



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to Remember

### August

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>

Puberty Education 5/6  
Staff Fundraising Shopping Tour  
School Council Meeting (please note date change)  
Literacy & Numeracy week

31/8 - 4/9

### September

Fri 9<sup>th</sup>

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

Fri 11<sup>th</sup>

Footy Colors Day Prep - 6  
5/6 Winter Sports  
Choir/Ukulele Presentation at assembly  
FREE Parent Seminar – Dan Petro  
Last Day of Term 3 for Students  
Normal Dismissal Time 3.20pm  
Bush Dance (Discovery Church) & KidsMatter Launch  
Last Day of Term - Curriculum Day (Students not required at school)

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

### October

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

Fri 30<sup>th</sup>

First Day of term 4  
Curriculum Day (Students not required at school)

### November

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> - Fri 13<sup>th</sup>

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Planning Day  
Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday  
Prep – Grade 2 Swimming Program  
Teacher Planning Day

## Hope to see you on the Shopping Tour



**Did you know?? Even though it's called QKR and is run by MasterCard, you can use your Credit Card, Debit Card or Bank Account**

## Curriculum Day - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

A student-free day is planned for the last day of term 3. On this day, teachers will be working on numeracy assessment and planning for term 4.

If there is sufficient demand, our OSHC team will be running a full Curriculum Day program. ***If you are interested in using this service, please advise Sheila or the school office staff of your intention no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.***

Please note that we require a minimum of 15 attendees for this program to go ahead.

We look forward to a great day!

# From the Principal...

## Thought for the week:

**“One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.”**

**Carl Jung**

The teacher's core business is to teach. We see that every day. Reading, writing, spelling, maths, Japanese, Philosophy, Science, Art, Music - the list goes on.

The things that teachers do every day that we don't see are just as important, sometimes more so. It's conflict resolution, building resilience, modelling respect and self-management, boosting confidence and encouraging esteem, helping to solve social and family issues – this list is endless, harder to mark and the results are not reportable. Positive self-esteem is one of the building blocks of school success; it provides a firm foundation for learning.

For many students, self-confidence is a natural personality trait: you either have it or you don't. Confident learners tend to speak more and know how to get their point across. For students who aren't so confident, learning new material can feel like swimming upstream. They will question their abilities and shy away from communication.

A student's self-esteem has a significant impact on almost everything they do -- on the way they engage in activities, deal with challenges and interact with others. Self-esteem also can have a marked effect on academic performance. Low self-esteem can lessen a student's desire to learn, their ability to focus, and their willingness to take risks. The challenge in working with children with low self-esteem is to restore their belief in themselves, so they persevere in the face of academic challenges. Educators shape self-esteem every day, in the normal course of interacting with their students. Although you cannot teach a student to feel good about themselves, you can nurture their self-esteem through a continual process of encouragement and support.

Here at The Patch, we have a range of programs from Prep to 6 that help consolidate this nurturing.

- Philosophy – which focuses on our values of respect and responsibility
- Friendship circle, circle time and class meetings - where children discuss and problem solve issues that are occurring within their grade.
- Reach Rookies – with a focus on understanding who we are
- Standing Tall – a program developed by Yale to incorporate being able to stand tall with integrity and confidence
- Taming of the Butterflies – a public speaking course designed to give students confidence in their ability to talk and present to others
- Empower for boys and girls – learning how to deal with conflict around groups and friendships

### *and now*

- KidsMatter which will be launched at our Bushdance.
- Jody Yandle in the role of counsellor and service guidance.

We are working hard towards helping your child be the best they can be now and long past graduation from primary school. Teaching the whole child is our privilege and our joy.

Thank you for sharing your child with us. Have a great week.

*Deb*

# KeepCup comes to The Patch for 3/4 Sustainability

*Isaac Livett, the Account Manager at KeepCup Australia visited this morning's assembly to present our grade 3/4 sustainability classes with a donation. This is their speech.*

"Thank you, Isaac, for being here today to present us with these KeepCups.

