



Patchwork News

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Friday 5th April Term 1 Issue 3

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Dates to Remember

April

Fri 5 th	End of Term One – early dismissal 2:30pm
Mon 22 nd	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Easter Monday- No students
Tue 23 rd	First day of Term Two
Thu 25 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – ANZAC Day – No Students
Fri 26 th	CURRICULUM DAY – No Students
Tue 30 th	School Council

May

Wed 1 st	SCHOOL PHOTO'S
Thu 2 nd	Yr 3-6 Knox District Athletics
Thu 9 th	Free Dress Fundraiser - Monbulk wildlife Shelter
Sat 11 th	Working Bee 9am-12pm
Wed 15 th	Yr 1/2 IMAX & Museum Excursion
Mon 20 th	School Open Morning 9-11am
Tue 28 th	School Council

June

Thu 6 th	Yr 3/4 History Incursion
Mon 10 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Queens Birthday
19 th – 21 st	Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp

REMINDERS:

School Photo's
Wed 1st May, lookout for your child's personalised order form in their bag this week!



Bell Times

8:55am Warning Bell
9:00am Learning Begins
11-11:45am First Break
11:45-12pm Lunch eating
2-2:30pm Second Break
3:30 Dismissal

Sentral Parent Portal Link:

<https://sentral.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thought for the week: *Strength lies in differences not in similarities* – Stephen Covey

In the last two weeks we have acknowledged differences in our community, last week we recognised children and people with Epilepsy and this week we have acknowledged children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Six years ago I was sent a great article from a parent please take the time to read
"Have you been to Holland" by Emily Perl Kinglsey

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this.....

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, The Michelangelo David, The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland." "Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay. The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very, very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about Holland.

I hope you have enjoyed this piece it rings true with so many things in life. We are often expecting things to be as we have planned but strangely life throws us many challenges to deal with. I have always believed we are only sent what we can deal with, however sometimes we need a helping hand as life can overwhelm us. Our Preps are now attending school full time. It is amazing how much they have grown over the past 10 weeks, they are now truly part of the The Patch family. They are still learning the routines and boundaries but it is wonderful to see how engrossed they are in their learning activities and how enthusiastically they approach their work.

Continued...

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1, time just seems to fly by. It has been a very busy one for students and teachers with a range of incursions and excursion linking to the students' learning, training for Athletics Sports, Swimming competitions, tennis competitions, NAPLAN preparation a get to know you interviews and Prep picnic, extensive initial assessment of students by teachers as well as all the everyday activities that are part of school life.

I would like to wish all staff, students and families a wonderful holiday. It has been a great Term One at The Patch Primary School and we look forward to Term Two. We welcome our community using our facilities during the holiday break as it is great seeing children and families being active and playing outdoors, however, if you see anyone acting suspiciously or inappropriately around the school grounds please contact the Monbulk Police Station on 9756 6266 or the Emergency Management area of the Department of Education and Training (DET) on 9589 6266.

We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday, 23rd April.

Have a wonderful Term Break and Easter

Regards,

Deb

Principal

Herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Farewell to a special family

This term we farewell one of our very special Patch families as they head to sunny Queensland! We wish Sarah, Serge, Oliver and Sebastian safe travels and a smooth transition into their new community (how lucky that community is)!! Sarah and her family have volunteered 100's of hours for our school and community, as school council president as well as EVERY other project that is happened or in the pipeline. Thank you for all you have done and contributed to our school, you will all be missed and we wish you much happiness on your new adventure!!

END OF TERM ALREADY: TIMETABLE FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM ONE, FRIDAY 5TH APRIL

Friday 5th April is the last day of term. The time table will look as follows:

9.00am – 10.00am	Assembly
10.00am – 11.00am	Students in class
11.00am – 11.45 am	First break
11.45am – 12.00 pm	Students eat lunch in class
12.00pm – 2.20 pm	Students in class
2.20 pm – 2.30 pm	Students walk to drop off
2.30pm	Students dismissed and picked up.

TERM TWO COMMENCEMENT:

Reminder that Term 2 commences on Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April. This is followed by ANZAC day on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th as a Curriculum day which is a student free day. Our first full week of school will be in week 2 Monday 29th April.

