



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

October

Mon 5 th	FIRST DAY of term 4
Mon 19 th	School Council Meeting 7pm
Mon 26 th	Murrindindi visit Prep-2
Tues 27 th	OSHC Fundraiser @ Diana Ferrari 7pm Nude Food Day (see flyer below)
Thurs 29 th	Prep Transition 9:30-10:30am
Fri 30 th	Curriculum Day (Students not required at school)

November

Mon 2 nd	Teacher Planning Day – alternate program for students
Tues 3 rd	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Wed 4 th - Fri 13 th	Prep – Grade 2 Swimming Program
Mon 16 th - Wed 18 th	Grade 6 Sovereign Hill Historical Excursion
Thurs 19 th	Grade 2 School Sleepover
Mon 23 rd	Prep-2 Athletics Day
Thurs 26 th	Prep Transition 9-11am Specialists

December

Tues 1 st	Whole School Music Incursion Prep-6
Tues 1 st	2016 Prep Info Night 7-8pm
Wed 2 nd	Whole School Christmas Carols (weather permitting) Time TBA
F 4 th	Prep/Buddy Excursion – Miniature Railway, Kilsyth
Tues 8 th	Step Up Day 9:30-11am – Reports go home and Grades announced
Tues 15 th	Grade 6 Graduation – Nathania Springs
Fri 18 th	LAST DAY term 4 – early finish TBA
Fri 18 th	Grade 6 Excursion Knox Leisureworks

Have a FUN
Term 3
break



NATIONAL
NUDE
FOOD
DAY™



On the **27th of October** we will be participating in Nude Food Day. In Sustainability we have discovered that, on average, the grades in our school bring 36 pieces of unrecyclable rubbish to school every day. Over a week, this works out to be 180 pieces of landfill. For a school with 12 grades, this is over 2000 pieces of unrecyclable rubbish going to landfill every week from just one school. This equates to over 85,000 pieces of rubbish in the school year going to landfill where it will be trapped in cells, never to break down. Why not search the web for some helpful hints and recipes for putting together a rubbish free lunch for your children? Try this website

<http://www.nudefoodday.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/NFM-RECIPES-BOOKLET-LO.pdf>

It's really not that hard and will make an enormous difference to the amount of waste going to landfill every year.

From the Principal...

Thought for the week:

“Around here, we don’t look backwards for very long... we keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things because we’re curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths”

Walt Disney

Boot scootin’ bush dancing! What a fantastic night. So great to see so many members of our community gather together, dressed in varying forms of bush dancing costume, to while away the hours with their families and each other. Students performed a variety of bush dances they had learnt during physical education and we were also visited by a very friendly emu! Once again, we were brought to tears by our Grade 6 students. Seeing the culmination of an in-depth thought process and some artistic and creative work being brought to life on stage was incredibly moving. The masks were simply outstanding, upstaged only by the stunning words each student had written to describe their mask; really, they were describing themselves and their inner feelings. They teach us every day!

The official launch of KidsMatter at our school was also an important part of the night. This is the beginning of a process that will embed student mental health and wellbeing into our school’s everyday practice and values and it is a journey that includes the whole school community. Families and friends were welcomed at the door of Discovery Church by members of the student and staff KidsMatter Action Teams who offered showbags, a KidsMatter flyer and a special pink and yellow ribbon to wear, signifying their inclusion in the our school’s KidsMatter journey. An enormous ‘thank you’ to Deb who, despite being very unwell, put together 400 ribbons for us and made the beautiful, hand crafter banner that was displayed over head in the foyer. Thanks so much Deb – your efforts are appreciated by us all. Component 1 of KidsMatter focusses on developing a *Positive School Community*, and the Bush Dance was a terrific way to continue to develop that strength at The Patch School. We are off to a flying start!

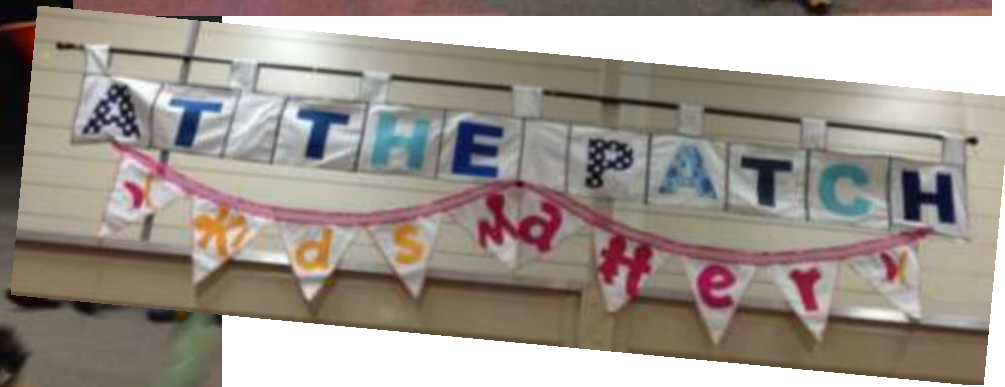
We have experienced a huge amount of sickness this term throughout the school. Please use this break to rest, recover and re-charge as we head towards the final term of another busy year.