Sustainability is a really important issue that we all study here at The Patch. We are trying to reduce the amount of waste that we make because waste is terrible for our environment. Waste goes to landfill which never breaks down. Ever. We went to the rubbish tip for an excursion in Sustainability and we saw what happens to all of our rubbish. It was horrible. Hot chocolates from our lunch orders come in throw away cups. That's wasteful and we had an idea about how to change this.

We thought about this problem and decided that the only way to keep having hot chocolates and also reduce the amount of rubbish coming into or school was to use Keep Cups for our hot chocolates.

We wrote a letter to the KeepCup company, on behalf of planet Earth, to ask if they would be able to generously supply our school with KeepCups for us to use for our hot chocolates instead of the disposable ones that end up in landfill. Our teachers all use KeepCups when they are out on yard duty with their coffee and tea. They look so colourful and fun and we know that they can be re-used a hundred million thousand times which drastically reduces landfill.

We asked for 25 cups because The Patch Store told us that they usually have around 25 kids from our school order hot chocolates each lunch order day in the winter. We rang the KeepCup company and read them our letter over the phone. Then we emailed it to them as well.

Keep Cup wrote back and said that they were touched by the effort and the passion our grade has demonstrated and they were really pleased to tell us that they would be happy to donate 25 KeepCups to our school.

These cups will live at The Patch Store and when you order a hot chocolate with your lunch order, it will come in one of these awesome re-usable cups. When the bell goes to go out for lunch, please rinse out your cups in your classroom and then bring it up to the office and put it in the Keep Cup basket. Our grade will wash the cups and return them to the store.

We have worked out that we can save over 1000 throw away cups from landfill every winter!

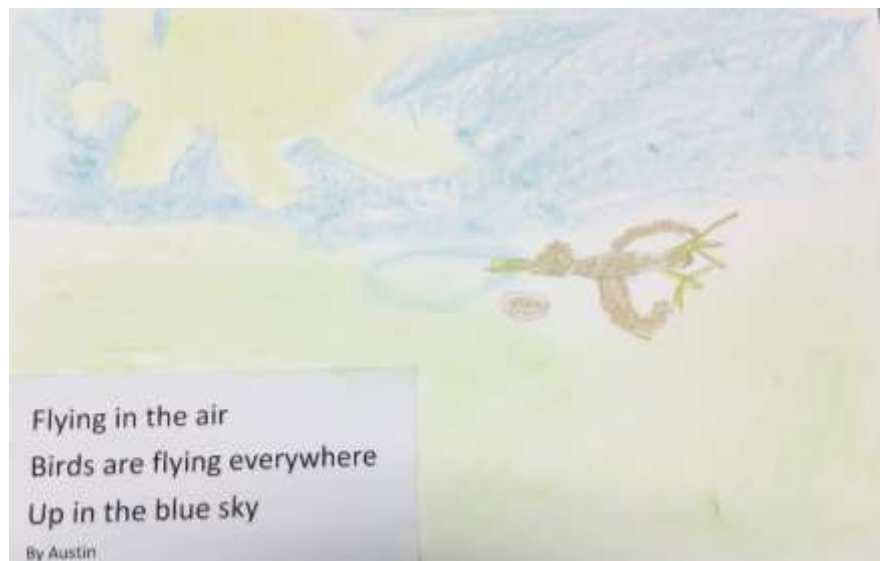
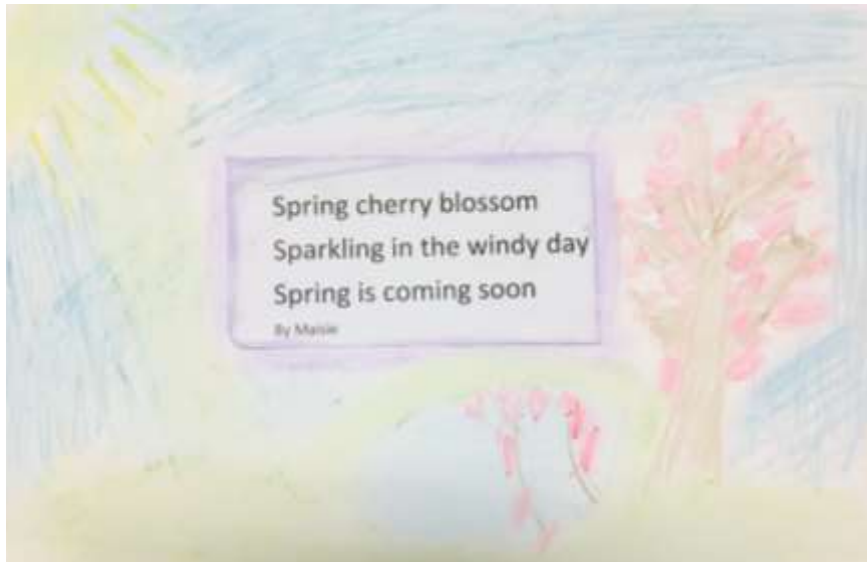
Thank you so much to Keep Cup for your generosity and donating all of these cups to our school. You have helped to make a huge difference to the amount of waste coming into our school and ending up in landfill."

