



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

November

Sat 24th	Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle, State Election
Mon 26th	Taming of The Butterflies Session
Mon 26th	School Council
Tue 27th	Berry Street parents session 6:30pm-8:30pm
Wed 28th	Prep 2019 parent information session 6-7pm
Fri 30th	5/6 Surf School
Fri 30th	Prep – Yr 2 Athletics Day

December

Tue 4th & Wed 5th	Taming of The Butterflies presentation nights 7pm
Fri 7th	Christmas Carols 6pm-8pm
Tue 11th	Whole School Step-Up Day
Fri 14th	Monbulk Christmas Carols
Wed 19th	Yr 6 graduation
Fri 21st	Yr 5/6 Knox Leisure Works
Fri 21st	End of year Assembly 12:50pm
Fri 21st	End of year – early dismissal 1:30pm

Bell Times

Start 8:50am

Recess 10:40 – 11:10

Lunch 1:05 – 1:50

Bell for drop off 3:25pm

Our Mango' s will
be ready from
3:15pm Wednesday
28th November



FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thought for the week: Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. — Confucius

It promises to be a very busy and eventful few weeks for our students. Teachers will continue to work through engaging, carefully constructed units of study with the children. Our core focus is student learning with a focus on literacy and numeracy. In particular this year with an emphasis on our teaching of writing.

Our curriculum is carefully planned to ensure that all students maximise their learning in these important areas and all of our extra-curricular activities are carefully selected and planned, so that links can be made to formal learning in Maths and English. Teachers will be continuing to undertake a range of assessment activities in preparation for the students end of year reports – it is very important that children attend school every day.

For your information, we are now planning teacher, student and grade structure for 2019. We hope to complete this process by the end of November and we will then inform you of our decisions. It is important that we know if you are intending to relocate next year as this has implications for both teacher and student placements. (Thank you to those parents who have notified me already and we wish you every success on the next stage of your journey.)

Each year we work hard to ensure that your children are placed in well-balanced classes that offer students every opportunity to grow as active, flexible and resilient learners and people in a supportive environment. While sometimes this means that your child will not be with all their friends, we hope that every student is with people they enjoy sharing and learning with. We make every attempt to include a range of abilities and strengths in each class.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss with teachers about next year, please feel free to contact them through email or in person during the next few weeks.

As the year draws to a close we reflect back on the year and look forward to a smooth transition into 2019. We are fast approaching step up day for all students on Tuesday December 11th. For our new parents this is when the year 6 students transition to High School for the day. As a school the students all step up for the first 2 hours of the day to meet their new teacher for the following year and find out who will be in their class.. On this day you will receive your child's report and the name of their class teacher for 2019. If you have anything you need to discuss with the teacher you are able to organise a brief interview with the class teacher after you have received your child's report.

Parent Payment Charges for 2019 have been emailed to you, there are several pages of information as we implement the department guidelines. These documents can also be found on the website and are available in hardcopy at the office.

Fire Safety at this time of the year and Term one is always on our minds. As a school, we will continue with our regular practices to the hall, in case of an emergency or the oval depending on the identified risk. We have had a strong plan and process for many years now.

Over the next few weeks we ask that you focus on your fire plan in the case of extreme weather days. Please see information further on about the process for our code red days on the website.

Regards,

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A reminder for the commencement of Term 1, 2019

We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to relocate to Knox Central Primary School on days of Extreme fire danger and pre-emptively close on days of Code Red Day fire danger.

On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from school. Children will NOT be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.

Sign Out Reminder for early pick up - If you choose to pick your child up early it is an absolute must to sign your children out at the office. As part of continuing Emergency Management procedures roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. In the event of an emergency, we would waste several precious moments trying to work out where children are if they have not been signed out. I can only implore you to make sure you follow this very simple procedure.

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days.

CHILDREN STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR:

Parents of our year 6 students will tell you that it doesn't seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our year sixes are already 7 weeks into their final term of primary school with only 4 weeks to go.

Starting secondary school often brings out mixed feelings for not only our students but parents as well. There are often many questions, which I'm sure you have, which are not always fully answered at information nights and orientation days.

