



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

September

Tues 5 th	Stomp The Beat Session
6 th – 8 th	Yr 5 Lord Somers Camp
Sun 10 th	Premiers Reading Challenge Closes
Tues 12 th	Stomp The Beat Session
Fri 15 th	Prep PJ & Teddy Bears Breakfast
Tue 19 th	Stomp The Beat Session
Fri 22 nd	End of term – early pick up 2:30pm

October

Mon 9 th	First day of Term 4
Mon 9 th	Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies
Mon 16 th	Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies
Mon 23 rd	Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies
Thu 26 th	2018 Prep Transition Session

Fundraising dates to remember

September

Tue 12 th	Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle/ Footy Colours Day
Thu 21 st	School Showcase

October

Thu 19 th	Free Dress Day – State Schools Relief
Thu 26 th	Halloween Roller Disco

**Remember to
purchase your
Showcase
tickets via
TryBooking!**

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

From the Principal...

Thought for the week: 'Small daily improvements are the key to staggering long-term results' - Anonymous

Exciting, sad and amazing news.

Many of you will be aware that Lesley will be taking Maternity leave from the 17th of November to prepare for her new arrival in late December. Andrew is currently on paternity leave awaiting the arrival of their second child due next Tuesday. We have advertised for a new staff member to replace Lesley in 2018 and we are pleased Vivien Hughes will be joining us next year. Today we the students farewelled Jane at Assembly. Jane has been successful in gaining the Assistant Principal position at Albany Rise PS, whilst this is an incredible achievement for Jane she will be truly missed and no words can express how sad we are feeling at her leaving. We are currently advertising for a shared Japanese teacher with Monbulk PS.

We are getting down to the last few weeks in preparation for our Whole School Production. Tickets went on sale Wednesday and are selling very strongly for both the matinee and evening. Our theme is Villain and Heroes and we are inviting the audience to come dressed as their favourite super hero or villain.

As rehearsals and preparations continue for our upcoming production I am continually reminded as to what a fantastic learning opportunity this represents for our students. The production is an important part of the school curriculum and an essential part of the overall learning journey of each individual student.

I have lost count of the number of times I have seen children who, somewhat hesitant at first, have genuinely surprised themselves in their ability to perform, whether it is on stage, on the sports field, as a leader, in a particular subject area or any field of learning. On the stage, it is not solely about the ability to sing, dance or act.

It is also about the willingness to try something new, to explore an area of learning and achievement previously not considered and to understand that we are all capable of things we never dreamed of.

A production is an excellent example of a learning activity where students have their own individual challenges and goals while being part of a very large team and where each individual child's contribution is essential to the success of the overall team and program. This is why our expectation is that all students participate in both the matinee and evening performances and contribute to the school production. They may just surprise themselves! We are looking forward to a wonderful production.

On Tuesday last week, all school Principals were able to download the 2017 NAPLAN results for their school. As you could imagine there are an enormous amount of reports that we, the staff can look at and interpret. We are able to look at data that enables us to investigate results from individual students, class cohorts, relative growth charts and whole year levels. We can also access reports that show Five Year Trends in all areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

As a staff we spend many hours looking at this data and having conversations about our results to ensure we are creating the best possible learning environment for our students.

Last week all families with students in Years 3 & 5 were posted their individual reports in a sealed envelope addressed to the parents. Inside this envelope will be the actual results, and a brochure that will help explain to parents how to interpret the results. As families receive these results it's important to place the test in the perspective of it being one test in many years of schooling. I would also like to remind you that our children are very special and capable in so many different ways and to focus on your child and not the ability of others. Our focus at The Patch Primary school is to understand where your child's learning is at and how we can progress forward to ensure every child is reaching their potential.

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Seventy families recently received a letter relating to our annual Parent Opinion Survey (with these families randomly selected via computer) as we have not yet hit our target of responses yet, it is now open to all parents. <https://www.orima.com.au/POS/parents.php?s=UC76LP4> if you are participating, please complete the survey by

Sunday September 3rd.

Feedback collected from the survey is extremely useful to all of the staff at The Patch as it provides detailed information about how the school is working to achieve the best outcomes for you and your child. The survey is completely confidential and feedback is collated offsite by a DET company. The feedback provided may be used to inform our forward planning and budgeting. As we say to our students when completing surveys, please be honest and constructive. Our community's input is important so that we know what is working well and where we can focus our efforts moving forward. Whilst we are rightly proud of our school and must acknowledge our many achievements, we also believe in a growth mindset and look for continual improvement. If you have any ideas or specific feedback, please ring, see me in person or email via herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Next month staff will complete the staff opinion survey anonymously online. Opinion is collected from all staff each year in the core module of *School Climate*, with this year's mandatory module *Teaching & Learning*. Valuing staff input will enable tracking of data to inform and support the direction of our Strategic Plan

At school, our priority is to provide opportunity for the students to play outside whenever possible. In addition to playtimes, there are also a number of occasions when class activities mean our students are outside for extended periods. Please check with your children to make sure that they have enough clothing to keep them warm outside, when it is very cold and a raincoat for those wet days. It can only help in keeping those nasty winter bugs at bay.