ANZAC DAY

For Anzac Day, we will be conducting a whole school ANZAC DAY assembly on Wednesday, April 24th from 9.00 –9.30am. Our children will be leading this very important assembly as we recognise and learn about the importance of ANZAC DAY. We encourage community members to attend this special assembly.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:

The 2019 Premiers Reading Challenge is now open. How exciting it would be great to see all our students participate and complete the challenge. What a wonderful achievement this would be. Information will be sent shortly.

The Challenge encourages students to develop a lifelong love of reading as well as developing important literacy skills. Students in Prep to Year 2 are challenged to read or 'experience' 30 books and students in Years 3 to 6 are challenged to read 15 books. If children are just learning to read, you can help them to 'experience' books by reading to, or with, them and talking about the story, text and pictures.

For more information about the Challenge, please contact Jessica Holden or visit the website at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/s>

CYBER SAFETY

The upcoming holiday period often means more "spare" time to surf the internet and spend time within virtual environments. With this extra usage, whilst knowing some parents will still need to attend to work commitments and other duties, it is most important to **monitor your child's computer usage at all times**, but especially over weekends and when holiday periods arrive.

We can't ignore the fact that our children need to be taught boundaries in regards to social media. All parents need to take responsibility to ensure that their children are safe online and haven't signed up to apps they are underage for. Please be the parent and the hard call on what your children can have access to. A good example is we don't give L palates to children and then allow them to be a driver by themselves, we allow them to learn with us, guiding by the side. Let this be the same with social media be a learner with your child. Keep them safe and know what they are doing.

What does it mean to be safe online?

Behaving safely online means:

- protecting one's own privacy and personal information.
- protecting the privacy of others (this can be sharing personal information or images, which in most cases is unlawful).
- selecting appropriate spaces to work. The home computer should be set up in the kitchen area or somewhere common. Not laptops tucked away in bedrooms.
- being proactive in letting someone know if there is something that is "not quite right". At home this would be a parent or guardian, at school a teacher.
- Ensuring a suitable "net nanny" has been activated on your computer.

Of course, these principles of safety and responsibility are not specific to the web, applying to the use of the internet both at home and at school. The virtual world of the internet involves many risks. Schools utilise and discuss positive strategies that help to minimise these risks. However, parents also have a key role to play in keeping children safe whilst online. For example, "Face Book" accounts should only be made available to children above the age of 13. Please try hard to resist the "nagging" and the old saying "but EVERYONE else has an account." This of course is not true!

Further information can be accessed from the web addresses below: <http://australia.gov.au/topics/it-and-communications/internet> <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/lor/default.htm>

2020 PREP ENROLMENTS

We are currently experiencing strong interest in our school with parents booking tours and we have already accepted enrolments for 2020 to 2021 and remind parents of students with siblings who will commence prep next year to enroll **as soon as possible**. If you know of any family or friends who may be interested in joining me for a tour, please encourage them to contact our School Office as soon as possible to book an appointment. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMUNITY

Our Annual Report for 2018 will be presented to the School Community at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 25th June in the Staffroom. The report is tabled and questions regarding the report are addressed at this meeting. The meeting is then closed and then School Council will commence its normal meeting. The report has been uploaded to the website along with our AIP (Annual Implementation Plan for 2019).

RESPONDING TO CHILDREN REGARDING EVENTS IN CHRISTCHURCH:

The Education Department has sent the following information to be shared with our communities:

Tips for supporting children and young people:

Common reactions:

- It is common to think about safety and predictability of the world when tragedies such as the Christchurch incident occur. Reactions are influenced by many factors:
- Knowing someone impacted.
- Identifying with the victims and survivors.
- Seeing and hearing terrifying images and discussions.

The developmental age of the person influences what they understand and how they respond. Some may be unaware, others will be following all the discussions and media coverage, looking for understanding.