The Department of Education and Training have developed an informative site, which provides hints, tips, advice and information on how to support your child through the transition from primary to secondary school at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/tips-starting-school.aspx>

GOAL SETTING FOR A SUCCESSFUL TERM

Planning ahead is an important skill that can be learnt and further developed at all ages - even adults! Organisation, at school, means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher's instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your school supplies ready at a neat table, recording your projects and their due dates and planning when you are going to do your homework so that you have enough time.

Two positive *Habits of the Mind* that help develop a young person's organisation include:

- *Setting Goals* - means thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- *Planning My Time* - means thinking about how long it will take me to do my school work and planning enough time to get it done.

Some ideas to help children become more organised and have a more successful term are:

1. **Chunking:** Breaking complex tasks into small, manageable steps. For instance, week-long school projects can be broken down into a series of smaller tasks that can be completed daily.
2. **Goal-setting:** Helping children set small and large goals is one tangible way of increasing their effectiveness. eg. "I want to learn to spell 20 new words from my list by Friday."
3. **Making plans:** Working out steps required to help achieve goals and objectives requires children to look ahead. "I will learn five words a night. I'll ask an adult to test me each night."
4. **Managing time:** Time planning tools such as lists and diaries can help children keep schedules, hand work in on time and help prevent children overestimating what they can achieve.
5. **Routines take the worry out of remembering.** Homework routines, morning routines, even after-school unpacking routines help children to be organized. For instance, an after-school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.
6. **Have regular homework time.** Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal homework has been set then use this time for reading.
7. **Have morning round-up.** Remind children of the day's events each morning so they can plan accordingly.

Use routines and structure. There are times when so much is going on in young people's lives that they need structure and routine to help them get organized. Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children when they are busy.

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!



Raising money for local mum Emily Bartley who lost her life providing life saving intervention to a motorcyclist in September.



BARTLEY FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY NOV 25

**BELGRAVE HEIGHTS
CONVENTION CENTRE
10AM-4PM**

Presale tickets via:

<http://ticketebo.com.au/bartleyfamilyday>

All proceeds to go to the Bartley Family
Individuals or Businesses wanting to get involved by
donations of services or time, please email

bartleyfamilyday@gmail.com

Bartley Family Day Committee

Presale Tickets

\$10 adult

\$5 child

**\$25 Family of 4 or
more**

***Tickets also
available on the
day**

Food Vans

Rides

Face Painting

Pony rides

Music

Entertainment

Market Stalls

Sausage Sizzle



WELCOME TO THE 2018 2019 JUNIOR SEASON

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

Junior (U10-U16) Cricket Registration Night
Wednesday 15th August, 6pm
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin

Junior Indoor Pre-Season Training – U12-U16 Only
Friday 7th and 14th September, 6pm-7pm, Cost \$5
Croydon Saxon Sports – 51 Lusher Rd, Croydon

Stuart Lever Junior Development Clinic – All Juniors
Specialist coaching - September School Holidays
Cost \$10 Tuesday 25th September
10am-12pm – U10, U11, U12
11.30-1.30pm – U13, U14, U16
BBQ & drinks supplied at end of each session.
Croydon Saxon Sports – 51 Lusher Rd, Croydon

In2Cricket Registration Night
Friday 19th October, 5.30pm
Monbulk Cricket Club Log Cabin

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Junior Co-ordinator– Steve Utting 0402 344 895
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In2Cricket Co-ordinator– Pete Isaac 0429 053 970

For more info go to: monbulkcc.vic.cricket.com.au



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
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SEASON 2018/19 • 1ST DEC TO 11TH MAR

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SEASON OPENING PARTY
SAT - 1 DEC - 12pm-7pm
BANDS - BBQ - DJ - FUN




Monbulk Netball Club

2019 Winter Registration Day

Net Set Go, Under 11's, 13's, 15's, 17's, 23's and Open

WHERE: Monbulk Netball Courts – Moores Road, Monbulk

WHEN: Tuesday 4th December 2018

From 4pm to 6pm

Sausage sizzle and drinks available

For more information contact us at
monbulknetballclub3793@gmail.com

MNC play in the Mountain District Netball Association. Winter competition runs from February to August, at Knox Regional Netball Centre, 9 Dempster Street, Ferntree Gully, on Saturdays.

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

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.

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