Have a great holiday and we will see you all back safe and well for Term 4.

Best wishes,

Your friends at The Patch School

TOE-TAPPIN', WHIP-CRACKIN', BUSH-WHACKIN' GOOD TIME AT THE KIDSMATTER BUSH DANCE!





KIDSMATTER BUSHDANCE

Wellbeing services

A BIG Thanks to all our wonderful service providers.

Headspace Knox

Anglicare

Monbulk Care Network

Catalyst Connect (kinesiology)

EACH Social and Community Health

The Patch Early Learning Centre – Yooralla

Raising Children Network

Australia Government Department of Health

COPMI (Children of Parents with Mental Illness)

beyondblue

KidsMatter

NAPCAN Foundation

Quit

Yarra Ranges Council

Knox City Council

Fernhills Clinic (psychology & mental health care)

Thankyou for your participation

KIDSMATTER BUSHDANCE

Caring for our community raffle

A BIG Thanks to all our wonderful sponsors. We appreciate your generosity, thoughtfulness and time. You make the difference.
"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."

In no particular order, we give credit to

CUCKOO RESTAURANT, OLINDA
THE YANDLE FAMILY
COONARA SPRINGS, OLINDA
THE WOODLOCK FAMILY
THE BROWN FAMILY
MAXIM GROUP STATIONARY
GEPPETTOS, OLINDA & SASSAFRASS
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PUFFING BILLY
DOWN PATCH LANE, THE PATCH
THE CARTER FAMILY
THE STACK FAMILY
ESSENTIAL BEAUTY, OLINDA
HELLOWORLD, BELGRAVE
MONTAGE CAFÉ, OLINDA
THE BENDIGO BANK

Thankyou for your help

SPECIAL THANKS TO Tammie, Edith and Sue for your hard work during the night and Lynda and Di for all your expertise in the kitchen.

5/6 Winter Sports



On Thursday 8 September, our 5/6 students attended Mountain District Winter sports held at Monbulk Reserve. They competed in AFL, Nines, Minke hockey and Netball. Our students displayed amazing sportsmanship and made us proud.

Below is our winning football team. Thank you so much to Glenn for this great photo of the team!



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!

ASSEMBLY STARS!



Congratulations to our Kids Teaching Kids participants Alex, Max, Sylvan, Anastasia, Niamh, Saige, Jai and Dylan.

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Track & Field Season Oct - March

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Sat 12th Sept
REGO DAY & WORKING BEE



Sat 19th Sept
COCKATOO STREET PARTY



Sat 10th Oct
SEASON STARTS

Ages 5 - 15

Sprints

Middle Distance

Long Distance

Hurdles

Relays

Long Jump

Triple Jump

High Jump

Discus

Shot Put

FUN FITNESS & FAMILY

Enquiries: 0418 322 237

Mountain Road Reserve

www.cockatoolittleathletics.org.au



NUDE FOOD DAY

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

What is Nude Food?

Nude Food is simply food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging.

The best type of nude food consists mainly of fresh food, so that it is healthy and nutritious PLUS environmentally friendly.

Promoting Nude Food empowers students to make conscious choices about what they eat, and encourages them to think about their impact on the environment (and their health). You might be amazed with how enthused your child can become on this...

✓ **To pack a Nude Food Lunch or Snack, you will need:**

- Cutlery from home is better than throwaway plastic ones
- Plastic or metal drink bottles are recommended for refilling with water
- Reusable containers for putting all of your food, snacks and drinks into
- Lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections can be useful to avoid lost lids or containers

✗ **Try to avoid:**

- Zip lock or plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminium foil
- Tetra packed drinks, single serve yoghurts and cheese
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Prepackaged food, i.e. biscuits, snack bars and chips

Tips for Packing Nude Food Lunches:

- Try to involve the kids in helping decide what to take. This will help to avoid uneaten foods being thrown out, plus will save your family money as well. Also, remember to praise your child if they do eat something healthy which is new for them.
- Try to pack the lunches the night before and store in the fridge overnight to avoid the mad rush in the morning.
- If your child normally enjoys chips, yoghurt or other prepackaged snacks, buy these in a larger format and you can decant these into smaller reusable containers or lunchbox.
- If your child does enjoy chips, why not try making your own veggie versions using sliced beetroot, parsnip or sweet potato and baking in the oven?
- Try to use fruit and vegetables that are in season. Seasonal produce is friendly to the environment as well as to your budget, as less fuels are used to transport it into your supermarket.
- Go to www.nudefoodday.com.au/resources for Nude Food recipe ideas.



