



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

June

Mon 11th	Queen's Birthday (public holiday)
Tue 12th	3/4 Excursion Healesville Sanctuary
Tue 12th	3-6 Division Cross Country
Wed 13th	Assembly 2:45pm
Mon 18th	3/4 Camp Meeting
Tue 19th	Free Dress Day
Wed 20th	5/6 Geography Expo 5:30 – 6:30pm
Wed 20th	School Assembly 2:45pm
Sat 23rd	Belgrave Lantern Parade
Mon 25th	Annual Report to Community 7pm
Mon 25th	School Council
26th & 27th	Three Way Conferences
Fri 29th	End of Term 2 - Early 2:30pm finish

July

Mon 16th	Start of Term 3 - 8:50am
Mon 16th	5c Drive starts (info Pg.4)
Mon 30th	School Council
Tue 31st	5/6 Urban Camp

August

Mon 6th	5/6 Talking The Talk
Wed 8th	Book week starts
Wed 8th	5c Drive finishes
Tue 14th	5/6 Cupcake Parade
Wed 15th – 17th	3/4 Camp

Bell Times

Start 8:50am

Recess 10:40 - 11:10

Lunch 1:05 - 1:50

Bell for drop off 3:25pm

Reminders:

Don't forget to get
your Great
Community Raffle
Stubs or tickets back
to the office asap!
Only 2 weeks left!



Exciting news for our Year 3-6 students!



Department of Education, Victoria student logons will be provided on the

18th June, 2018,

to allow students to access Google Docs for Education and Microsoft 365 for Education.

Parents - please check your emails for further information.

From the Acting Principal...

Hello all,

With Debra on Long Service Leave, it has been an interesting few weeks in my role as Acting Principal. The Patch is certainly a dynamic school and it has been so exciting to interact on so many levels and with so many people.

At the Bendigo Bank Presentation ceremony on Tuesday evening, we gratefully accepted a gift of \$625 in club awards for school banking activities. We shall be able to use these funds to support our literacy program and also for our brand new "Wellbeing Hub" which is in the old Japanese room. Our Japanese program is now taught in the classroom beside Kent's 3/4C room where the additional space and proximity are more convenient.

Our Wellbeing Hub will shortly be redesigned into a welcoming space where families, students and staff may access materials and resources that support wellbeing, enjoy a morning cuppa and a chat, conduct workshops, share expertise, display self-help literature, and so much more. The wellbeing team may ask for donations of furniture or decorations that will enhance the space and they will be grateful for any assistance. If you would like to connect with the wellbeing team, speak to Lynne Davidson-Tuck or Alesha at school. They would love to hear from you.

We have a working party currently developing a submission to apply for one of the 143 historic Melbourne Trams available later this year. The addition of an iconic piece of Melbourne that can enhance our curriculum and play opportunities, provide additional shelter and perform a range of purposes during our community events could make us the envy of all.

Our Assemblies are a happening space. With the hard work of our music teachers and students, we have been able to enjoy outstanding and very moving performances by individuals, groups, classes and levels. As the word spreads, we are seeing more and more parents attending and that is what we are hoping for. The assembly is led by our year 5/6 Assembly Monitors, with help from the Flag Monitors, and Violin ensemble who accompany us when we sing the anthem. We share stories, achievements, upcoming activities, and important news and there is something for everyone. Some of the items are shared in this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Michelle
Acting Principal

BELGRAVE LANTERN PARADE

SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD 😊

To celebrate winter solstice during Art this term, the whole school have been busy making lanterns.

- Preps have been decorating glass jars with beautiful fabrics.
- Grade 1/2 have been making papier mache' ballon lanterns.
- Grade 3/4 students have been making pyramid lanterns out of willow and bamboo.
- Grade 5/6 students have been working in groups constructing larger lanterns using harvested willow and bamboo from our school grounds.

May you be delighted and surprised on the night by all our students creative lantern designs.

