



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

December

Tue 5 th	Group 1 Y6 TOTB Presentation Night 7pm
Wed 6 th	Group 2 Y6 TOTB Presentation Night 7pm
Fri 8 th	The Patch Christmas Carols (Also a farewell to Sheila as a community on the night)
Tue 12 th	Step Up Day
Wed 13 th	Uniform orders close for 2017 at 7pm.
Thu 14 th	Last Uniform Shop Delivery for the year
Fri 15 th	Monbulk Community Carols
Mon 18 th	Prep Celebration 2:30pm
Mon 18 th	OSHC Family BBQ 6pm Hall
Mon 18 th	School Council
Wed 20 th	Year 6 Graduation
Fri 22 nd	Year 5/6 Knox Leisure Works
Fri 22 nd	Farewell Assembly 12:50pm
Fri 22 nd	END OF TERM/YEAR Early Pick up 1:30pm

January

Wed 31 st	First Day of school P-6. 8:50am start
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We are looking for families to adopt our animals for the holidays. All food, housing and instructions provided. Please contact Michelle if you would like to offer a temporary home for:

- Turtles
- Frogs
- Blue tongue lizards
- Bearded dragon
- Budgies

Have you pre-ordered your Showcase DVD?

**Pre-orders via Qkr!
and strictly close
Tuesday 5th Dec**



Pre-Order your dinner from The Patch Store for the Christmas Carols via Qkr! now. See page 8 for more info.



**24 SLEEPS UNTIL
SANTA COMES!**

From the Principal...

Thought for the week: 'Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success' - Henry Ford

What a month we have had. The Premier's Reading Challenge, Garden awards and our Open garden. Thankyou everyone for your support and time. I would also like to thank the following children for their manners and attitude when greeting and welcoming Minister Merlino last Friday – Liam, Cameron, Gabby, Pearl, Tim, Sam and Jonah. I was so proud of your attitude and maturity and the Minister was very impressed by you.

Grade Structure and Staffing for 2018

We are welcoming one new staff member, Ms Vivien Hughes. We were delighted to meet her in our interview process and she will be a great addition to our school.

Megan will commence Family leave at the beginning of March.

Hayley will also be taking Family leave, she is due June.

As we get to the final 3 weeks of the year, class lists and teacher placement for next year are now being finalised and are having final proof checks to ensure all placements have been considered. The putting together of classes is a lengthy and complicated process taking into account teacher judgements, student friendship requests and relevant parent requests.

Students will spend the morning of Tuesday December 12th from 9.00 am until 10.40 am in their 2018 classroom and grades. This will occur while the Year 6 students visit their high school and the new prep students have their orientation day.

On this day, the 2018 prep students will come into their new classroom at 9.30 am. Their session will run until 10.40 and their buddies will also visit on this day.

We will also have 7 students (this number could grow as we are still doing tours) that are joining us from other schools for their first sample of The Patch Primary School.

While we prefer to have predominantly straight classes, in reality, all classes are multi-age classes due to the differences in students' ability and emotional maturity. This is why in all classes, the teachers offer a differentiated curriculum aimed at meeting the different learning needs of their students.

The numbers for next year have allowed for straight grades in the junior school and multiage for the senior. This accommodates 12 grades and specialists of ART, Music and Japanese.

The Structure will be:

Prep – 2 Grades

One – 2 Grades

Two – 2 Grades

3/4 - 3 Grades

5/6 – 3 Grades

The selection of the students in all classes is considered very carefully, taking into account the maturity of the students, levels of independence, the social connections between groups of students and ensuring the academic balance of the students within each grouping. To the best of our ability all classes are balanced in these areas.

A reminder that once class lists have been announced, no changes will be made to these structures. Moving even one child from one grade to another will jeopardise over a month's worth of discussions and careful planning. Michelle and I have doubled checked that all children have at least one friend in their new grade and have been placed with other like minded children with the hope that friendship groups continue to grow.

The finishing touches for the reports are being completed and will be sent home to parents on Tuesday December 12th with the grades teacher also announced with the reports.

BUSHFIRE SEASON:

This month has given us a sample of the weather that is coming. At The Patch P.S, we have updated our schools Emergency Management Plans and uploaded them to our website to ensure we are ready for bush fire season.

As you are aware, we are placed on the Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). This register includes schools, kindergartens and childcare facilities that are in areas of greatest fire risk. As a BARR school, on days classified by the Bureau of Meteorology as Code Red, we will be closed.

