



Grade 5/6 Newsletter

September 11th, 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 11th September

Footy Colours/Sausage Sizzle



Wednesday 19th September

Taming Of The Butterflies Payment Due
- Grade 6 ONLY

Friday 21st September

Last Day of Term

2:30pm Finish



Monday 8th October

Term 4 Begins

Taming Of The Butterflies- Grade 6

Monday 15th October

Taming Of The Butterflies- Grade 6

Monday 22nd October

Taming Of The Butterflies- Grade 6

Saturday 27th October

Patch Fest "It takes a village"

THE PATCHFEST

**Put this date in your diary!!!
Saturday, 27th October
2 - 9pm**

PatchFest, the Patch Primary School's inaugural music festival, is coming up early in Term 4. PatchFest will be buzzing with great local bands, fabulous food, Chai Tent, art, circus, sustainability and music workshops, music performances by our students, community market stalls and stalls run by our Grade 5/6 students. As day becomes night, we have lighting and a big camp fire to warm our hands and hearts!

Parent support in assisting with the running of stalls will be greatly appreciated!
A roster will be available early in Term 4.

The Grade 5/6 area is responsible for several stalls:

- **Cake Stall - Grade 5/6 Parents**
- **Environmental Wraps - funds to go towards Grade 6 Graduation (Parent help will be greatly appreciated!)**
- **3 x Grade 5/6 Enterprise Stalls – manned and organised by our three Grade 5/6 classes. Once again, some parent support will be great.**

Looking forward to a fabulous community afternoon and evening at our school! Tell your relatives and friends and help make this the biggest, best and most amazing event ever at The Patch!

What We Are Learning In Grade 5/6!

Literacy

In reading we are continuing to work in our book circles, focusing on writing rich questions for discussion and extending our vocabulary.

We have been reading and analysing a variety of Australian poetry.

In writing, we have been learning to write a rich literary analysis of poetic form and response to poetry. Following an analysis of several lyrical narrative poems by Banjo Patterson, we have begun to convert these poems to narrative stories.

Our focus in writing, is following the writing process whilst writing our narratives, with an emphasis on editing for punctuation.

Man From Ironbark



Mulga Bill's Bicycle



Numeracy

Our focus in maths over the past two weeks has moved from fractions (adding, ordering and multiplying) to the multiplication of large numbers and calculating percentages.

Some students have explored different ways of approaching the multiplication of two digit numbers. Other students have been applying their knowledge of fractions and decimals to the calculating of percentages.

Inquiry

Our Inquiry unit this term has been "Enterprise." Students have formed partnerships in groups of 3-4, developing ideas for a market stall at the PatchFest.

The past few weeks have seen many ideas coming to the prototype stage. Students have learnt how to segment a market and do market research based on their product and potential market. This market research will influence their planning for manufacturing their products. They have developed logos and are working on advertising for their products.

Part of the partnership agreement that all students have signed, has been to do everything in their business, with the unanimous approval of all members of the business. Where there is a difference of opinion in the group, they must vote or find a compromise. All the products will be made at school.

Only one business from each class will be chosen to take their idea through to manufacturing stage and the PatchFest. This will be decided by a local business panel "Shark Tank" in the first week of Term 4. All other members of the grade will become the employees of the chosen business and work towards developing a stall at PatchFest. Profits of the stall will go towards the school.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the considerations in running a business. While there is only one business chosen per grade, there are many fabulous ideas being developed that may later have a life of their own with some parental support! The chosen business ideas for the PatchFest, will not necessarily be the most imaginative and best for a bigger market. They will be chosen based on their uniqueness in comparison to other stalls already planned for the festival, and the ability for the product to be made by 20 students at school, at a profit.

We will have several local business owners coming to school in the next two weeks to talk to the students about the realities of setting up and running a small business. If you run a business and would be happy to talk to our students, please let me know!