All students have enjoyed this activity and are learning loads of skills in the process, as their teacher it has been wonderful watching the creativity and uniqueness of each lantern evolve and I am so proud of all the students energy, enthusiasm and hard work. Some grades have even been learning a lantern song to sing as we walk together in the Belgrave Lantern Parade. It would be wonderful if as many families as possible could come and join with The Patch Primary School students and help light up Belgrave on Saturday evening. Belgrave Lantern Parade has been warming the heart of Belgrave on winter solstice every year. It symbolises the move back to more sunshine, spring and warmth. It is a FREE event for the whole community. If walking in crowds is not your thing than feel free to watch the event from the side of the road or join us in the parade if you carry a lantern or are illuminated in any way.

If children's younger siblings have not made a lantern at school but have a lantern at home or are in the process of making one please come along and join us. I (Sophia) will be waiting to meet you all at Hays Car Park in Belgrave from 5pm. The plan is to walk together as a school group.

If you wish to just come along and watch the parade it will be a great evening with lots of yummy food, music and activities.

We hope to see many members of our wonderful community there!

Belgrave Lantern Parade Information

When: Saturday the 23rd of June

Where: Assembly is in the lower levels of Hayes car park at about 4.30. Road closure is from 5 and the parade of lanterns starts at approx. 5:30 pm

-BUT we are walking on to the street via the car park and driveway beside the Book Barn.

-The 'wait/go' signs will be there flashing lantern arrow directing you with a staggered entry of big lanterns mixed in with smaller lanterns.

-We turn LEFT onto the main street towards the Cameo Cinema.

Parade organisers recommend people car pool as this is a very popular event and parking in Belgrave is limited. The best place to park is either at Belgrave Train Station or at Mater Christi College.

Please don't use NAKED FLAMES in lanterns as it is a FLAME FREE EVENT!



Thanks for your support,
Sophia Walsh – Visual Arts Teacher

THE FIGHTING EXTINCTION COMMON CENTS CHALLENGE

In partnership with Zoos Victoria, Year 3/4 are running the "common cents challenge" to raise funds for Zoos Victoria's threatened species program. Start collecting your common cents now and over the holidays so you will be ready when we start from the beginning of term 3.

Visit the relatives and seek their help, ask your friends and family and get involved.

WHEN: From Monday, July 16 until Wednesday, August 8

HOW: simply bring to school as many 5c, 10, or other coins you can collect

Students from years 3/4 shall collect the coins daily and add them to their tally.

STAY TUNED!



HELP FOR WILDLIFE



At Assembly this week we heard from Robbie Smith from year 3/4C who invited us to join him at a planting day in Yellingbo to help establish habitat for the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum. Robbie has committed \$50 of his own money to help the cause of the possum and will be making his contribution at the planting day on Saturday, June 16.

Students in years 3/4 have been learning a lot about some of our threatened species and have been busy working on projects to raise awareness and take action. If you would also like to help the Leadbeater's Possum, you are welcome to join the activity at The Friends of the Leadbeater's Possum depot shed, Shield Road, Yellingbo.

Bring gloves, gumboots, water, sunhat and wet weather gear.

Please RSVP for Saturday 16th June by 3pm Thursday, 14th June to:

Sue 0427 055 071, possum56@gmail.com

FREE DRESS DAY

As explained at assembly on Wednesday, the Year 3/4 students are trying to raise funds to help the critically endangered Leadbeater's Possum.

HOW: Wear casual dress and support the cause

COST: donation available on QKR

WHEN: Tuesday, June 19

Together we can make a difference!

CHANGES IN THE UNIFORM SHOP

Why change things?

- to comply with directives from the education department to reduce stock levels
- to meet supplier ordering requirements
- because of low sales of some items
- to simplify the administration requirements for the uniform shop volunteers

What is changing?

- we are reducing the number of items available for sale in the uniform shop
- some items (such as the winter tunic and bomber jacket) will be available for pre-order (a reminder will be sent out in Term 1) , and will be kept in limited numbers
- some items (such as artsmocks and tights) will need to be purchased "elsewhere" once all current stock has sold out

Which items are you keeping?

- Polo shirt (short and long sleeve)
- Summer dress
- Shorts
- Skirt with shorts
- Sky skivvy
- Winter Tunic
- Trackpants and Trousers
- Raincoats
- Surf Hat
- Communication Folder
- School Bag

What about the other items?