Please note, we will also be closed on days classified as "Extreme Days.

Families will be notified by SMS or Flexibuzz by 2:00pm the previous day that the school will not be operating. On Code Red days, the conditions are such that if a fire started it would not be able to be controlled.

During an emergency, our main form of communications with families will be using SMS or via our Flexibuzz app. It is therefore most important that the school has access to the most up to date information available that impacts on your child. Information such as changed address, phone numbers, contacts, court orders, medical information and any other relevant information that may be important for us to know should be communicated to the school. Please keep us up to date!

At briefings we have attended in the past, one of the main messages was that if our community is threatened by fire, people need to remain calm and take time to think clearly through the situation before responding. A real danger during any bushfire is travelling through an area affected by fire. It is advisable to monitor the situation and act early rather than waiting for the fire to be close.

In a POTENTIAL emergency situation, as a school, we will use Department and local CFA resources to decide on the best response. That response will be communicated to you by SMS or Flexibuzz to collect your children.

If we receive notification of a fire at a late stage, the threat may be too great to evacuate. At that point, we would need to shelter in place. That is our school hall. The danger for parents attempting to pick up students at this stage and also travelling with children in cars is extreme. In this situation, schools would be a number one priority for the CFA and students would be safer at school than on the road.

We certainly live in a beautiful area and fires are a trade-off we have to make for this wonderful environment. With careful planning and an awareness of the risks, we can minimise the danger.

SCHOOL FEES:

Last week you received your school fees for 2018.

In 2016, the Department of Education introduced new guidelines to ensure consistent and transparent approaches to what schools charge families for access to the **standard curriculum**.

Schools can request payments from parents under 3 main categories:

- **Essential items**
- **Optional Items**
- **Voluntary items**

When you get your fees, it's important to note that the charges are for what is in the **standard curriculum** and what the children will eventually take home.

However, The Patch PS **doesn't offer a standard curriculum**. Extras such as our environmental centre, our specialist programs, the reading office, extension programs, environment program, Quicksmart numeracy, our library, take home books, choir, ensembles and the student leadership program are just a few of the extra enrichment opportunities that the children can take part in.

The grounds and the working conditions in the classroom that the children enjoy, all fully air conditioned and heated are not just standard but first class and have either been budgeted for or fundraised.

School Council have discussed at length how we can maintain the high standards that exist here at The Patch PS with the guidelines that have been implemented. This is where you can help with the voluntary payments.

You will have received a letter from our School Council President Mrs Sarah Tebbutt, regarding the 2018 school fees. School Council have suggested an amount of \$315 that equates to \$6 a week over the year. School Council through Sarah's letter has clearly articulated our 2018 fee structure and your support would go a long way towards maintaining much of what we enjoy here at The Patch. This year's voluntary items supported us in leasing a new set of laptops for 2018.

The aim for next year is to support the lease of laptops, THRASS resources and our reading program.

FIRST WEEK OF 2018

Don't forget, the first 2 days of the school year (**January 29th and 30th**) are pupil free days, one for yearly administration and set up and the second day for joint professional learning and planning for Term I. All children, start on Wednesday 31st January.

Have a great weekend

Debra Herrmann
Principal

The Patch Primary School - Winner of Victorian School Gardens Awards 2017 "Most Engaging Garden for Learning":

In perfect timing, our school was announced the winner of the above award during an official ceremony at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne, as we were celebrating our garden birthday. Four students from Year 6 and a parent (Rosie Kennedy) attended the ceremony and shared the news on their return to school later in the day. Given the focus of our day, it was an apt award to receive and well-earned.

We have been given \$1,000 dollars for new garden works as prize money and the Garden Team shall consider how best to use this money in consultation with our students.



Cameron, Liam, Gabbi, Maria Minto-Cahill from Catholic Education Melbourne, and Pearl
"The Patch Primary School is definitely one of the best schools in the Awards program. Your success is well deserved and definitely earned with your continued commitment to hands on environmental learning", Tania Karamitos, VSGA coordinator..

