



Patchwork News

Respect, Responsibility, Integrity

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Dates to Remember

March

Thu 29th End of Term - **Early 2:30pm Finish**
Fri 30th Good Friday – Public Holiday

April

Mon 16th Term 2 Commences 8:50am
Mon 16th Stomp The Beat Session 9am-12:50pm
Fri 20th **SCHOOL PHOTOS (Note date change)**
Mon 23rd Stomp The Beat Session 9am-12:50pm
Tue 24th **Curriculum Day – Student Free Day**
Wed 25th **Anzac Day – Public Holiday**
Mon 30th School Council meeting
Mon 30th Stomp The Beat Session 9am-12:50pm

May

Wed 2nd School Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 4th 5/6 Yarra Valley Water talk 9:10am
Sat 5th Working Bee 9am-1pm
Thu 10th Bookfair opens
Thu 17th Bookfair closes
Thu 24th School open morning 9:15 – 10:30am
Mon 28th School Council
Wed 30th School Assembly 2:30pm

Bell Times

Start 8:50am
Recess 10:40 – 11:10
Lunch 1:05 – 1:50
Bell for drop off 3:25pm

Reminders:

**School Photos first
Friday of Term 2.**

Last uniform shop delivery
before photos is Thursday
19th April (the day before).

From The Patch
Staff, we wish you all
a happy Easter and
a safe break!



From the Principal...

First off, I would like to thank all parents for their assistance in helping us finalise our unexplained absences that were flagged by The Department of Education. We have confidently answered their queries, which has also allowed us to review our processes. Please see our new absence process on page 3 that was emailed out Monday night.

2019 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are currently experiencing strong interest in our school with parents booking tours, even at this early stage of the year. We have already accepted enrolments for 2019 and remind parents of students with siblings who will commence prep next year to enroll **as soon as possible**. If you know of any family or friends who may be interested in joining me for a tour, please encourage them to contact our School Office as soon as possible to book an appointment. Thank you.

CYBER SAFETY

The upcoming holiday period often means more "spare" time to surf the internet and spend time within virtual environments. With this extra usage, whilst knowing some parents will still need to attend to work commitments and other duties, it is most important to **monitor your child's computer usage at all times**, but especially over weekends and when holiday periods arrive.

What does it mean to be safe online?

Behaving safely online means:

- protecting one's own privacy and personal information.
- protecting the privacy of others (this can be sharing personal information or images, which in most cases is unlawful).
- selecting appropriate spaces to work. The home computer should be set up in the kitchen area or somewhere common. Not laptops tucked away in bedrooms.
- being proactive in letting someone know if there is something that is "not quite right". At home this would be a parent or guardian, at school a teacher.
- Ensuring a suitable "net nanny" has been activated on your computer.

Of course, these principles of safety and responsibility are not specific to the web, applying to the use of the internet both at home and at school. The virtual world of the internet involves many risks. Schools utilise and discuss positive strategies that help to minimise these risks. However, parents also have a key role to play in keeping children safe whilst online. For example, "Face Book" accounts should only be made available to children above the age of 13. Please try hard to resist the "nagging" and the old saying "but EVERYONE else has an account." This of course is not true!

Further information can be accessed from the web addresses below: <http://australia.gov.au/topics/it-and-communications/internet> <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/lor/default.htm>

ATTITUDE TO MATHS:

As a parent, you are the most influential factor in how your child views school. Your involvement with their learning goes a long way towards your child becoming a capable, resilient and happy learner. When it comes to mathematics many parents are scared or think they just can't do it, but it's the worst thing you can tell your child. You are a crucial role model. When you as a parent tell your child that you yourself can't do it, it means you are communicating messages that it's OK not to be good at mathematics. This is an attitude which can carry all the way through school. Two things that you can do to help foster a positive attitude towards mathematics are to play games and to get your child to explain how they work things out.

Play games to show you're interested in mathematics

Playing games that involve cards or dice provides valuable opportunities to show that mathematics matters and helps them to become better mathematicians. Ask your child to tell you the number of dots on a die each time they throw one during a board game. Eventually they will be able to do this without having to count them. These kinds of activities form the basis of working out number problems in their head. Research shows that kids who can do these things mentally have a deeper understanding of the mathematics involved.