- As they sell out they won't be replaced
- The item description on Qkr! will say "Deleted Item – available until sold out".

As always, thanks for your support,

Uniform Shop Volunteers

uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au

Our Upcoming Festival

This year our major fundraiser will be a festival held on **Saturday, October 27**. The festival will celebrate the arts, our community, our children, good food, music, creative lifestyles, and the beautiful school grounds.

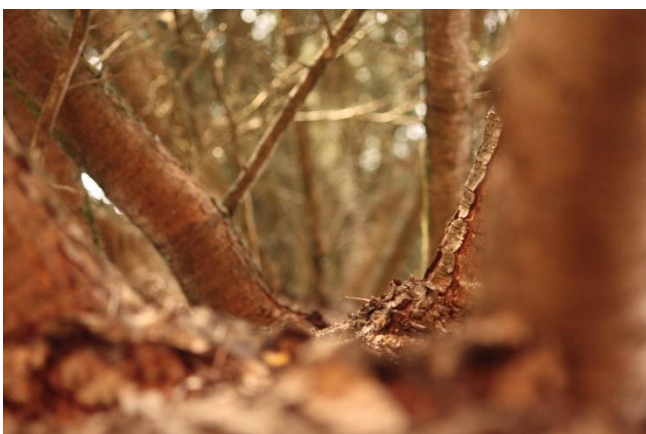
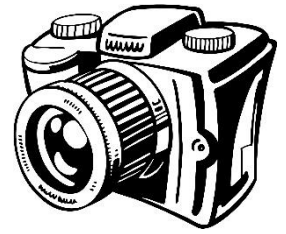
We have just held our first planning meeting (anyone is welcome to join this) and the following is a summary of what we think the festival could look like:

- Music (school, parent, community and broader performances) Jess Dunn and Jennie Simpson to co-ordinate
- Workshops (Merimba playing, ukulele, African drumming, drama, choir, instrumental experiences, drama) Leanne Barton and Jessica Bretherton to co-ordinate
- School and children's activities (musical performances, enterprise stalls, story-telling, class activities) Michelle Rayner to coordinate
- Food (pizza oven, Devonshire tea, chai tent, sausage sizzle (Rotary and Bendigo Bank to provide), corn on the cob, drinks, coffee and donuts (Oscars coffee van) Becks Wapshott to coordinate.
- Market stalls – Danni DeValence to coordinate (focus on handmade, upcycled and recycled products. Stalls could be shared by 2 or more people)
- Publicity/promotions (facebook, newsletter, website, local paper, networks, flyers, posters, etc) – Sarah Tebbutt and Jennie Simpson to coordinate
- Administration and organisation – Michelle and Deb to coordinate

We need to establish working groups that will assist with each role and **would love to hear from the community if you have some time to spare**. Please approach any of the people above or contact the school directly.

As this is our **main fundraiser for the school**, we are looking at ways to increase our profits and agree that a small entry fee could achieve this and permit admission to a range of workshops, performances, and activities. We are currently considering online ticketing and a ticket booth on the day for walk-ins. We shall also be seeking sponsors who could help fund some of the festival components such as a Devonshire Tea room, chai tent, drinks tent, musical stages, etc.

Snapshots from the week by our wonderful Year 6 photographers



Terracycle!

Our school is participating in the Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program. There is a large tub just outside the Uniform Shop for collection. Bring in Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging, floss containers. These items are not recyclable in kerbside recycling programs, so this is a great opportunity to keep them out of landfill. Once collected, the tubes and brushes are separated by composition, shredded and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products. We also get a small amount of money in exchange for number of items collected (\$0.02 per unit received) so the more items you bring, the more money we can receive!



FOUND BIKE

If anyone has lost a boys mountain bike last term, we have had one turn up in our school garden. For more information, please contact the school office.



Kids in the Hills Speech Pathology – offering speech/language assessments, individual and group therapy, weekdays and Saturday appointments available. FaHCSIA, Better Start, NDIS and Medicare Provider. Call Elena Benatar on 0414 679 648, The Patch.

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