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Beautiful



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NUDE
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Get ready for the
2016 Rio Olympics



Join us at Sherbrooke Little Aths in Ferntree Gully!

Fun, family environment for 5 - 15 year olds
Compete in up to 7 events each week
Try to beat your personal best!



Kings Park UFTG - Saturdays 8:45am - 11:45am
Season Starts 10 October 2015

FREE 2 Week Trials!

Join us on a registration day, 9am - 11am:
Saturday 12 September
Saturday 26 September

FAMILY, FUN & FITNESS



For more info, check out sherbrookelac.org.au
Contact Greg for enquiries on 0418 567 768



Belgrave Library

September 2015 School Holiday Activities

Monday 21st September 11am - 3pm

Games and Puzzle Extravaganza

Drop in any time to enjoy some fun games, puzzles and Wii. Or get creative with some Duplo then unwind with relaxing Mandala colouring sheets

Ages: 3+

Tuesday 22nd September 11am (ages 5-8) and 11.30 (ages 9-12)

Hip Hop Dancing

Join Tara Walton from Dance Empire in Tecoma for a fun, free hip-hop dance session
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Friday 25th September 11am

Louise Hartley- To Pluto and Beyond

Join astrophysicist Dr Louise Hartley, to explore the New Horizons' mission to the outer reaches of our solar system

Ages: Primary school

Cost: \$4 BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Saturday 26th September 1pm

Teenlit Trivia

Join us for an out-of-this-world trivia event! Think you know fantasy? We'll be covering everything from Middle-Earth to Hogwarts and Panem. Come dressed as your favourite fantasy character.

Best costume gets a prize!

Ages: For teens only BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Tuesday 29th September 11am

Movie Morning

Bring a comfy cushion and enjoy a relaxing, family-friendly movie with family and friends. Cordial provided. BYO snack

Ages 4+ BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Wednesday 30th September 11am

Elf Sneakybottom

Join Elf Sneakybottom for some fun! All ages \$5 per child, payable before the day
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Book online at www.yourlibrary.com.au or phone 9800 6489

Kids Fun Run With Thomas 2015

Spreading the news please

Registration for The Kids Fun Run with Thomas 2015 is now open. The event will be held on Sunday 22 November. Can you please let your school community know that they can go to www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au to register.

This year we will again be raising funds for the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre in Glen Waverley. This is such a worthy cause and it is wonderful to see kids running to help kids on the day.

Thomas will be there tooting everyone on and there will be fun for all the family.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kristine Ash



KIDS FUN RUN with THOMAS



Organised by



Rotary Club of Emerald & District

Let the Kids Join in the Fun

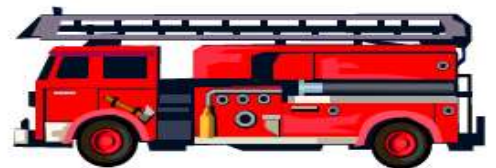
Sunday 22nd
November 2015
Puffing Billy Railway
Station Gembrook

Children aged 3 to 12 years
get the chance to run with
Thomas the Tank Engine and Puffing Billy

For more information and registration go to :
www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au



Trivia Night



Organised By The Rotary Club Of Monbulk & District

ALL MONEY RAISED SUPPORTS THE WONDERFUL WORK OF ROTARY & OUR LOCAL CFA FIRE BRIGADES

When: Saturday 10th October, 2015
Doors Open 6.30pm For 7.00pm Start

Where: Monbulk Living & Learning Centre
Corner Main Street & Moores Rd
Monbulk

Cost: \$25 Per Head
Tables Of 10 People
Tea, Coffee & A Light Supper Provided
BYO Nibbles & Drinks

Bookings: dwl1@bigpond.com or
Phone Darrell On 5967 7186

**Bring 5 or
more friends
for a chance
to win \$200**



\$50 FOR 1 DAY

\$80 FOR 2 DAYS

\$110 FOR 3 DAYS

\$150 FOR 4 DAYS



BASKETBALL CAMP



Knox Basketball Stadium
(Park Cres, Boronia)

SEPTEMBER 24
SEPTEMBER 25

State Basketball Stadium
(George Street, Wantirna Sth)

SEPTEMBER 28
SEPTEMBER 29

9:30am - 3:00pm

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.KNOXBASKETBALL.COM.AU



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Sunday 20th 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

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

South Belgrave
Precinct Development Fund



www.vsk.org.au

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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. 12th February - Sun. 14th February 2016

\$65 Full Fee*

(Also, Level 3 camp on Fri. 23rd- Sun 25th 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 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). May 15 through hard work! fun



camp our from that 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.



Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

Qkr™ offers the ability for two parents to set up an account for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.

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.

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.



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.

Monbulk & District Community Bank ® Branch



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New Business Account	\$50
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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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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 & 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. 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

Community Notices

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