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When your child is adding the dots of two dice together ask them to start counting from the biggest number, e.g. if the dice rolled were five and two, start with the number five and then count on two more. This helps your child learn to be efficient in their number strategies.

Ask your child to explain how they work things out

When your child works out a mathematics problem, such as adding the total when two dice have been rolled, ask them how they did it. What has been found through years of research is that even young children have quite sophisticated thinking strategies for solving mathematical problems. We need to communicate to them that their ways of thinking are just as important as finding out the answer. When you ask your child, "How did you get that?" they may at first say, "I don't know", but if they realize there is an expectation that they will need to explain the way they do mathematics, they will start thinking about it. The more they think about how they did something, the more it might make sense to them – it really contributes to that meaning-making process.

Have a wonderful Easter and term Break

Debra Herrmann

herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

New Attendance Processes

We have reviewed our absence notification system over the past couple of days and have found a change was needed.

All absence notifications will be recorded by the main office, rather than each individual teacher.

New process:

- 9am rolls marked on Sentral and submitted by teachers (a hard copy roll will be available to CRTS who will send this to the office in the morning)
- 9am - 9:30 student absences received via Flexibuzz, Sentral Portal, or email will be entered into Sentral via the main office.
- 9:30am a notification will be sent to parents of students absent that day or who have outstanding absences.

As we changeover to the new process, we will require your assistance for the safety and wellbeing of your children.

If you are aware that your child is going to be absent in the future, please advise the school as soon as possible to avoid any unexplained absences.

Halfway through next term we are anticipating that the 'Sentral Parent Portal' will become our main source of communication and recording of absences, more information on that will come next term.

We thank you all in advance for your assistance and patience.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Maddy in the office.

School Working Bee

Please come along and help us to improve our school and grounds at our next School Working Bee on **Saturday, May 5, from 9am - 1pm**. Anytime between 9 - 1 is fine even if it is just for an hour, as every bit helps and there is a lot to do.

We will be serving Pizza from 11am and there will be refreshments available to keep you hydrated J.

The range of jobs include:

- Oil the deck in wetlands and garden stage (these will be prepared prior to the day)
- Replace garden edging around synthetic turf at garden stage (synthetic turf will be cleaned prior to the day)
- Sand and oil external windows in eco-centre
- Remove shade cloth from igloo behind eco-centre and clean up plastic
- Clean out igloo
- Prepare and oil outdoor tables at pizza oven
- Weed and clean up behind eco-centre
- Help extend the eco-centre veranda to prevent flooding in the eco-centre
- Weed and mulch the school gardens
- Cut back the willow archways and tunnels
- Water tank issues
- Move furniture to and in eco-centre (this space is becoming our STEAM room - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths).
- Paint eco-centre walls to refresh
- Install the donated veranda pieces in the garden (mini decks)
- Weed and mulch kinder garden
- Mulch behind 112 building
- Paint the railings around the staff courtyard
- Oil outdoor furniture
- Clean windows/spider webs

Just a start 😊

Michelle
Assistant Principal

Are you Eligible to Claim the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund?

Application forms are available at the office or they can be found on the front page of our website under '2018 CSEF applications'

Please present your Concession/Health Care Card and your forms at the school office before 22nd June, 2018.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be here on Fri 20th April 2018

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

- Dress:** Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
- Hair:** Neat and swept off face
- Online Orders:** To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. *You do not need to return the order form if you order online.*
Remember: All orders placed online before midnight on photography day will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.
- Manual Orders:** Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day.
- Sibling Orders:** For a special photo of you children together order online by **8am** on photography day Alternatively collect a Sibling Order Form from the office or download it from the SchoolPix website and return it on photography day. Only siblings that place an order will be photographed.



Sports Results

Congratulations to the following students who competed recently at the regional swimming events.

Milla T, Nikayla, Finn, Logan, Tarquin and Bryn.

Congratulations also to the following students who competed at the District and Division Tennis Tournament this term.

Sam, Theo, Kiara, Isabella, Lochy, Finn and Josh.

