



# Patchwork News

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## Dates to Remember

### August

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|---|--|
| Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | Yr 5/6 Cupcake and Bookweek Parade               |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 3/4 Camp                                      |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | Parent Opinion Survey Closes (Selected Families) |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | School Council                                   |
| Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>                    | Yr 5/6 Hooptime                                  |

### Bell Times

Start 8:50am

Recess 10:40 – 11:10

Lunch 1:05 – 1:50

Bell for drop off 3:25pm

### September

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Yr 5/6 Drug Ed & Family Forum     |
| Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> | Footy Colours day/Sausage sizzle  |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> | End of Term 3 early 2:30pm finish |

### Reminder:

Prep to Yr 6

Have you got your  
favourite book  
character costume  
organised for Tues  
14<sup>th</sup> Aug?

### October

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>                 | Term 4 begins 8:50am                  |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>                 | Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies        |
| Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>                 | Year 2 Day Camp                       |
| Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>                | Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> | Bookfair                              |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>                | Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies        |
| Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>                | Prep 2019 Transition 9:30am – 10:30am |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>                | Patch Fest ‘It takes a Village’       |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>                | Yr 6 Taming of the Butterflies        |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>                | Prep Swimming Begins                  |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>                | School Council                        |

Parent Opinion  
Survey closes on  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>  
August for  
randomly  
selected families.

### November

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> | Prep Swimming Finishes         |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Curriculum Day – No Students   |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> | Planning Day for Staff         |
| Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> | Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup |

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

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

Welcome back everyone; we have had a great start to Term 3. I have had an enjoyable and restful break and would like to acknowledge Michelle and all the staff for stepping up whilst I was away. I am so fortunate to have such an amazing school and community.

Congratulations to Vivien who has coordinated sport for this year and our students. She has worked under some difficult situations often with very short timelines and I would like to thank our community for your support in helping Vivien meet these timelines. Our students have done an outstanding job in representing the school and shown improvement along the way. A great team effort – below are some of our achievements:

2 sporting schools grants worth a total of over \$4,500 spent on programs and new sports equipment.  
Introduction of our snow sports program  
District, Division and Regional Swimming  
District and Division Tennis  
School, District, Division and Regional Cross Country  
School, District and Division Athletics  
District and Division Soccer, Netball, AFL Football  
Division T-Ball  
Regional Hockey  
Bulla Hooptime  
Collingwood Football Players AFL Clinic  
Melbourne Storm Rugby Clinic

**9 Weeks to go!!!!** The next major event for the year is “Patch Fest” – it takes a village, this is locked in for Saturday October 27, where we will have a great day displaying our school and talents. We are in for a range of exceptional performances from within and without of our community. Further information will be coming home soon so circle the date, get the grandparents, your friends and family organised as we are in for a fun time of entertainment.

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

We are now beginning planning for 2019 – however, before we can even begin to think about grade structure we need to have enrolments for Prep 2019 finalised. If you have a child commencing Prep in 2019 please ensure you have enrolled by the end of August.

We are also asking those families who will not be at The Patch next year to please inform us by Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>. Enrolment fluctuations impact on our level of decision-making. This information will allow us to make informed decisions and budget effectively for our students.

Have a great weekend

*Debra*  
Principal  
[Herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:Herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)

*A beautiful poem written about our school by a parent in our community...*

## A School Amongst The Trees

A school amongst the flowers,  
A school amongst the trees.  
The rolling green of grassland  
And the golden morning sky.

The din of morning chatter,  
The tumble down the hill.  
The race for the bell – some near, some far,  
The smiles are always there.

The sunlight-streaming classrooms,  
The warmth of happy cheer.  
They nestle in close and they are one –  
Bright ring of faces to start the day.

The learning hums in and the school grows quiet,  
The birds have a turn at their song.  
The gum leaves rustle and the sunlight spills,  
The tall trees turn their faces to the sun.

The hours clock forward til the cars crawl the loop,  
The children stream out in noisy lines.  
With bags packed high with crumpled up paper  
They fill the cars with the voice of their song.

All around us we see dear friends and dear faces –  
They sweep in and out like the tide.  
The face of love runs so strong through this school  
And I am glad in my heart for it all.

Jodie Cameron

## *Our Upcoming Festival*

### **Can you spare a mug!!!**

We are looking for donations of mugs to be used in our chai tent for our up and coming Patchfest.