We are currently trialing a new range of shorts, thanks to the uniform shop volunteers for sourcing these items. More details can be found on Qkr!. A reminder that all children are expected to wear school uniform, footwear - Black shoes with navy or white socks are preferred. Open toe and/or heeled shoes are not permitted, due to health & safety regulations.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our working bee on Sunday August 13th. Your time, energy and commitment, saved the school many dollars and has made the yard safer, more attractive and more fun for our children.

I would like to acknowledge the teacher's for their time and effort in organising the camp to YMCA. The Year 3/4 students certainly have enjoyed the camp and there have been many comments around children putting their Bike Education skills to good use. Being a successful learner is very much about confidence. Learners who have the confidence to step out of their comfort zones to try something new and challenging develop an ever-increasing understanding and appreciation of their own abilities and talents. My thanks to staff Karen, Jess, Nina, Hayden, Pauleen, Jenni, Cheryl, David and parents Peter and Linda for your efforts over the three days and to your families who did without you for this time. The grade 5 children go to Lord Somers Camp next week. Camps are a wonderful opportunity for the children to grow in their self-esteem, independence and relationships with their peers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents and grandparents who come to school to help and support in a variety of ways. This may occur through helping in classrooms, attending excursions, fundraiser's, helping at working bees and our hard working Parent Network. It is very satisfying to hear positive feedback from parents and families about their time volunteering at school in the classroom.

We are always looking to promote greater parent engagement in learning at school. Being involved gives you a greater sense of what is happening in the school and your child will see that you value their school time. There are many ways in which parents can assist in classrooms, and all that is required is a Working with Children Check. The application is simple to complete online, it is free for volunteers and once the application has been made, most applicants can begin volunteering immediately.

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WORKING BEE

A successful garden working bee was held on August 13 with over 40 adults and 30 children attending throughout the morning. Tasks completed include:

- Restoration of pizza garden
- Weeding and planting of vegetable garden
- Pruning of fruit trees
- Removal of dangerous limbs and unsuitable trees
- Pruning of willow archways
- Cleaning up and mulching of area in front of art/music room
- Weeding of garden in 5/6 area and laying of sawdust on pathways
- Preparing, cooking and serving pizza
- Cleaning windows and exterior of eco-centre and other school buildings

The atmosphere was wonderful and many people met others previously unknown in the school community. A big thank you is extended to all our generous volunteers and our tireless garden team who organised and oversaw the event. Here are a few images of the morning ☺



A freshly cut maze, an annual freshen up.



A newly renovated pizza garden with many donated plants raised by Emily (with hose).



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Our Wonderful Winter Concert

How delightful it was to be part of the audience during our recent Winter Concert. The performances were outstanding and ranged from instrumental pieces performed by our junior and senior violin ensembles, and ukulele groups, to solo, duet, and group singing acts. We watched as our students braved their fears and shared their skills, some performing on stage for the first time.

A big thank you must go to our music teacher Leanne for organising the event and preparing the students so beautifully and, of course, to the students for their enthusiasm, creativity and expertise as performers and support, encouragement, and good manners as audience. Thank you also to our music tutors Jess and Jane for sharing their violin and ukulele students and for accompanying many of our student performers.

The program was diverse and included a range of beautiful songs, stand-up comedy, karate demonstrations, class acts that included student made instruments and accessories, all beautifully introduced and encouraged by our music monitors Minka and Jazz. Thanks also to our music monitors James and Lainey for their help with the organising on the day.

Thank you also to all the parents and friends who came along to watch and enjoy the show; you added to the atmosphere and supported our students beautifully. Looking forward to our next concert already!!!!



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Yarra Ranges Life TV comes to The Patch!

Our daily weather report will be taken to a new level as our Weather Monitors participate in the Yarra Ranges LIFE TV's "Mid Week Wrap" Weather Segment.

Our year 5/6 weather monitors, Elida, Yoni, Tameem and Alex, provide a daily weather report to our school community during lunch eating time each day. They research the weather forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology website, gather interesting weather facts to share and recommend a number of clothing layers to best suit the weather. Our monitors are very proud of their role and take it very seriously. Naturally they are very excited to be asked to participate in the Yarra Ranges weather segment which will be filmed at our school on Monday and then broadcast to the Yarra Ranges LIFE TV's YouTube Channel on Wednesday. The segment will also be share on the Yarra Ranges Facebook page and may appear on Channel 31.