Swensen Sports

It's been an eventful few weeks in the world of sport at The Patch. Earlier this term, on Friday 10th August, our senior hockey team headed off to compete in the regional championships. Our team had some tough competition on the day playing against many inner city schools, where students regularly play hockey as part of their weekend sports. Our team held their own, finishing the day with a win, a draw and a few close losses. The main triumph of our team on the day was the positive attitude and solid teamwork that they displayed. Our kids supported and encouraged each other and maintained an admirable level of sportsmanship at a very tough level of competition. Congratulations to Ruby, who scored our winning goal on the day!



After all of our teams had concluded their competitions as part of the winter inter-school sports rounds, it was time for the Bulla Hoop time Basketball competition. We had a great level of participation from our grade 5/6 students this year and entered 8 teams into the competition. The feedback from the students has been really positive and it was great to see them all enjoying themselves. We finished the day with one of our future stars teams playing in the grand final. We came away with the win and the opportunity to compete again at the next round of competition. Congratulations to Logan, Gus, Ruby, Nikayla, Harry, Todd, Ford and Bryn. We look forward to hearing the results from the next round.



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I'd also like to say a very special thank you to all of the parents who have supported our sports program this year. Our interschool sports competition could not have been possible without your extremely quick response to processing your payments on Qkr!

The many cut oranges, cheerful encouragement from the sidelines, assistance in coaching, keeping score and transporting students to and from events makes a huge difference to our sports program. Your support doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you!



In our P.E. lessons we have begun our unit on orienteering. The students have been participating enthusiastically and enjoying being out and about exploring our school grounds. We have had our school mapped professionally by members of orienteering Victoria. We have also been lucky enough to use our sporting schools grant to purchase new equipment to run our lessons. The Patch now has a well mapped out orienteering course throughout the school, complete with individual and unique hole punches and official markers. Have you spotted any of them around our school?



It has been a great learning experience for the kids using maps to navigate their way throughout the school. I have been very impressed by their skills and their teamwork in completing the challenges I have set for them each week.

That's all for sports news at The Patch for now. Stay tuned for an update from our students competing at the Division

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Grade 5 Discovery Sessions at Monbulk College

As part of the transition to secondary college for our senior students, Grade 5 visited Our local secondary school - Monbulk College - to participate in an exciting woodwork session with Mr Buszko. The students used several hand tools such as coping saws and tenon saws, and used a standing drill and an electric etching tool under supervision. The students had a wonderful time, and felt very proud of the bookmarks they designed and created. We had a tour of the school, had the opportunity to purchase something at the canteen and had many of our questions answered. Many thanks to the staff at Monbulk College who transported us and looked after us for the day!



DON'T FORGET!
Payments are due for
Taming The Butterflies
Wednesday 19th Sept
via QKR

Tissues

All grades are in need of tissues in the classroom! With the colder months, there is an increased need for nose blowing.

If you could pop an extra box of tissues in your shopping this week and send it along to school, it would be greatly appreciated.



HOMEWORK

In Grade 5/6 we encourage students to be reading **every day** in order to continue developing a life-long habit. This could include independent reading/ reading to someone such as a parent or younger sibling/co-reading with a parent or parent reading to the student.

Our expectation for homework for Grade 5/6 students on a weekly basis is:

- Student diaries to be filled in with evidence of reading at least 4 times during the week this includes the title and number of pages read.
- 2 Mathletics tasks assigned by the teacher or a maths sheet.
- Spelling activities including: Look, say, cover, write check, Thrass, writing words in sentences.
- Reading Circle preparation if not completed in class.

Homework is expected to be completed independently by students but supported by parents. Homework will be assigned on a **Thursday** and returned the following **Thursday** to be checked. Students who DO NOT complete their homework 3 times in a term will have to attend Marmook for half of lunch on 3 occasions to complete the assigned homework.

STOP PRESS!!!

GRADE 6 wish to thank all of the Mums and Dads who helped with the cooking and serving at our sausage sizzle today. Grade 6 wish to say a big thank you to Trish for her enormous help as well. We raised approximately \$600 for our graduation.

School Assemblies

Wednesday Afternoons 2:40pm.

EVERY WEEK !

If you have any issues/concerns or just want to meet with any of us for a chat about your child, please feel free to contact us via email. We are always happy to make a time to meet with you.

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