If every family can donate one mug we will have plenty for the day.

As we are hoping to steer away from plastic it would be great to have re-useable mugs.

### **Expressions of Interest for Stallholders**

Our Patchfest Market will be set on the school oval amongst the buzz and vibe of the chai tent, and our main music stage.

We hope for this to be a bustling place, and a great central spot for traders to showcase their wares, or promote their business. This will be a great opportunity to present yourself to our community as we are expecting attendance numbers of over 2000 people throughout the day.

We envisage our market to have an earthy eclectic feel – think handmade, upcycled. Recycled, locally sourced, or local business, community ... and we hope to have a plastic free environment.

If you are interested in having a stall and would like a copy of our application form providing more information, please email Dan at [dandeva@hotmail.com](mailto:dandeva@hotmail.com)

## *Snow Sports Program*

In PE this term we've been having an amazing time learning how to snowboard all within the comfort of our own school hall. With funding from the sporting schools program we have been lucky enough to get our hands on a class set of snow sports gear to help us learn how to snowboard at school. At the conclusion of our snow sports program each student in our school between the ages of 7-13 will receive a golden ticket.

The golden ticket initiative provides the opportunity for every child that completes a little shredders program to have an on-snow experience of their very own at no cost.

Buller, Charlotte Pass, Hotham, Falls Creek, Perisher, Selwyn Snow Resort and Thredbo have all signed on to provide an opportunity for children to transition from the program to a resort based activity.

Each child that completes the program will have access to:

2 day lift pass

2 day equipment hire

Lessons from a qualified instructor

If you'd like to find out more information about the program please visit [littleshredders.com.au](http://littleshredders.com.au)

Thanks!

*Viv*

Sports Coordinator

## Jasper has done it again!

Our Year 4 Student has once again connected with the wider community, this time it's not to do with planes, but he's discovery with magnetism!

"Dear Dr Karl,  
My name is Jasper I live in Melbourne and I am 10. I go to The Patch Primary school which is up in the Dandenong Ranges, a hour out of Melbourne. Last term we had to do a geology project where we could choose our topic. I decided to focus on magnetism. I decided on magnetism because I had heard that on Captain James Cook's first voyage he past down the coast of australia. When he past Magnetic island off the coast of Townsville on the 7th June 1770 his vessels compass went crazy because the island was giving off some sort of magnetic pull. People have search all over the island with lots of different tools to find if there was any magnetic pull but they haven't found anything. I was determind to find what had happened. So I did lots of research but didn't find anything. But then I had a idea that it might be a type of magnetic rock so I looked at different types of rock. At first I looked at Magnetite but didn't find any traces of magnetite in the area and Magnetite didn't give off a strong magnetic pull. Then my teacher Judy suggested another rock called Lodestone. I did some research on lodestone and found it gave off a strong magnetic pull also there was a reef called Lodestone Reef just 30km off the coast of Magnetic island that the base material was Lodestone. I had found the answer! I hope you like my discovery.  
Best regards Jasper."

"Dear Dr Jasper,

Howdy from me in Mongolia (just briefly on the internet), as I get ready to take the train to Tibet.

Congratulations on your magnificent discovery! You really have thought this through – and have started to apply the Scientific Method.

Two offers.

- 1) If you email me back a snail mail address, I would be most happy to send you a complimentary autographed copy of one of my books.
- 2) I am happy to do a Science Q&A Session with your class at school, for free, on a Wednesday afternoon, via Skype over the internet. If your teacher is interested, can you get them to start the process by going to [drkarl.com](http://drkarl.com) and clicking on the "Would you like Dr Karl to speak to your class" link.

Once again, congratulations.

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Karl S. Kruszelnicki,  
Julius Sumner Miller Fellow,  
School of Physics,  
The University of Sydney,  
NSW 2006  
Australia"

Well done Jasper!

# **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
- Polar Fleece Jacket
- Bomber Jacket (pre-order + limited stock)
- Sky skivvy
- Winter Tunic (pre-order + limited stock)
- 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".

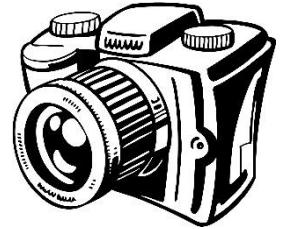
As always, thanks for your support,  
Uniform Shop Volunteers

[uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@thepatchps.vic.edu.au)

## **The Patch Early Learning Centre**

Enrolments open for The Patch Early Learning Centre for 2019  
Contact Adele 9751 9810 to arrange a tour.