What to say and how to care:

Here are some ways you can make children and young people feel safe:

- Give reassurance that the incident is over.
- Keep to routines, as they are reassuring.
- Have time to listen and talk. Listen to concerns and worries and discuss strategies for feeling safe, dealing with worry and being able to take action. This helps in repairing safety and calm.
- Give a calm response to their concerns.
- Keep your explanations appropriate for their age and development. Start at their starting point: ask what the child/young person understands about what has happened and what their key worry is. Each child will have a different understanding and will find different parts of what has happened frightening or worrying. Very young children need simple, factual information balanced with assurances of safety. Older children will be appraising their own, and loved ones, safety. They may need help with separating reality from fantasy, and to dispel rumours.
- Reduce exposure to media coverage and conversations that are distressing and not age-appropriate.
- Monitor their emotional state. Changes in behaviour, appetite and sleep can be an indicator of anxiety or worry. Young children often express worry through bodily aches and pains

Put The Patch on The Tracks!

Have you heard about our submission to VicTrack last year where we applied for one of the 134 historic retired Melbourne trams?

Well, despite huge competition (over 1,500 applications received), The Patch Primary has been selected as one of 16 schools and allocated tram number 986, a W Class tram, responsible for transporting millions of Victorians and an integral part of our rich heritage. VicTrack will gift the tram and cover the transport costs from Newport, where it is currently residing, to its location at The Patch.

Last Wednesday, Eloise Hayler, who is part of the tram submission team, and I, visited the Newport Tram Depot to inspect our tram and meet with the School Building Authority representatives to discuss any restoration works. Our tram is in good condition and would be a wonderful extension to our outdoor classroom and landscape for many reasons:

- provide a historical context and an opportunity to learn and embed safe public transport use (especially for our year 5/6 students during city camp)
- introduce students to social and economic enterprise through using the space as a cafe/pop up marketplace, during our many community events
- create an environment that will foster imaginative play and social interaction
- offer shelter during wet weather and respite from the Sun.
- provide a focal point and a meeting place for families and community members and a venue for community events
- provide an early learning opportunity for the School's on-site kindergarten
- act as a launch pad for a community projects and collaboration with students
- be accessible beyond school hours to help foster a community hub
- offer additional learning spaces that are interesting, inspiring and stimulating

Our next step is to await further information and timelines and to identify any requirements the school may need to provide. For further information, see Eloise or Michelle.



ART PROGRAM REQUISITION

Grade 5/6 students are painting murals around the school ground as part of the art program and require any outdoor/indoor acrylic paint.

All colours would be acceptable but bright colours would be preferable.

If anyone has any they are willing to donate or know of anyone who has surplus please deliver to the school or notify Sofia Walsh

walsh.sophia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thanks in advance to anyone who can help.

Garden Team Meeting

Our next Garden Team meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2 at 7pm in the staff room and we welcome any new faces who are interested in our grounds, gardens, or meeting other families from our community and helping our school. There is always a bite to eat and something to wash down the great ideas 😊

For more information, contact Michelle (rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au)

GROUNDS WORKING BEE

We need to prepare our grounds for PatchFest 2019 and would love some help!

On Saturday, May 11, from 9 – 12 we shall be planting, pruning, restoring, weeding, mulching, whatever we need to do, to make our grounds more beautiful and functional. Please mark the date in your diary now, even 30 minutes will make a difference (and our pizza oven will be churning out delicious pizzas to warm our hearts and show our appreciation).

See Michelle for further details

PatchFest 2019 Update

Our first PatchFest meeting for 2019 was held recently and we have been able to harness some extraordinary energy, expertise, and commitment that is sure to produce an outstanding event. We have teams taking responsibility for food and refreshments, music, student performances and activities, decorations and layout, volunteers, art, publicity, fundraising, and more.

If you would like to help in any way, we would love to hear from you. There will be regular updates and posts that seek help or share information and monthly meetings that update the groups and identify the next steps.

The basketball court shall be like an arcade for fun activities that will be suitable for all age groups so if you know of an activity that would be worth considering, please let us know. Our goal is to reach a profit of \$20,000 this year, the most of any fundraising activity, and we believe we can make it!!

If you have any contacts or networks that may be interested in sponsorship (we shall be supplying our official letter next term for distribution), we would love to hear from you. The more we can reduce our costs, the more profit we can make.