Read by Elida, Jonah, Cameron, Gus, Emily, Ruby, Chloe, Charlie, Anton.

*Well done Eco Warriors! You show us all that we can be the change.*



# Look at some of our Grade 1 student's Haiku poetry



# **A BIG THANK YOU**

Grade 1 student Alessia, along with her uncle, Andy Griffith, has donated his latest book installment, 'The 65 - Storey Treehouse'. We are very lucky to have this book, as it is in high demand. Josie will get it processed as quickly as she can for school borrowing. Thank you Alessia, and please thank your Uncle Andy on behalf of The Patch Primary School.

## *Can you help?*

**Our major fundraiser for this year is the upcoming Bushdance supporting the Caring for the Community fund. We will be running a raffle in the coming weeks so get ready and look out for ticket sales. As they say, *you've gotta be in it to win it!***

**We already have some great prizes for our raffle. We would be very happy to accept some more. You may have a business or know of a business that might like to provide some sponsorship or goods/services for our Bushdance or raffle.**

**If you can assist, please contact Nicola Ryan via email on [ryan.n.nicola@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ryan.n.nicola@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Deb Herrmann at school.**



# ASSEMBLY STARS!



**At assembly today, Akari, Ayaka and Haruhi from Fukuoka in Japan, stopped by. They are visiting Australia and staying with some of our Patch families. The girls are over with the Asia Pacific Childrens' Convention (APCC) and are part of the bridge club, uniting world cultures together. Thanks for stopping by. Enjoy your stay!**

# ASSEMBLY STARS!

*Congratulations to all the students awarded certificates  
at assembly!  
Well done everyone!*



*Have you been to Assembly recently? We hold our whole-school Assembly on Friday mornings at 9am either in the Hall or on the basketball court, depending on the weather.*

*Hope to see you there soon!*

# Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## 4km & 10km Fun Run



 Find us on  
Facebook

9am to 3pm

Family Fun Day

Kids Entertainment

Giant Plant Sale

Cake Stall

[www.run-for-the-hills.org](http://www.run-for-the-hills.org)

This is a community fundraiser and all proceeds will be shared between

South Belgrave  
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[www.vsk.org.au](http://www.vsk.org.au)

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SPECIAL   
**kids**

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# A Way To Happier Children

Behaviour Analyst, Dan Petro, presents an information session outlining:

- The function of behaviour
- Suggestions to help your children
- The rights and independence of individuals
- Family and school needs and behaviour
- Education and family support
- Your questions answered

**Monday 14th September**  
**7pm—9pm**

Supper provided

**Limited places available!**  
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Behaviour  
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The Patch School  
Library

53 Kallista —Emerald  
Road

The Patch  
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# KIDS! KIDS! KIDS!

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY!!

## CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!

Level 1 Camp - weekend Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> February - Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**\$65 Full Fee\***

(Also, Level 3 camp on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup>- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015)

SAY NO TO  
OVERCOMING



BULLYING!!  
SHYNESS!!

\* Commenced in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason only- because it works! It does cause kids to be much more confident, and it does increase their self esteem!

\* The Feb 16 camp is for new campers. In some cases we do accept new ones in the October camp if extenuating circumstances exist, but ring and ask about this if needed.

- See [www.kidsofgold.org.au](http://www.kidsofgold.org.au) to see who we are, what we do, and to download a form for the Feb 16 camp, which also has more on it about Valley.
- Open to Primary
- There are 4 levels level, and in the first leaders came level, after much
- All activities are from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and interactive sessions.
- Held at Lyrebird Park campsite, Beenak Rd, Yellingbo - Melways 308
- Cost of \$65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings Ranges Council.
- Contact Kids of Gold on 0418 170 027 (Jenny) or 9737 9475 (Gary) or 0415 427 396 9 (Gary) to hold a place and/or find out more.



how the camp started and where it is in the beautiful Yarra kids in Grades 4-6 in 2015(& 9 year olds in Grade 3). kids can work through. The 4<sup>th</sup> level is a Leadership Training camp our from that through hard work! fun



activities, challenging

K10 and Yarra

**KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN VIC 3795**

**ABN 57 327 231 83**

# CONTACTING OSHC

To contact OSHC staff during program hours please call the main school telephone number **9756 7463** and select Option 1 to be directed to the OSHC landline.

If this line is unavailable, please call the mobile **0419 515 494** and, if there is no answer, feel free to leave a message.

Also call this number during school hours and you will be re-directed to the OSHC Voicemail.

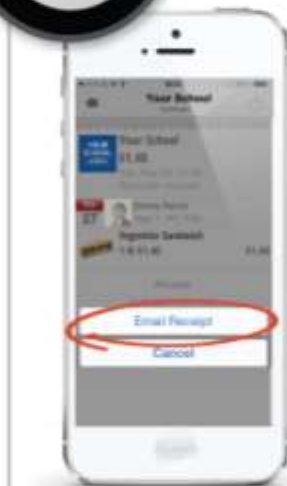
Staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

## Paying Cash at School

As we are fast becoming a cashless school, we do not hold any change on the premises. If you are needing to pay cash at school you will need to ensure you have the correct amount as we are unable to give change. Thank you for your cooperation.

## QkR Tips!

We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback about our new payment app Qkr (pronounced 'Quicker'). For any of you who do not have access to a tablet or smart phone and cannot access the app, head to the school website (School Life tab) where there is information about how to access the web based version.



### Keep track of your Qkr! payments with handy itemized eReceipts

Itemized Qkr!™ eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts simply sign into your Qkr! account and scroll down to 'My Receipts' section.

Never lose a receipt: email select receipts to your preferred email account:

- 1 Select eReceipt which you wish to email to yourself
- 2 Tap the icon on the top right of your screen and you will see the option: 'Email Receipt'
- 3 Tap 'Email Receipt' and enter your email address

Use eReceipts to cancel a food order which you have already paid for:

- 1 Select eReceipt for order you wish to cancel
- 2 You will see the 'minus' symbol in a red circle beside your child's photo. Tap this. A pop-up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'Yes'
- 3 A 'Refunded' stamp will appear on your eReceipt confirming that the order has been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any outstanding food order credits will automatically be deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

## The Patch Store is on Qkr!

School lunch orders are now available for order on Qkr! This will be a great time saver, no longer will you have to scrounge for loose change in the morning rush! Lunch order days are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When you log on to Qkr simply click on The Patch Store then select the day you are ordering lunch for, then scroll through the products and select what you'd like. You will need to order individually for each child.