Although none of our students have qualified to progress to the next round of competition for either of these sports, they should be immensely proud of their efforts. They all put in an outstanding effort and we were thrilled to have them represent our school.

Last Friday, 23rd March, we held our senior school house athletics competition. Yetta (green house) came away as the overall victors on the day. We have over 60 students who have qualified to compete at the District Athletics Carnival next term. I would like to congratulate the following students who scored the highest amount of points for their competition group.

8/9 Boys – Eamon

8/9 Girls – Anotonia and Maya Fincher

10 Boys – Wilbur

10 Girls – Hayden

11 Boys – Josh

11 Girls – Minka

12/13 Boys – Logan

12/13 Girls - Milla M

Viv Hughes

Sports Coordinator

*The Prancercisers' made it!

On the weekend, a group of four Patch mums set off on an epic adventure to complete the 50km Oxfam Trailwalker. Scheduled in the last wave of the day, Sarah, Luella, Tamara and Clare took off in the rain at 1.30pm on what would be an incredible event. They battled through hours of extreme weather including thunderstorms, torrential rain and gale force winds, and with the generous help of an incredible support crew also from our Patch community, completed the course at 4.48am Sunday with a time of 15hrs, 18minutes. They were lucky enough to be the last team across the line before the SES called off the remainder of the event due to dangerous conditions.

Their efforts have raised over **\$3,000** for Oxfam to continue their invaluable work to fight poverty and improve the lives of those in need.

The "Prancercisers" team would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to every single person who has donated and gifted them with words of encouragement and support. They are quite blown away by this amazing community.



Ella's Formula 1 Grand Prix experience

One of our Year 2 students, Ella, had the pleasure of going trackside at the Formula Grand Prix last Thursday for the launch of the 'Dare To Be Different' program in Australia. The program aims to promote woman's participation and involvement in motorsport in Australia.

The Link below is to the article written up on the Fox Sports page, which is definitely worth a read as Ella upstages the Mercedes Chief! *Do you know what a dipstick is or does? Ella certainly does!*

<https://www.foxsports.com.au/motorsport/formula-one/f1-team-boss-toto-wolff-gets-upstaged-by-8yearold-girl-ahead-of-australian-grand-prix/news-story/cea389a5975942c5b443d9b35ad2824d>

For more information about the 'Dare To Be Different' program, please see the below link

<https://www.cams.com.au/media/news/latest-news/cams-and-dare-to-be-different-announce-australian-partnership>



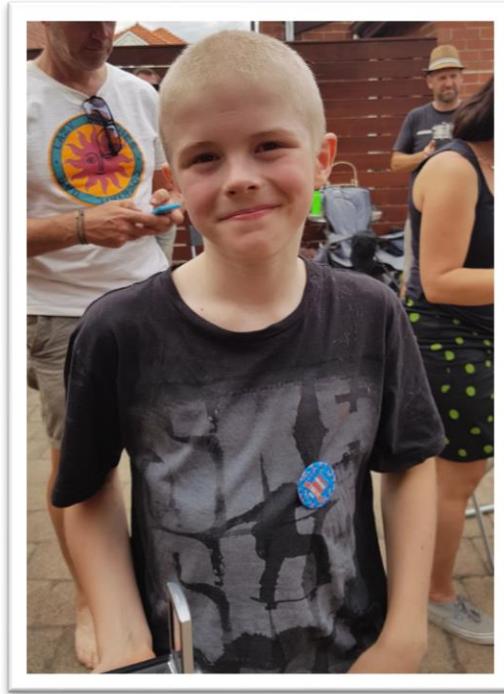
World's Greatest Shave update

Gage has now raised over \$3,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation, what a fantastic achievement! He is able to take donations up until the end of June through his shave page, details below.

You can also go to his shave page at

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/gage_colley

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

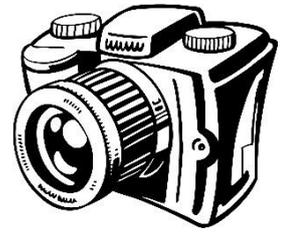


YARRA RANGES ATHLETICS DON CRUSE ENDEAVOUR AWARD

Wilbur who has been competing in the Yarra Ranges Athletics for the past three years was awarded the 'Don Cruse Endeavour Award' last weekend. The Yarra Ranges Athletics committee selects the winner of this award out of 300 athletes! Congratulations Wilbur and keep up the great sportsmanship!