Any jars suitable for condiments or jams will be gratefully accepted; there is a tub in the foyer where you can place them.

Please feed in any ideas (rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au) or come along to our next meeting on Wednesday, May 1, in the staff room at 7pm.

Forest Classroom – Kinder and Year 5

We are proud to announce that next term, we shall be running a Forest Classroom program to connect our 3 & 4 year old kinder children with our Year 5 students and build connections, ecological understandings and a Patch identity to ease transition to school and promote positive relationships.

Each fortnight, kinder students and Year 5 students shall work one on one to explore our school grounds and interact with nature in a positive and experiential way. We shall be sharing more of this exciting program over the coming months and expect to commence in week 6, once Naplan is complete.

If you wish to know more about this program, please see Michelle, or come along to our Open Day on May 20 where there will be an information session.

School student banking

Interested in helping out for 30 minutes one or two Thursday mornings a term to collect and count student banking? It's a wonderful way to be involved in the school community without the regular time commitment. If you would like to be involved or have any questions about the school student banking program, please contact Megan Robinson via the school email - the.patchps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Woodwork Class!

Last week our first woodwork class took place with a group of students from year 4. Braden Grigg (father of Ned in year 1) is a qualified carpenter and happy to lend some expertise and time to develop some skills in our students and make some improvements with them to our grounds. Here is an image of them repairing some gates in our vegetable garden.



Have you noticed our new Solar Panels?

Earlier this term we saw the installation of 78 solar panels onto the roof of our main building. This is part of a Greener Schools initiative that will enable our school to generate renewable energy and save on electricity bills. On Tuesday this week, Kent used his drone to take an image of the roof and to provide a digital learning opportunity for his students. This what they saw:



STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES @ PATCH PS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DAYS OF **EXTREME** & **CODE RED** FIRE DANGER

In the interest of the safety of our students, families and staff, The Patch School will:

- Be **closed** on days where the Fire Danger Rating is **Extreme** and will **relocate to Knox Central Primary School, Boronia**.
- Be **closed** on days when the Fire Danger Rating is **Code Red**, as per DET policy

As our school is on DET's Bushfire At-Risk Register, The Patch School WILL BE CLOSED on Code Red days

Where possible, when a Code Red day is declared, you will be notified between 4-6 days beforehand BUT it may be as little as 3 days. Once confirmed (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure), regardless of any late change in the expected weather, the school **will be closed and this will not change**.

Due to the elevated bushfire risk, **there will be no staff at school on these days**. Updates on [school closures](#) and information on Code Red days can be found on the DET Emergency Management web page.

On days of Extreme Fire Danger, The Patch School WILL BE CLOSED and RELOCATE to Knox Central Primary School – NO OSHC PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT KNOX CENTRAL PS

On days of Extreme Fire Danger **there will again be no staff at school**. If this occurs, families will be notified using SMS and email (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure) so please be aware you may receive the same information more than once. **We will also require a 'read receipt' from you to be absolutely sure everyone is aware of this situation**.

Information about the current and expected Fire Danger Ratings can be found in weather forecasts on daily news programs, published on websites and in newspapers, broadcast on radio and on the [CFA website](#).

Please note that it is the responsibility of every family to:

1. know where to find and understand Fire Danger Rating information
2. understand The Patch School's procedure for days of EXTREME fire danger and CODE RED fire danger
3. sign the form acknowledging your acceptance of these responsibilities and return it to the school (The Patch Permission form that should be completed upon enrolment).

Please note the following procedure for children who are relocating:

- Your child will be expected to attend Knox Central PS
- Students are to arrive at Knox Central PS by 9am, no earlier than 8:45am. No staff will be on duty.
- All Parents are to park and sign their children in at the office/designated area for The Patch PS students. Please do not just drop your child off.
- All students must be collected at 3:30pm from the designated area and signed out by their parent/guardian/emergency contact. Please note that there is no afterschool care.

Thank you for your support and co-operation with this important safety matter.

