or loading zone) we ask that you follow the rules and procedures, this includes doing a lap if your child is not quite there to pick up and being courteous to our staff that are only there to help.

Thank you.

Qkr! now sending push notifications!

Qkr! will now be able to send push notifications when a new product is available to purchase.



Monbulk Junior Cricket Club

welcomes players for the 2017/18 season

U16, U14, U13, U12, U11, U10
Milo in2Cricket (5-8yo)

**COME AND
JOIN THE FUN!**

Junior (U10-U16)

Cricket Registration Night

Wednesday 9th August, 6pm
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin

Junior Indoor Pre-Season Training – U12-U16 Only

Friday 8th and 15th September, 5pm-6pm, Cost \$5
Lilydale Saxon Sports – 2/64 Cavehill Rd, Lilydale

Stuart Lever Junior Development Clinic – All Juniors

Specialist coaching - September School Holidays
Cost \$10 Tuesday 26th September
10am-12pm – U10, U11, U12
11.30-1.30pm – U13, U14, U16
BBQ & drinks supplied at end of each session.
Saxon Sports Croydon – 51 Lusher Rd, Croydon

Milo in2Cricket Registration Night

Friday 20th October, 5.30pm
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin



For more info go to: monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au

Contact: Steve Utting – Junior Co-ordinator

Mobile: 0402 344 895 Email: utting.steven.c@edumail.vic.gov.au



THE HILLS CHALLENGE

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM COMPETITION

at Mountain Road Reserve, Cockatoo

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Registrations from 8:30 til 9:45am

Events Start 10:00am

Cost: \$5 per athlete

EVENT 1	UNDER 6 Boys & Girls	500 m
EVENT 2	UNDER 7 & 8 Boys & Girls	1000m
EVENT 3	UNDER 9 & 10 Boys & Girls	1500m
EVENT 4	UNDER 11 & 12 Boys & Girls	2000m
EVENT 5	UNDER 13 to 15 Boys & Girls	3000m
	AND OPEN	

All runners results go towards the team score

Winning club gets their name on the Hills Cross Country Challenge shield.

WARNING: this is a rough and tough cross country course, with steep hills, thick grass, mud and creek crossings – all good cross country fun.

ENQUIRIES – KATIE 0428 744 498 or LISA 0408 338 724

Canteen, BBQ and Hot drinks available on the day

PRE REGISTER at cockatoo@lavic.com.au



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JUNIOR NETBALL PLAYERS

NEEDED

Aged 7 to 11

Belcoma Netball Club

Contact: Jenny 0408 933 956

belcomasec@gmail.com

(enquiries for other age groups welcome)

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