What a great experience for our students who will have a script provided by the TV crew and the opportunity to see how the process is carried out.

Well done Weather Monitors! Please be sure to check out the YouTube clip from Wednesday next week.

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HOOP-TIME

By Matilda

Hoop Time was an awesome day playing basketball with friends and other schools. It has also been great working our way through games with teams we are not used to being with using teamwork, winning, drawing and sometimes losing, but not giving up. It has been a great experience and I hope we do this again.

HOOPTIME

Hooptime was a great day for me and everyone else. This was my first time ever doing Hooptime and it was a great experience for me since I have never played proper basketball. I am definitely doing Hooptime next year to witness the same experience.

HOOPTIME

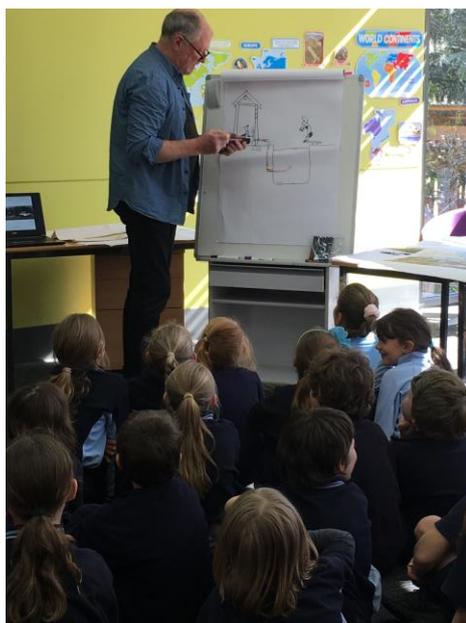
By Todd

Hoop Time always gives someone something to look forward to. It brings schools together to play basketball, a fund game with 5 players on at a time. The rules are simple enough for beginners to understand and it's really nice to be playing with your friends.

You even get your own school basketball shirt!
It was really fun and I'm looking forward to it again next year.



Snapshots from the week by our amazing Yr 5 photographer Ted





UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Exciting news for us, we will be trialling new items!

The new trial items are:

- Withnell Girls Sports Shorts
- Saunders Boys Sports Shorts
- Fraser Pleated Sport Skort with Short

These shorts are identical in the smaller sizes, but from Size 10 up they are slightly different cuts, with girl and boy body shapes in mind, hence the "girl" and "boy" description in the title.

QKR Tip!

We have many children in the wrong class on Qkr! can you please check your childs profile to ensure this is correct.

1. Click into the patch school
2. Click on 'Profiles' up the top
3. Click on your childs profile to edit it
4. Change class to correct class and press save

Recycling at The Patch School!

THE COLGATE® BRIGADE®

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.

Colgate Oral Care Brigade accepted waste:

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

RECYCLE
your 'Tools for
a Bright Smile'
for your chance
to **WIN \$1000**
and a custom-
made bench
from recycled
oral care waste
for your school.

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in a competition by Colgate in partnership with TerraCycle. Simply collect your used oral care waste (any 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 old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers and their outer packaging.

Why? Every year in Australia and New Zealand, over 30 million toothbrushes and 90 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 1, 2017 and we aim to be the winner!

Thank you for your participation.

*ATTEC ANZ Grocery combined with sales M&T 02/10/16. *Only one registration per school. Applies to new registrations only.
For full terms and conditions go to:
www.terracycle.com.au/hold-schools.html (in Australia)
OR www.terracycle.co.nz/hold-schools.html (in New Zealand)



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

Maroondah Vacation Care Program

Maroondah City Council offers two fantastic school holiday programs for children in Prep to Grade 6 that are jam packed full of FUN! The programs are located at Belmont Park in Croydon South and Springfield Pavilion in Croydon. For further information please contact the Vacation Care team on 9294 5739 or visit www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/SchoolHolidayPrograms.aspx

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER



Be our guest and come with us on a magical journey as we enter the world of Disney! Pin the nose on Pinocchio, create some colourful **unicorn slime**, and then all hands on deck as we dive down under the sea to make some fin-tastic **cupcakes**. Finally, bring your faith, trust and pixie dust as we travel to Neverland and follow a **treasure map** to fabulous prizes.



EXCURSION TODAY!

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
MCG & NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM

As Australia gears up for the big football grand final, join us as we dive into the heart of the action with a behind the scene tour of the MCG. Then we will relive some of Melbourne's greatest sporting memories at the **National Sport Museum** and test our own sporting skills in the interactive **Game On** gallery.

Depart 8:30am
Return 4:30pm



EXCURSION TODAY!

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
MYUNA FARM

Join us for a super fun day at Myuna Farm. Meet and greet lots of different animals, explore the petting barn, watch the interactive farm show, plus lots more! We will also catch Myuna farm's train down to the wetlands to walk along their fabulous boardwalk.