Snapshots from the week by our wonderful Year 6 photographers



The Patch OSHClub Newsletter 2018

- Before school care: 7:00am – 9:00am
- After school care: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Special congratulations to the new OSHClub 2018 leaders; Gypsy Bates-Langley, Liam Sturt & Jack Cotter!

To enroll, or update your enrollment, visit www.oshclub.com.au, and for any questions call 1300 395 735.

To contact The Patch OSHClub directly, please call 0400 708 773 during service hours.

Coordinator – Bronwyn Ruigrok

Educator – Lucy Collins

We believe in healthy and delicious foods and trying new things, which we try to express in our ever changing and colourful breakfast and afternoon tea options.

Make your own salad sandwich or cracker



This week's menu:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ASC	Banana cinnamon and oat muffins. fruit and vegetable platter: watermelon, capsicum, cucumber and carrot.	Pasta – plain or with tomato and vegetable sauce with optional lite grated cheese on top. fruit and vegetable platter: watermelon, cucumber, apple capsicum, and carrot.	PIZZA! - bases made from whole meal flour and Greek yoghurt (The kids will be doing this as an activity!!!) and all vegetarian toppings with cheese. fruit and vegetable platter: watermelon, orange, apple capsicum, and carrot.	Pancakes – whole meal pancakes with optional cream honey, jam and fresh fruit. fruit and vegetable platter: watermelon, orange, apple capsicum, and carrot.	Chocolate dipped fresh fruit – It's Friday! - Fresh cut banana, strawberries and apple dipped in melted milk or dark chocolate and cooled. Vegetable platter: Capsicum, cucumber and carrot

Any suggestions are welcome. If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know – we are more than happy to use any food that you have provided for your child (such as gluten free pasta/bread etc.)



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV so don't be fooled. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to **Slip, Stop, Slap, Seek and Slide!**

Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. We are a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program. Please help support our SunSmart membership by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy.

During the daily local sun protection times (issued whenever UV levels are 3 and higher), use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.

- Slip on a shirt** - for free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.
- Slap on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen** – apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to be reapplied throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure they get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school.

- Slap on a hat** – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved hat.
- Seek shade** – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.
- Slide on some sunglasses** - if practical and approved by the school. Make sure they are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart website on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



Further information contact SunSmart
P: 03 9514 6419
E: sunsmart@cancervic.org.au
W: sunsmart.com.au

Need information in another language?
Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language.



sunsmart.com.au



Nature Discovery – Search for frogs, discover what is in our waterways, dig for bugs. A whole new world of nature to discover.
Appropriate for 4–8 year olds.

Monday 9 April
Birdsland Reserve – Education Centre
10:00am – 12:00pm
271 Mt Morton Rd Belgrave Heights (end of dirt road)
Registration required: contact Michelle Lehmann
1300 368 333 / earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Explore – the gardens and participate in a range of free activities for the whole family.
Family Fun Day
(Open to the community – no registration required)

Tuesday 10 April
Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens
(Formerly National Rhododendron Gardens)
10:00am – 3:00pm
The Georgian Road, Olinda

Nature Discovery – search for frogs, discover what is in our waterways, dig for bugs. A whole new world of nature to discover.
Appropriate for 4–8 year olds

Wednesday 11 April
9:30am – 11:30am
Yarra Glen Showgrounds & Recreation Reserve – Football Pavilion, Healesville – Yarra Glen Rd, Yarra Glen
Registration required: contact Michelle Lehmann
1300 368 333 / earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Nature Discovery – Search for frogs, discover what is in our waterways, dig for bugs. A whole new world of nature to discover.
Appropriate for 4–8 year olds.