SUPERVISION

The playground is supervised from 8.45am and children should not be at school before this time unless prearranged by a teacher or due to a school event. Each day teachers will be in their classroom at 8.55am and parents should note that lessons begin at 9am sharp. If you need to speak with your class teacher around more complex issues, please arrange an alternative mutually agreeable time after school.

If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, on occasions, it is necessary to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process.

Please make sure you notify the school Office of any changes to your contact details or those of your Emergency Contacts as well as mobile phone numbers for our SMS system. Obviously, in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this. Please also keep the Office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare. Your up to date contact information is especially important for our SMS system in case we need to contact you in case of an emergency e.g. bushfire.

Are you Eligible to Claim for CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund?

Application forms are available at the office or they can be found on our website under the 'School Life' tab 'Camps Sports & Excursion Fund'
Please present your Concession/Health Care Card and your form to the school office before 28th June, 2019.

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR 5/6 PHOTOGRAPHY MONITORS



5/6
Students
drawing in
ART

5/6 Digital Technologies Class



Last day of term 1! Early finish care available!

This Friday the 5th we will be offering care from 2:30pm! Many places are still available for the extended care period!

Join us for a cooking lesson and heaps of fun and games!

Keep an eye out for more in-depth plans in-service or ask us what we have planned!

We always welcome the input, feedback and suggestions of all families in our community.

Vacation Care for The Patch Kids!

Some families may not be aware that we do in fact offer vacation care during the holidays!

Bronwyn co-coordinates and Lucy works at Belgrave South OSHClub during the holiday period, there are still many places available.

To enrol visit www.oshclub.com.au or pop in and have a chat with us – we are always happy to help!

New faces at before and after school care?

We have had some new people come to work with us recently. As Bronwyn and Lucy both study, we occasionally have some casual OSHC staff members come to help us out.

A warm welcome to Annalise Power who also works casually at Belgrave South OSHC during the holidays

Annalise is a personable and very knowledgeable member of the team and we look forward to seeing her around when she can be there!
Thanks Annalise!

A Special Thank You

On behalf of all the children at OSHClub, we would like to wholeheartedly and enthusiastically thank all those who donated books, toys and other resources to our service. We now have a functional mini library from which children can browse and borrow with more donations coming in every week.

We are humbled by the generosity of the community.

Thank You

Service phone number: 0400 708 773

Coordinator: Bronwyn Ruigrok

Educator: Lucy Collins

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JOIN OUR APRIL MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS



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OUR MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS ARE DESIGNED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (5-12YO)!

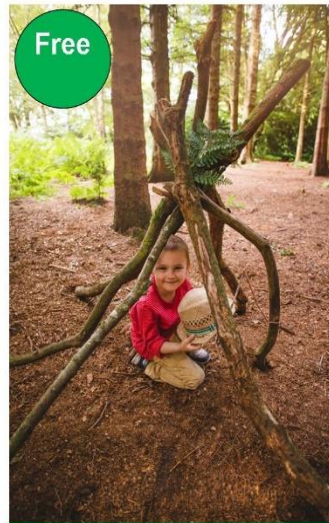
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- BURWOOD - St Benedict's Primary School**
Mon 08th & Tues 09th April 2019
- LOWER PLENTY - Lower Plenty Primary School**
Mon 08th & Tues 09th April 2019
- HOPPERS CROSSING - Hoppers Indoor Sportz**
Tues 09th & Wed 10th April 2019
- STRATHMORE HEIGHTS - Boeing Reserve**
Wed 10th April 2019
- BORONIA - Boronia West Primary School**
Thurs 11th & Fri 12th April 2019
- SOUTH MORANG - Morang South Primary School**
Thurs 11th & Fri 12th April 2019
- GLEN WAVERLEY - St Leonards Primary School**
Tues 16th & Wed 17th April 2019



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- Monday 8th April**
10am-11:30am
Coronation Park, River St, Healesville
- Tuesday 9th April**
10am-11:30am
Birdsland Reserve
271 Mt Morton Road, Belgrave
- Wednesday 10th April**
10am-11:30am
Rolling Hills Family Centre
54-56 Landscape Drive Mooroolbark
- Tuesday 16th April**
10am-11:30am
Yarra Junction Reserve
(Behind football oval)
- Thursday 18th**
11am-12:30pm
Warburton Riverside
(Behind Arts Centre)

School Holiday Nature Play Program

Connect with the outdoors by exploring nature in your community. Build bush huts, create nature craft and discover nature play ideas for home. **No registration required.** Suitable for children 8 years and under.