When we talk about Engagement, our garden celebration last Thursday, November 23, beautifully demonstrated what this looks like at its best:

- A community built “Learning Landscape” to provide the setting and facilitate the intimate connections to, and knowledge of, the natural systems at work within it;
- Authentic student learning within these spaces to enable a deeper and more enthusiastic understanding of the natural world;
- Organised opportunities for students to share their knowledge creatively and interact with an authentic and supportive audience;
- Student-initiated enterprise activities promoting and practising co-operation, organisation, collaboration, innovation and sustainability and modelling this for others;
- Scheduled and impromptu musical performances to showcase our programs and provide an uplifting atmosphere;
- Parents and families working behind the scenes to help prepare their children for their various roles as educators or entrepreneurs;
- Parents taking ownership of supplementary activities such as the provision of food (in this case pizza), preparation of grounds, creation of additional features such as fairy gardens and decorations, promotion of the event, and signage;
- Involvement, enthusiasm, support and co-operation of all staff (leadership, teaching, education support, administration support and maintenance) to ensure the event is successful, positive and of maximum benefit for all;
- New parents (2018 prep parents) encouraged to be involved in a morning tea where they can witness the interactions of current preps and their year 6 buddies and meet other parents and teachers;
- Broad inclusion of people with connections to the celebration (past and present).

As a first time whole-school effort, we are hugely proud of what we achieved and have been asked if this will become a regular event. Our school is in an excellent position to embed this kind of education more formally in our teaching practice and to draw on the expertise and facilities we have to promote this as a point of difference for our school.

The garden event demonstrated that our students gain great benefit from this type of learning and interaction and our community enjoy seeing how their children learn and engage with others. There were virtually no behaviour incidents, teachers could observe how their students engaged with the different learning scenarios, students were rewarded intrinsically for their enterprise endeavours, and visitors to the school were given a taste of what we offer at The Patch, particularly in STEM education.

Next time we could involve the kinder, publicise more widely and earlier, expand the entrepreneurial opportunities for students, or build it into events such as our Spring Festival.

We enjoyed a colourful and timely piece in the local paper and used the event to launch our school’s “Bunjil Trail”. This trail has been the culmination of several years of planning and teaching by Judy Peterson and celebrates the rich heritage of the Wurundjeri people and their intimate knowledge of country.

Sales of pizza slices on the day raised over \$500 and shall be re-invested into the garden project. Orders were placed on Qkr and also sold for cash on the day and a total of 60 pizzas were made. Students in year 5 who sold home-made lemonade and brownie slices raised over \$400 and shall use it to boost the school’s sports equipment.

Well done everyone!
Michelle Rayner

PHOTOS FROM THE DAY





THE PATCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS CONCERT

Our Patch School Carols are only a week away, next Friday 8th December!!

Bring your own picnic dinner, rugs, torches, snacks and come along to celebrate all that we have achieved in 2017.

Alternatively, you can order a delicious dinner from The Patch Store. Ordering is now available via Qkr! but don't delay as orders close next **Wednesday 6th December at 4pm.**

Arrive from 5pm and get set up for the carols from 6 - 7.30pm with music and festivities until dark.

Look forward to seeing you all there for a wonderful night.

Christmas Concert!

Friday December 8th
Student Performances 6 - 7.30pm
Music to follow

Bring a picnic dinner from 5pm onwards OR
food available for order from The Patch Store via QKR!

Christmas trees available for purchase
Special Guest visiting during Carols!!!

Don't forget your picnic rugs, torches and snacks!


Backup date December 14th

OUR NEW OSHC PROGRAM FOR 2018

Outside School Hours Care Program



The Patch OSHClub – Key Service Information Sheet

Service contact details: Ph: 0400 708 773 Email: thepatch@oshclub.com.au

Welcome to OSHClub Before & After School Care provider

OSHClub works in partnership with The Patch Primary School to provide Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services to the school community. We pride ourselves on providing children with a fun, learning experience. From exciting activities and healthy, nutritious food, to caring, motivated team members, the service meets all your children's needs.

What happens at OSHC?

We provide fun activities for all ages including arts and craft, games, sports, drama, board games, dress ups and fun with friends. On request from parents, children can also participate in homework club. The service provides breakfast at Before School Care and afternoon tea at After School Care. Children can also participate in cooking activities.

Our team

Your children are in the care of qualified and experienced team members that have a current Working with Children check. Our Coordinators are trained in First Aid, CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis.

What to bring

Make sure your children wear/bring appropriate footwear and clothing, including a hat.

Where is the service located?

The OSHC service is located on site at The Patch Primary School. All children attending the service must be dropped off in the morning or collected in the afternoon by an authorised person and signed in and out of the service each session. Children in Year 1 can walk straight to/from their classrooms. OSHClub team members will pick up and drop off the Foundation students, escorting them to the service at the start of the year.

How to enrol

An online OSHClub enrolment form must be completed via oshclub.com.au prior to your child's first attendance. Once enrolled with OSHClub, log into your account to book the sessions you require.