Depart 9:00am
Return 3:30pm



THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
YOU CAN'T STOP THE FEELING!

Style your **crazy hair** and join us as we celebrate with cupcakes, painting, scrapbooking, party games, and just dance, dance, **dancing!**



EXCURSION TODAY!
BIG DAY OUT

Please see the attached flyer for information on the Big Day Out Excursion for our 2017 Grade 5 and 6 children!



PROGRAM CLOSED

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

PUBLIC



HOLIDAY

INCURSION TODAY!

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

ULTIMATE FRISBEE & TABLOID SPORTS

The team from RDK sports will be out today for an awesome sports clinic where you will learn lots of new skills and test your abilities against your friends.

Do you have what it takes to throw the ultimate Frisbee?

Every child participating today will be presented with a show bag.



EXCURSION TODAY!

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER

VACATION CARE NINJA WARRIOR

Do you think you have what it takes to be the Vacation Care Ninja Warrior? Join us as we venture out to Clifford Park to test our skills in the Federation Challenge Valley...take part in twenty-four challenge elements set out along a kilometre of track winding through the bush!

Please bring a spare change of clothes

Depart 9:15am
Return 4:15pm



EXCURSION TODAY!

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

LILYDALE LAKE

Join us for a day of fun as we explore the newly renovated playspace at Lilydale Lake. Spin on the carousel, climb the platypus, and splash around on the splash pad, plus lots more. Then we will come together for a delicious BBQ lunch, and maybe even a walk around the lake!

Children must have a spare change of clothes if they wish to use the splash pad.

Depart 10:00am
Return 4:00pm



THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

WHEELS

Get ready for a wheelie fun day! Bring your **bike, scooter or skates** along today for our super cool wheels day. If you have a bike chain please bring that with you too. Children will be riding their bikes in the car park which will be closed today, please park on the road.

There will be no sharing of helmets. All children must bring their own helmet.



EXCURSION TODAY!

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

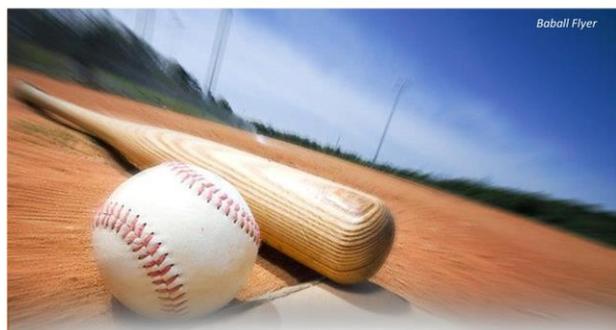
LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Today we are off to see the latest kid's movie at Village Cinemas Knox. Please note that the movie may be rated PG.



If the weather permits we will also stop to explore the Tim Neville Arboretum in Ferntree Gully.

Depart 10:00am
Return 5:00pm

Boball Flyer



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TRY BASEBALL!!

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME

GREAT SPORT..... GREAT CLUB!!

REGISTRATION DAY 27TH AUGUST 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

KINGS PARK, WILLOW ROAD UPPER FERNTREE GULLY

JUNIOR CONTACT: BRAD GAWITH 0407 319 659 [JUNIORSPRESIDENT@UPWEYFTGBASEBALLCLUB.COM](mailto:juniorspresident@upweyftgbaseballclub.com)

WWW.UPWEYFTGBASEBALLCLUB.COM

Emerald Lakers

Registration Days

September

4th, 5th & 6th

At the
Emerald Primary School
Basketball Stadium
Heroes Avenue, Emerald



Time



5pm to 7pm

Round 1 Summer

Under 8's to Under 23's
begins

Saturday 11th November
Sunday 12th November

Call Lisa 0438 900 611 for enquiries

join@emerald Lakers.com.au

Friends of
Belgrave Lake Park
present

Belgrave Platypus Festival



The 9th Annual Belgrave Platypus Festival
will be held on

Sunday September 10th
11am to 3pm

at Belgrave Lake Park, Park Drive, Belgrave

- Fun and learning for all the family
- LEAP INTO NATURE
- Environmental quiz
- EEK Environmental Education
- Platypus Education
- ANIMALS FROM OZ
- Planting near the Monbulk Creek
- Ivy Weaving with Moonrise Permaculture
- Creative play with rubbish
- Tilly the Platypus

Bring your
own T-Shirt
for printing



Platypus Songs

Ranges Young Strings

Rudy the One Man
Band



G.J. Gardner. HOMEY



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	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

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Offer valid for eligible products taken out at Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch. Terms, conditions, fees, charges and eligibility criteria apply. All loans subject to the bank's normal lending criteria.

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.

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