



School Council Newsletter

JULY 2023



Welcome back to what is going to be a jam packed, full of fun, big core memories creating Term!

There is a lot happening at school this term, especially if you have a student in Grade 5 & 6. While the stream of communications can at times be overwhelming, it's wonderful that our kids have so many exciting opportunities coming their way. We are continuously grateful to the teachers and community who are fostering these experiences.

Let's help each other out with reminders, carpool if we need to, and don't forget to put the life saver "dates to remember" form Kim compiles somewhere we can easily refer to!

See you under the tree
Ange

New member to our council.

I'd like to thank Marie Schoenmaker who answered the call to come on board as our treasurer and has stepped into the role flawlessly.

I'm also very grateful to other members of our community who spoke with me about the role to see how they could assist.

Thank you Marie and welcome to the council!



SRC - Our Student Representative Council



Yet again basketball has been a popular item on the agenda for our SRC. We have workshoped together a few ideas on how we can make sure the court is used by everyone who wants to play ball!

At the end of the term I and my nephew Samuel (who was on work experience and is a pretty awesome basketballer), ran two clinics. One for the 3/4's and one for the 5/6's. All up we had around 40 kids participate! I don't know who has more fun, them or me!

This term I'm hoping to run a few more clinics before each session of hoop time. I have also been in touch with the Sherbrooke Suns and am working with them in the hope that we will have some of their players pay us a visit too! I'll keep you posted.

Once again, I am in awe of the SRC patchies led by Michelle and their infectious enthusiasm which helps to get ideas like this up and running.



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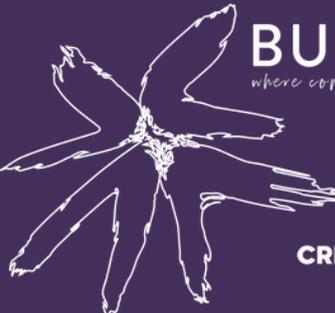
GARRY STARR PERFORMS EVERYTHING

Fundraising



THE PATCH PARENTS *night out*

The Patch 'ADULTS' night out was a wonderful night out for those who attended. Thanks to all the parents and staff that came along to 'Garry Starr Saves Theatre' it was a very fun (slightly confronting) night out, enjoyed by all. We would like to say 'Thanks' to Burrinja Cultural centre who supported this event as a fundraiser for the patch and we look forward to doing it again next year! For all those who missed out, we hope to have you along next year, our patchies made quite the impression on stage!

BURRINJA
where community & culture meet



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CREATIVE VICTORIA



WELLBEING

Fill the basket

Another parent wellbeing initiative that is ongoing is the basket in the staff room. If you have any home grown goodies a packet of delicious biscuits or something you think the teacher might enjoy in their elusive 'down-time' drop it into the basket. Not sure where it is, just ask Kim (there's not a lot that Kim doesn't know!!)



Thank you to those parents that came and helped at the end of term clean up. Your help in moving boxes, dusting some instruments, or wiping down the tables in the library, all help to get our teachers and staff home earlier to start their holidays too! We hope to make this a bi annual event.

Soups & snacks

Finally in T3 we are hoping to kick off an idea we've been meaning to get going for a few years now.....SOUPS AND SNACKS for parent-teacher interviews. What we hope is that we can get a few families to contribute to some soups and snacks to keep the teachers nourished over the long evenings of parent-teacher interviews. We thought of something simple that the teacher's can nibble on or slurp between appointments. See Poster above.



Social Media @The Patch



We understand that not everyone has a social media account or even wants one! And those that do, know just how good a social media detox can be for the soul every now and then. However, it does prove to be a fast way to get information out to our community when needed, or if you need to find something fast.

Obviously the first point of information is Compass. **Please make sure your email is up to date with Kim in the office.**

The school has a Facebook page run by the staff
The Patch Primary School | Facebook



We also have a family's page. Please be aware that this is run by parent volunteers. There is no staff involvement. It is a good place to ask for playdates, check in the files section to find lost newsletters or information, find out about free dress day or for any other community information sharing

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/familiesofthepatchps>

Families of The Patch Primary School Group | Facebook

There is a page for the Nest that is currently under construction as it has been inactive over lockdown to some degree. We will share the link for that once it is up and running again.



Our school council members 2023

President: Ange Ellis

Vice President (Term 3): Emma Taylor

Treasurer: Marie Schoenmaker

Secretary: Mikhaela Bourke

Parent Council Members

Nadine Goodall

Kathryn James

Mel Muller

Tex Moon

Peter D'Abico

Staff Members

Karen Robinson

Tania Blandthorn

Michelle Rayner

Deb Herrmann

Alesha Sangster

Community Member

Jo Rouse

Who to contact

If you have anything you would like to discuss or have raised by someone on council, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ange or any of our members. In the meantime, please check the link below to see if your concern or issue is something school council can help with. A gentle reminder that our parents volunteer their time, and may not always be available.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-powers-and-functions/policy>