Making bookings

We offer permanent and casual bookings at the same affordable price to accommodate the needs of our families. Once enrolled, bookings can be made online at any time, up to 24 hours prior to the session of care. Bookings made within 24 hours will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per session per child.

Late bookings made within 24 hours of the session can only be made by calling the program directly or our Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735.

Cancellations*

48 hours' notice is required for cancellation of a before and after school booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. In the case of illness please provide a medical certificate. Cancellations can be made through the following means:

- Online through logging into your account at oshclub.com.au
- Contacting the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735
- Sending an SMS to the Coordinator of the program. Include the following details to ensure your request can be processed:
 - Child's name e.g. Scott & Katie Smith; Service e.g. Example Primary School
 - Session and date you wish to cancel e.g. After School Care on 20 November 2017

*Please note that cancelling online can take up to 24 hours to process. Where no notice is given, full fees will be charged.

Fees and session times

Most families are eligible for the non-means tested Child Care Rebate (CCR), which rebates 50% of the cost of care, and many are eligible for the means-tested Child Care Benefit (CCB). The full fee applies for families who do not apply for, or are not eligible for CCR and CCB. The following table outlines examples of the 'gap' fee payable at various income levels, for one child, per session. To establish what level of CCB you may be entitled to, please contact the Family Assistance Office on 136 150.

One Child / Session				
Weekly income	\$770	\$1,153	\$1,923	\$3,077
Before School – 7.00am to 8.45am				
After CCB	\$11.10	\$12.06	\$14.42	\$17.50 (Full Fee)
After CCB & CCR	\$5.55	\$6.03	\$7.21	\$8.75
Before School – 8.15am to 8.45am				
After CCB	\$9.72	\$10.00	\$10.67	\$11.55 (Full Fee)
After CCB & CCR	\$4.86	\$5.00	\$5.34	\$5.78
After School - 3.30pm to 6.00pm				
After CCB	\$16.86	\$18.23	\$21.60	\$26.00 (Full Fee)
After CCB & CCR	\$8.43	\$9.12	\$10.80	\$13.00

The fees and rebate levels are subject to change each financial year and are based on the hours of operation as shown above. Child Care Benefit is available for families with a combined annual income of less than \$130,000, or \$145,000 if multiple children are in care, subject to Family Assistance Office assessment. Late pick up fees of \$2.00 per minute per family apply. *Incursions and excursions during Vacation Care program incur an additional cost.

How to pay

Fees can be paid by credit card (VISA or MasterCard) or by direct debit from your nominated bank account. Your account will be automatically charged every two weeks for your attendance fees. As part of the online enrolment process, you will be required to complete an online EziDebit Direct Debit form. Please note that a penalty fee of \$9.90 will be charged by EziDebit to your credit card or bank account if a transaction is declined.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact our Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or email oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au (8am – 6pm Monday – Friday)

Complaints

Any complaints or concerns regarding this service should be directed to the Coordinator. If you would like to escalate your complaint, please contact our **Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735**. If you remain unhappy with the way your complaint or issue was handled, please contact the Department of Education and Training on 1300 307 415 or by email at licensed.childrens.services@edumail.vic.gov.au. Further information is available at their website on www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/providers/regulation.

Policies

All policies and procedures are available at the service. Please discuss any questions or concerns with your Coordinator.

The Patch Christmas Angels

As Christmas time approaches, The Patch School collects 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 as well as the regular staples.

If you would like to participate in our collection, you can place your items in the special donation boxes that can be found in the foyer of the Office ***no later than Thursday 14th December 2017.***

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

THE PATCH BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who attended the Book Fair. It's lovely to see how excited the kids are when they come in. Even if they don't buy anything, window shopping is fun at any age!

With the generous support of the school community, over \$800 dollars was raised. With this money (the fun part for me) I will be able to keep our school library up to date, with new resources for teachers, and new releases for the students.

The next Book Fair is in May 2018 (can you believe it!).

Thanks again, and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Josie

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Just a friendly reminder that our Christmas colouring competition will be judged on Saturday the 9th of December, so if you haven't already, get colouring and hand your completed picture either back to the school or directly to the Bendigo Bank branch in Monbulk by the 9th of December for your chance to win some great prizes!

Your drawings will be judged on both creativity and neatness!

Great cash prizes for your Bendigo Bank account!