Enquiries: earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
or
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If wet weather occurs these events will be cancelled. For any relevant updates please refer to: <https://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Events>



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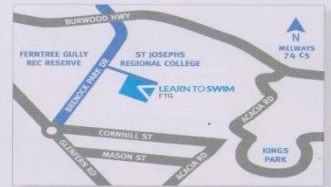
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

BELGRAVE HUB OPEN DAY

Free Event



Sun 14 April
11am - 2pm

Food trucks
Free smoothies
Face painting
Sushi making
Youth expo and activities
How to Adult with Aimee Stanton
Drumming circle
Find out what's at the Hub

www.inspiro.org.au/blog/open-day

1616-1624 Burwood Highway
Belgrave



Monbulk Thriving Families Workshop

This workshop is for parents and carers who are keen to hear practical strategies, ideas and encouragement on supporting your family to thrive.



For many families, home is far from a haven from the rush of life. Instead, it's a war zone where parents are stretched and often pushed to breaking point. This leaves many parenting to survive rather than parenting to make their household thrive. Join Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Hannah Gamble as we explore keys to establishing a positive family culture in your home. Thriving Families is for all and includes strategies to support siblings of children with additional needs. This workshop will explore the ingredients of love, affirmation, and boundaries. You will learn how to parent from your value system, create a calm home environment, foster an attitude of gratitude in your kids, develop family rituals, nurture your own needs, integrate sensory support into each day and much more.

Presenter: Hannah Gamble, Paediatric Occupational Therapist
Thrive Occupational Therapy for Kids

Date: Tuesday 30th April 2019

Time: 7pm - 9pm with doors open from 6:30pm

Price: \$15 including GST (tickets only available online and not at the door)

Location: Monbulk Living and Learning Centre - 21 Main Road, Monbulk

To book your ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/monbulk-thriving-families-tickets-53371524667>

www.spectrumjourneys.org.au

For more details, visit the Spectrum Journeys Facebook Page and join the Thriving Families Event Page for updates

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This workshop has been generously supported by the Yarra Ranges Bendigo Bank Community Branches



Come and Try Scouts

Come and join the adventure with
1st Kallista Scout Group
Try Scouting FREE for 3 weeks!
See what Scouting can do for your child.



Where: The Patch Hall, 5 The Patch Rd, The Patch.

Section and ages

Joey Scouts 5 - 7yrs

Cub Scouts 8 - 10yrs

Scouts 11 - 14yrs

Meeting Times

Mondays 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Mondays 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thursdays 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Call or email James for more information (see below).

Enquiries:
James Savin
0400 569 543

gl.1stkallista@scoutsvictoria.com.au

For details of other Groups in the area visit www.scoutsvictoria.com.au



Yarra Ranges Council in partnership with Manchester Primary School invite Parents, Carers and Early Years Professionals to attend a FREE information session.



Kinder and School Readiness Community Information Session

Wednesday 22nd May 2019
7pm - 8:30pm

Venue:

Manchester Primary School
Monomeith St,
Mooroolbark



Is your child ready for Kinder or School?

Your child may be able to start kinder or school in the new year due to their age, but are they actually ready to embark on the next 13+ years of education? This FREE session facilitated by EARLY LIFE FOUNDATION discusses the importance of kinder and school readiness and strategies to support your child's transition.