# Snapshots from the week by our wonderful Year 6 photographers



# Terracycle Reminder!

We are still collecting oral care and beauty products for Terracycle. TerraCycle is a company “Eliminating the Idea of Waste®” by recycling the non-recyclable in order to divert millions of items of waste from landfills and incinerators each month. As well as helping reduce landfill, we as a school receive 0.02c per item collected, so the more items collected the better. So tell your friends, family and neighbours!

At the entrance to the main building/office of the school there are two large tubs for collection. We accept the following items:

**Colgate Oral care recycling program acceptable items:** All toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging, floss containers. Please note: Electronic toothbrushes and electronic toothbrush parts are not recyclable through this program.

**Beauty products recycling program acceptable items:** Cosmetics packaging (e.g. used lipstick and lip gloss, mascara, eye shadow, bronzer, foundation, eyeliner, eye shadow, lip liner, and concealer packaging), Hair care packaging (e.g. used shampoo and conditioner bottles and caps, hair gel tubes and caps, hair spray and hair treatment packaging), Skin care packaging (e.g. lip balm, face moisturiser, face and body wash soap dispensers and tubes, body and hand lotion dispensers and tubes and shaving foam packaging).

Please divert the items from your landfill bin and instead bring them to school and place them in the appropriate tub. Thank you!



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.

# **UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY**

## **Finding Calm**



With Luella Cochrane +  
Tamara Adams

With a wealth of both professional and personal experience, Luella and Tamara present simple mind-body techniques to shift families from anxious to calm.

Breathwork, Essential Oils and Mind Set Activities will leave you feeling clear and empowered.

This workshop is for parents/guardians + their 10+ year old children

**THURS AUG  
16TH 6:30-8PM**  
sixty eight  
68 Main Rd, Monbulk

**TICKETS**  
\$36 Family (up to 3)  
\$15 Single

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/412619](http://www.trybooking.com/412619)



# WELCOME TO THE 2018 2019 JUNIOR SEASON

**U16, U14, U13,  
U12, U11, U10,  
In2Cricket (5-8yo)**

## CONTACTS

Junior Co-ordinator – Steve Utting 0402 344 895  
Email: utting.steven.c@edumail.vic.gov.au

In2Cricket Co-ordinator – Pete Isaac 0429 053 970

For more info go to: [monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au](http://monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au)



## MINI RANGES

The Mini Ranges Basketball Program is specifically designed for primary school aged children for both boys and girls from Prep to Grade 6.

Developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere, this program will prepare children for junior domestic competition with Ranges Basketball Club. Ranges domestic Basketball Club have teams from U8 – U23 so if you are ages 6-22 we have a team for you!

To book a place for Mini Ranges or register for the upcoming Summer 2019 season commencing on 10 November 2018 please contact:

Carey on 0417 398 834 or [ct3103@bigpond.com](mailto:ct3103@bigpond.com) or Hayley Lourey 0418 990 026  
Please note that parents are expected to stay and all participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner.

DATES: All Wednesday's:  
15, 22, 29 August  
5, 12, 19 September  
(school holidays 20/9/18-8/10/2018 - NO CLINICS)  
3, 10, 17 October

TIME: 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
WHERE: Monbulk College Sports Stadium  
HOW MUCH: FREE  
WHAT TO BRING: Runners and a basketball (not compulsory)



# WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?

BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB NEED YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING  
FOR PLAYERS  
AGED 8+ YEARS

TEAMS RANGE FROM  
UNDER 11'S - OPEN  
AGES PLAYING AT  
KNOX REGIONAL

CONTACT JENNY  
0408 933 956  
[BELCOMASEC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BELCOMASEC@GMAIL.COM)

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## Emerald Cricket Club

### Junior Registration Day

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**4 pm - 6 pm**

**Chandler Reserve, Emerald**

**Cricket BLAST 5-8 years,  
U10's, U12's, U14's, U16's**



**President:** Clinton Marsh ph 0433 332 270

**Junior Co-Ordinators:** Ian and Debbie Crosher

ph 0429 660 153 ph 0438 547 157

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com)