Monbulk & District

Community Bank[®] Branch



Bendigo Bank

Uniform Shop News

The last day to order uniforms for 2017 is Wednesday 13th of December by 7pm (for delivery on the 14th December). Get in before the prices go up for 2018 (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.

Qkr! orders will re-open on the 18th January 2018, for delivery on the first day back at school – Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Please email us (the fabulous uniform shop volunteers!) if you have any questions.

uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au



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How do I enable notifications on my phone so I can receive Qkr notifications from my child's school?

Ensure your Notifications settings are activated for the Qkr app.

Step 1

Select settings in your iOS or Android device

Step 2

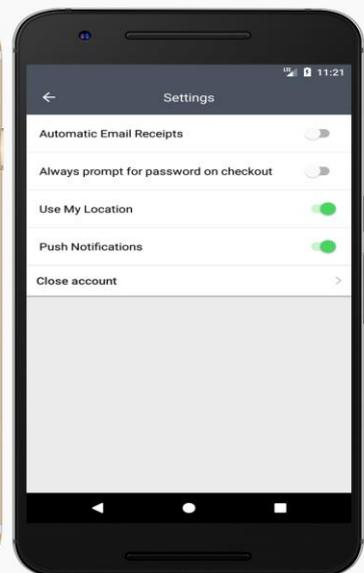
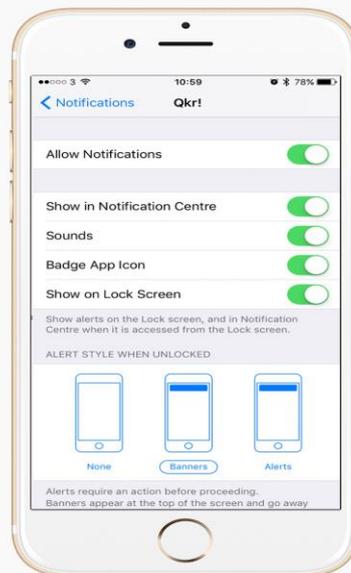
Select Notifications.

Step 3

Look for the Qkr app and ensure the toggle is switched on to allow notifications.

Step 4

Open the Qkr app on your phone, open settings and ensure the 'Push Notifications Enabled' toggle is switched to green.



Please note that whilst we control the sending of the notification, the delivery and receipt of the notification is entirely controlled by your phone operating system.



OSHC END OF YEAR FAMILY FUN

The Final One!
Monday 18th December
6:00 p.m. at the hall

Sausage Sizzle and Family Games
All OSHC families welcome past and present.



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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 minutes 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!

The loading zone is NOT to be used to drop your children off. It is becoming a habit to some parents and it is very dangerous, as we have observed some near misses. Please use the 'Drop off' zone to drop your children off.

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 ready to pick up and being courteous to our staff who are only there to help.

Thank you to the parents who have been following our procedures properly.

OLINDA COMMUNITY POOL OPENING PARTY

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 12PM - 7PM

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:
FAKE NEWS
 FEAT. DAVE LARKIN OF DALLAS CRANE
CRAIG SMITH
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 LOCAL SCHOOL MUSIC ACTS
 + GAMES & SAUSAGE SIZZLE





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MONBULK MILO In2CRICKET 2017/2018



monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au

Milo Cricket is back at Monbulk. Over the years our program has been of the most successful in the state, including one of the largest for female participants. The MILO in2CRICKET program is an introductory program designed for kids between 5 and 9 years of age. The aim of the program is to provide young people with a fun and enjoyable way of learning the fundamentals of cricket while, at the same time promoting the values of the game – teamwork, friendship, and fair play.

Where Monbulk Cricket Club (Monbulk Recreation Reserve 124 J1)
Why A fun and organised 12 week program that helps develop cricket skills, fitness, social skills and sportsmanship.
Who All girls and boys aged 5 - 8
Contact Bronwyn Badgery
Phone 0488 566 443
Cost \$85 (includes bat, ball, t-shirt, back-pack, hat, drink bottle and more)
Day / Time Fri 5.30pm-6.30pm (BBQ each evening)

Registration Day: Friday 20th October - 5.30pm @ Monbulk Cricket Clubrooms
 If possible, please register online @ playcricket.com.au (enter Monbulk or 3793).
 Please just pay on the 20th if you register online.