To register or for further information please contact:

Michelle Lehmann - Early Years Community Support Officer
1300 368 333 or earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS



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JOIN THE MONBULK HAWKS

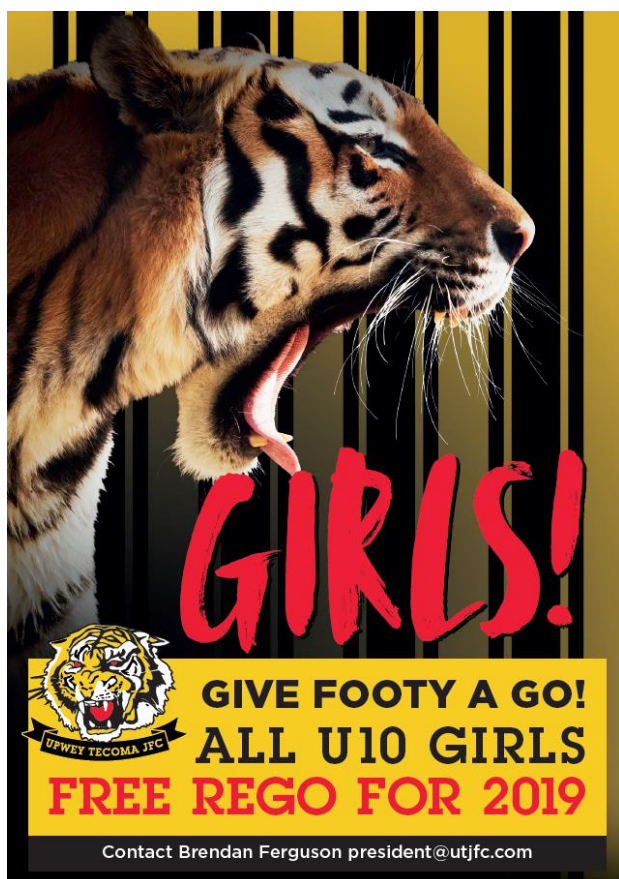
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

NEW CLUBROOMS, GROUND & FRIENDSHIPS

Girls U14, U18 *plus* Auskick
Boys U9 to U16 *plus* Auskick

Boys: Garth 0402 104 643 Girls: Jo 0438 596 866
Auskick: Michelle 0408 392 247 Email: prezmjfc@gmail.com

Find us on **facebook** We are a Good Sports club **goodSPORTS**



GIRLS!

GIVE FOOTY A GO!
ALL U10 GIRLS
FREE REGO FOR 2019

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Contact Brendan Ferguson president@utjfc.com



Monbulk Netball Club Players Wanted

We are looking for a couple of players to join our 11 and under teams.

It doesn't matter if you've never played before, all abilities are welcome, but you must have turned 9 years old.

Training: Wednesday 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Game day: Saturday 9am at Knox Regional Netball Centre, Ferntree Gully (from now until August)

For more information contact us at monbulknetballclub3793@gmail.com

MONBULK NETBALL CLUB



WHEN
Starts May 1st
Terms 2 & 3
4pm – 5pm

WHERE
Monbulk Netball Courts

Moore's Road, Monbulk

NetSetGO is Netball Australia's only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide all children from 5 to 10 years of age with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.

MORE INFO: Email us at monbulknetballclub3793@gmail.com

WHAT

NetSetGO is a junior entry netball program incorporating skill activities, minor games, music and dance in a fun and safe environment

WHO

5-10 year old boys and girls

COST

\$66
Includes a welcome pack with a netball and t-shirt

HOW

Come and see us at the Moore's Rd courts on Wednesdays from 4-5pm



NET SET GO Netball Clinics

For: 6 to 8 years of age

Where: Emerald Primary School Stadium

When: Thursdays 4pm till 4.45pm

Dates: 2nd of May through to 27th of June

Cost: \$ 100 includes T-shirt and netball

Enquiries: emeraldnetballclub@gmail.com

Or call Debbie on [ph 0438 547 157](tel:0438547157)

The Importance of Attendance

Please remember that all students are expected to be in their classroom, ready to begin lessons by 9.00am.

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

Piano & Guitar with Chris Walker

Tuition in piano, guitar and bass guitar during school hours and after.
Phone 0407 049 012 or email chrisw7@ymail.com

Violin & Viola Lessons

Private violin/viola lesson available for all grades from prep.
Please contact Hiro (0423 765 312 or hiro1656@hotmail.com)

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.
0408 102 542 jessdunn.arts@gmail.com

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