Thursday 12 April
10:00am – 12:00pm
Lilydale Lake (to the left of the boat ramp) Swansea Rd, Lilydale
Registration required: contact Michelle Lehmann
1300 368 333 / earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Monster Bubble Show
See the amazing interactive Monster Bubble Display and Giant Bubbles, big enough for children to stand inside.
Appropriate for 1–8 year olds

Thursday 12 April
10:00am – 11:30am
Woorl Yallock Primary School
1360 Healesville KoolWeeRup Rd,
Woorl Yallock
Morning Tea Provided.
Registration required contact Naomi at Linking Families
Service 9294 6573

Mini Beast Festival Birdsland Reserve
Mini Beasts is an opportunity to learn about all the bugs and creepy crawlies that live in our creeks, gardens and forests. There'll be bug hunts, interactive stalls, lantern-making, garden tours and much more. (Sausages and snacks provided by Upwey South Kinder (open community event – no registration required))
Sunday 15 April
11:00am – 3:00pm
271 Mt Morton Rd, Belgrave Heights



What's On

Family Fun Day – The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden

10am-3pm, Tuesday 10 April 2018
The Georgian Road, Olinda

Enjoy fun activities and the magnificent The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden (formally the National Rhododendron Garden) in all its autumn splendour:

- Bring your own t-shirt/singlet and make a bag with Plastic Bag Free Dandenong Ranges
- Andy's Antics
- EEK
- CFA Fire Tanker & activities
- Yarra Ranges Council Early Years
- Victorian National Parks Association Nature Watch Program
- The Great Garden Hunt
- Parks Victoria Wildlife Display
- BirdLife Australia Display
- Eastern Regional Libraries
- EPIC Project
- Interactive activities and nature play games for children
- Pot and take home your own plant
- Food available from Olinda Primary School, CFA and Oscar Vintage Coffee Van

For more information, call 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

Parks Victoria
Phone 13 1963
www.parks.vic.gov.au



Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club



We still have positions available in the following teams.

Under 10 Boys

Under 10 Girls

Under 12 Boys

Under 16 Girls

Under 14 Boys

UTJFC is a great family club that takes a lot of pride in playing an important role within our community.

You will find us at Talaskia Reserve in Upper Ferntree Gully.

For more information contact president@utjfc.com

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Children's Pottery

Mooroolbark Community Centre
Tue 3, Wed 4, Thu 5 Apr, 10am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm
Get your hands dirty, have some fun and create a masterpiece to take home.

\$10
Ages 6+ | 45 minutes



MOVIES

Despicable Me 3

Presented by Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship

Mooroolbark Community Centre
Wed 4 Apr 7.30pm

Everyone's favourite reformed super-villain Gru (Steve Carell) returns for more adventures with Lucy (Kristin Wiig), their daughters and the lovably zany minions.

FREE
PG | 90 minutes
Free ice-cream, tea & coffee
Book from Wed 21 Mar



MOVIES AT THE MEMO & ARTS CENTRE WARBURTON

The Memo and Arts Centre Warburton screen a variety of family friendly movies over the school holidays and throughout the year, including Spit The Dummy sessions where tiny tots are welcomed.

See website for full movie schedule



FREE DAILY KIDS CRAFT

The Art Of Making

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
Tue 3 Apr – Sun 15 Apr 10am–4pm
(except public holidays)

Explore the wonderful world of patterns, shapes and colours at our fabulous art making tables! Be inspired by the colourful array of textiles in Art Quilt Australia 2017, or investigate the explorer's box in our Connections Gallery.

FREE no bookings required
Ages 4-14

VENUES

Mooroolbark Community Centre
125 Brice Ave, Mooroolbark
03 9726 5488

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
35–37 Castella St, Lilydale
03 9294 6313

The Memo
235 Maroondah Hwy,
Healesville
03 5965 3511

Arts Centre Warburton
3409 Warburton Hwy,
Warburton
03 5966 4501

Lilydale Library
Building LA, Box Hill Institute,
Lilydale Lakeside Campus,
Jarlo Drive, Lilydale
03 9800 6457

Healesville Library
110 River St, Healesville
03 9800 6497

Note unless indicated:

Bookings are essential.
Children under 9 must be accompanied by a parent/carer.
Adult entry is FREE to workshops.