Dates:	Friday	3 rd	November	1 st session / hand out packs
	Friday	10 th	November	
	Friday	17 th	November	
	Friday	24 th	November	
	Friday	1 st	December	(Grand Parents / Special friend Day)
	Friday	8 th	December	
	Friday	15 th	December	Milo Christmas
	Friday	2 nd	February	1 st session for 2018
	Friday	9 th	February	
	Friday	16 th	February	
	Friday	23 rd	February	
	Friday	2 nd	March	Trophy Day / Last session for season

- More info and photos can be found on the Monbulk Cricket Club website in the Juniors section. monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au.
- If you are 8 or 9 years old you might like to play for Monbulk in the U10 'Big Bash' Competition also played on Friday nights.

JUNIOR NETBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

Aged 7 to 13

Belcoma Netball Club

Contact: Jenny 0408 933 956

belcomasec@gmail.com

(enquiries for other age groups welcome)

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 <http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au>

<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 8 JANUARY HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> <p>Let's celebrate the new year with lots of fun, excitement, laughter and games. We can't wait to hear all about your holidays and look forward to getting to know you!</p>  <p>Summer is here so don't forget to bring your hat and a refillable drink bottle to the program every day!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! TUESDAY 9 JANUARY ROLLER SKATING</p> <p>Roll on over to Vacation Care today as we celebrate summer in skates... because today we will be going to Bayswater Roller City for some awesome fun roller skating! You will have a choice of roller skates or blades</p> <p>To participate in this excursion each child must bring a pair of socks!</p>  <p>Depart 10:30am Return 3:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INCURSION TODAY! WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY SPLASHTASTIC FUN</p> <p>Come along to Vacation Care today to cool down with some Splashtastic Fun! Today you will be treated to an action packed day of water games including the water shooter run, splash ball dodge ball, water cup relay and much more!</p> <p>All children are required to bring a change of clothes, shoes and a towel as we guarantee you will get very wet!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! THURSDAY 11 JANUARY BOUNCE X-PARK</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">BOUNCE INC</p> <p>Get set to bounce and fly through the air at Bounce Inc. Melbourne's indoor trampoline universe where you can jump high and land soft!</p> <p>We will also be testing our skills in the new Bounce X-Park which is an Adventure Challenge Course for adrenaline hunters!</p>  <p>Depart 9:30am Return 3:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">INCURSION TODAY! FRIDAY 12 JANUARY FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM</p> <p>Dress up in your house robes, hop aboard the Hogwarts express and come have fun learning about magical creatures, like those found in the wizarding world of Harry Potter.</p>  <p>Plus join in a Potions class with <i>Incursions R Us</i> - learn how to conjure up slime, create dragon's milk fireworks and much more!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! MONDAY 15 JANUARY THE TINY CHEF</p> <p>Come and check out The Tiny Chef in Essendon where Pizza Making and Milk Shakes are on the menu for today... let's see if you have what it take's to be the next Master Chef!</p> <p>The excitement doesn't stop there; we will also enjoy some sight seeing around Melbourne and a play at Queens Park in Moonee Ponds.</p>  <p>Depart 8:30am Return 4:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DRESS UP DAY! TUESDAY 16 JANUARY S IS FOR SUMMER...</p> <p>... and science and slime, and soccer and singers and a super-fun-time!</p>  <p>Come dressed to impress, inspired by the letter 'S' as today we will be doing all sorts of Super Silly Stuff!</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY UP UNLIMITED</p> <p>Come and check out Moorabbin's newest indoor climbing facility – Up Unlimited! Race your mates on the Speed Walls, take on the new Atrobball climb, and lots more!</p> <p>If the weather permits, we will stop to explore Heatherton Park in Clayton South.</p>  <p>To participate in this excursion, closed toe shoes must be worn.</p> <p>Depart 9:00am Return 3:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 100 ACRE WOODS</p> <p>Join us as we travel deep in the Hundred-Acre Wood to where Christopher Robin plays. We will go on a Heffalump hunt, decorate our very own Hunny jars, and make some delicious honey joys!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! BIG DAY OUT</p> <p>Please see the attached flyer for information on the Big Day Out Excursion for our 2017 Grade 5 and 6 children!</p>  	<p style="text-align: center;">EXCURSION TODAY! FRIDAY 19 JANUARY MELBOURNE MUSEUM</p> <p>Come along on a wonderful adventure as we walk under Dinosaurs skeletons, through a beautiful forest and around rooms filled with animals, insects, and amazing artefacts! We will also get to learn about the origin of life in Victoria – spanning over 600 million years!</p>  <p>Depart 9:15am Return 4:00pm</p>



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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 Michaela Tory. For further information call: 0423 434 598 or email: michaelatory@tpg.com.au. 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 6 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