*Remember that if you have ordered lunch on Qkr, there is no need to place a written order in your child's lunch order basket. As with any new process, there may be a few hiccups to begin with but the system is constantly being refined and your feedback is valued.*

*Thank you for your enthusiasm and understanding.*

## Did you apply for the **Camps, Excursions & Sports Fund (CESF)**?

Payments have now arrived for those parents who were eligible and applied for the CESF. If you have not already done so, please contact the school Office and advise them of your allocation preferences.

Thank you.

## Garden Team

We are always looking for new members for our Garden Team. If you would like to come along to our monthly Tuesday night meeting, please see Michelle Rayner 😊

## **\*\*Parking Restrictions Behind the Hall\*\***

Please note that there is **no parking behind the Hall**. This is a **staff only** area and we ask parents and visitors to use the gravel car park behind the shelter shed or parallel parking spaces along the ring road.

Thank you for your co-operation 😊





**What is SchoolMate?** SchoolMate is an app for Victorian parents to help them understand what their kids are learning and get more involved in their child's education.

**Who is SchoolMate for?** Parents of students from prep to Year 10 in Victorian government schools.

**Can parents of children in Catholic and independent schools use SchoolMate?** Parents with children at Catholic schools can also use SchoolMate as their schools also follow the AusVELS Victorian school curriculum. Parents with children at Independent schools should check with their principal or teacher about how closely their school follows the AusVELS curriculum.

**Where can I get SchoolMate?** You can download it now for free in the App store and in Google Play. Just search for 'SchoolMate'.

**Does SchoolMate work on all phones and tablets?** SchoolMate works on all iPhone 4s, 5s and 6s and all recent iPads. It also works on all current Android phones and tablets.

**What will I find in SchoolMate?**

SchoolMate will:

- Show parents a snapshot of what their children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provide tips as to what they can do at home to help their kids in the best way possible
- Suggested related apps, books, events and activities relevant to each subject area.

**Will SchoolMate tell me everything about what my children are learning at school?** No. SchoolMate is a snapshot of the school curriculum (AusVELS) which our school uses as the basis for the learning programs we deliver every day. Parents should always talk to their child's teacher with any questions about what their child is learning.

**Who created SchoolMate?** The Department of Education and Training's Digital Comms team, with lots of help from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and dozens of educators from the Victorian teaching subject associations.



## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

### How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



Please head to the website below for more information

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx>



## **Remember your weekly school banking is collected on a Wednesday.**



**Every time you deposit you will receive  
a sticker for your certificate and with  
only 6 stickers per term you will  
receive a prize at the end of term.**

Application forms and certificates are available at the school office.

By banking with Bendigo Bank you also support all  
the animals at the Monbulk Wildlife Shelter.

Have fun saving and don't forget you can contact  
us at the Bank with any questions at all 😊

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# 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 VPass system on the iPad at the office. The appropriate orange or yellow 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.

Thank you.

## Community Notices



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### **TRY NETBALL!**

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SEPTEMBER 2015  
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## 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 & Cello Lessons

Lessons are available at school on Fridays with experienced strings teacher Jane Coleman.  
For further information call: 0431 290 396 or email: [janeliz.coleman@gmail.com](mailto:janeliz.coleman@gmail.com). Be quick as there is 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, starting next term on Mondays, from week 2 onwards. The Patch School parent, Jess Dunn, has had 5 years' experience teaching ukulele to kids and adults and is looking forward to teaching at The Patch. The cost is \$14 for a 20 minute individual lesson or \$10 for a paired lesson (subject to suitable pairing). For more information, please call or email.

0408 102 542 [jessdunn.arts@gmail.com.au](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com.au)

## Drawing lessons

### Are your kids crazy about drawing?

If the answer is yes, sign them up for this 4 week course. They will learn simple techniques to boost their drawing confidence and help them to go from aspiring to awesome!

4 week course beginning term 3

Time: Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:30 pm

\$15 per 45 min lesson

Max 5 per class    Ages 11+

Venue: Eco centre at the Patch Primary

For more details contact Steve on 97566961



## The Patch School

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### Want to work as a Teacher's Aide in a Primary School?

Great for parents returning to work!

- Study during school hrs (1 day per wk)
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