Bookings
1300 368 333 (office hours)
culturetracks.info



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CREATIVE VICTORIA



YARRA RANGES APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

SHOWS,
MUSIC, WORKSHOPS,
MOVIES &
ACTIVITIES



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PERFORMANCE

That's Not a Daffodil!

Based on the popular children's book by award-winning author of poetry, Elizabeth Honey

The Memo
Tue 3 Apr
1.30pm & 3pm

Burrinja
Sat 7 Apr
11am & 2pm

This funny, playful, child-sized drama is the story of friendship between a cross generational little boy and his elderly Turkish neighbour, growing a daffodil together. Inspired by a much-loved picture book, it's a surprising puppetry performance featuring captivating music and animation that will entertain both our young and senior audiences.

**\$18 Full, \$14 Group 4+
\$12 Online/Library Member
Ages 3-8 | 45 minutes**

FREE That's Not a Daffodil! Craft Activity
Healesville Library Tue 3 Apr 9am–5pm

**FREE That's Not A Daffodil!
Author's Talk with Elizabeth Honey**
Presented by Eastern Regional Libraries
Lilydale Library Mon 26 Mar 10.30am–11.30am



Trash Test Dummies

Winners of Best Children's Presentation

Mooroolbark Community Centre
Wed 11 Apr 2pm

Adelaide Fringe Festival winners and runners up for Children's Choice award, the Trash Test Dummies are as full of laughs as their bins are full of surprises. This award winning, side-splitting, slapstick comedy, circus routine takes the household wheelie bin to new heights, and delivers a dump-truck full of hilarity!

**\$18 Full, \$14 Concession/Group 4+
Ages 7 – 12 | 60 minutes**



HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

Inventi Ensemble

Encompassing some of Australia's leading musicians, join Inventi Ensemble for these two highly engaging musical workshops. Curated by the Melbourne Recital Centre.

Arts Centre Warburton
Make-your-own-instrument
Thu 5 Apr 10am

Make your own instruments and then use them to make music with Saint-Saëns' beloved Carnival of the Animals.

\$6 | Ages 6–11* | 90 minutes

Improvisation Workshop
Thu 5 Apr 12.30pm

Learn about how to do musical improvisation. If you play an instrument, bring it along too so you can join in and hear what's in your head as Inventi musicians bring your new improvisation to life. Catch-up with the musicians over pizza at the end.

\$6 | Ages 12–17* | 60 minutes

*ALL participants must be accompanied by a parent/carer.



Josephine Wants to Dance Ballet Workshop

Lilydale Library
Fri 6 Apr 11am–12.30pm

Based on the Josephine Wants to Dance children's book, come and have some fun with these beginner ballet workshops inspired by the brand new musical coming to Arts Centre Warburton and The Memo, 23 and 30 June.

**\$5 bookings via library 03 9800 6457
Ages 6+ | 90 minutes**



HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

BIG Dance Workshops

The World's Largest Dance Celebration

Presented by Ausdance Victoria, BIG Dance hits Australia in 2018! It's a free participatory dance festival, a celebration of dance for all ages and all levels of ability. Come learn the BIG Dance routine at one of these free dance workshops and join in the BIG Dance on 29 April 2018 (International Dance Day) at Melba Park, Lilydale.

**Mooroolbark Community Centre Thu 5 Apr
The Memo Fri 6 Apr
Arts Centre Warburton Thu 12th Apr
Montrose Town Centre Fri 13 Apr
Ages 5–7: 10am–11am
Ages 8–12: 11.30am–12.30pm
Ages 13+: 1.30pm–3pm**

FREE

Become a T-Shirt Designer

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
Tue 3, Thu 5, Tue 10 & Thu 12 Apr 11am

Design, create and embellish your own T-shirt! Draw, use fabric paints and customise your own take home T-shirt in this engaging and hands-on workshop. T-shirt supplied. Bring your own art smock or overalls.

\$12 | Ages 6+ | 90 minutes



Colour Coded

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
Wed 4, Fri 6, Mon 9, Wed 11 & Fri 13 Apr 11am

Colour theory is both science and art! In this family friendly hands-on presentation, join our resident science expert to unlock the code to mixing colours and the visual effects of colour on the human brain.

FREE | Ages 6+ | 45 minutes



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 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.

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