



Patchwork News

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Friday 26th July Term 3 Issue 1

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Dates to Remember

July

29th – 30th

Yr 3-6 Puberty Ed sessions

Tue 30th

Yr 3/4 camp information session 5:30pm

Tue 30th

School Council (AIP Presented 6:30pm)

Wed 31st

Prep 100 day celebration

Wed 31st

District Athletics

August

Thu 1st

Cupcake Fundraiser

Thu 1st

Yr 5/6 Girlosophy session

Tue 6th

Yr 2 Day Camp

Thu 8th

Yr 5/6 Girlosophy session

12 – 14th

Yr 3/4 Camp

Thu 15th

Yr 5/6 Girlosophy session

REMINDERS:

Have you ordered
a cupcake for
Thursday?

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

Senral Parent Portal Link:

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back, I would like to start by thanking everybody for a fantastic start to Term three, even with our limited parking. It is hoped that this will be addressed by the end of next week and our carpark will be reinstated to a better condition than it was.

Thank you to our teachers who have started this Term full of enthusiasm, for their time with 3 way conferences and all the extra effort that has gone into preparing the students for their presentations.

Well done to our children, the way they bounce into school and overall behaviour makes teaching so much more enjoyable for our staff. A big thank you to the many parents who have contributed to our school in so many ways. We look forward to your continued engagement in your child's education and your involvement in school life.

This term will be another busy one, pushing ahead with learning. We have our "Patch Fest" Saturday October 19th, and I would like to thank the team for all of their efforts as well as classes getting ready for our big day.

Last night I received a recognition award for 35 years of service, I felt privileged to be amongst the 27 recipients from the Outer East Region. Attending last night made me reflect over the years as to why I have remained so long in education and teaching. The joy of seeing that spark in a child's face when they understand or have preserved and succeeded, bringing me pieces of their work with pride, greeting me in the mornings or the support of staff and the community. In other words, where else would I want to be other than at The Patch.

Have a great weekend!

Regards,

Deb

Principal

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

SPECIAL MONITOR ASSEMBLY JUNE 28

On the last day of term 2, we held our special Monitor's Assembly where we acknowledged the good work of our monitors and 5/6 leaders of Semester 1 and welcomed in the new monitors and leaders for Semester 2.

Yarra Ranges Council Mayor Stevenson came along to present our students with certificates, badges and to shake their hand and we were able to see the broad range of responsibilities our students have volunteered to accept as part of the school leadership program. Mayor Stevenson suggested our monitor roles replicated a town with its focus on resource management, communications, well-being, the arts, emergency management, facilities and participation.

Year 3/4 have also been involved this year and a team of students have taken on the responsibility of ensuring our waste is correctly managed. They collect paper products for recycling, take our mixed recycling (with adult supervision) to the top of the school for council collection, and ensure our bins are not contaminated. Year 6 student, Hamish E-B, continues to implement his collection of soft plastics to complete the waste management loop in our school.

We also have students providing a weekly weather report at assembly. This requires research and preparation, and aims to reduce our school energy use.

Assembly and Photography monitors ensure our regular Friday assemblies are set up and special items are captured on film for our newsletter. Our chickens have monitors as do our art and music program to help wherever they are needed. We have students who are responsible for assisting with the sports program, act as fire wardens, and ensure our ICT equipment is working efficiently.

We also have teams of students who take parent tours around the school, participant in the Kindness Matters group, assist with the Kinder Program or work as part of Gang Green to improve our school grounds.

We are so lucky to have so many students who seek leadership opportunities and who are willing to give up their free time to make this school a better place.

Thank you to all our monitors, past and present, you are wonderful!

New SRC for Semester 2

We are proud to announce our new Student Representative Council members for semester 2. They are:

Year 4 representatives:

Milla Thomas (Year 3/4A)

Tamsyn Pigdon Talbot (Year 3/4B)

Marlene Stribling (Year 3/4C)

Year 5 representatives:

Rohan Jenkins (Year 5/6A)

Maya Fincher (Year 5/6B)

Lucas Anderson (Year 5/6C)

Year 6 representatives:

James Cochrane (Year 5/6A)

Luca Rock (Year 5/6B)

Josh Dawson (Year 5/6C)

We held our first meeting this week and I am thrilled to see such readiness to take action, share ideas respectfully, and take responsibility for being their class representative. I think we will have a very productive semester. Stayed tuned during our assemblies to see what they have been up to.

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.



PATCHFEST 19 – *'It Takes A Village'*

We held our monthly PatchFest meeting on Wednesday evening and lots of progress has been made towards our major fundraising event next term.

We shall shortly be providing our running schedule of student performances so that you will know when you are available to help out on our various stalls such as food (paella, bbq, sushi, nachos, Devonshire tea, fairy floss, cakes, icy poles, cheese toasties, pizza), first aid, parking, licensed bar, class activities, plants, and basketball side show alley. Once the running schedule is available a spreadsheet will be provided with time slots that need filling. We are hoping everyone could do an hour or so on the day to ensure all families have time to enjoy the day. If you already know where you would like to help, you can email Michelle directly (rayner.michelle.t@edumail.vic.gov.au). Thank you in anticipation of lots of offers of help 😊.

Danni DeValence is planning a workshop to begin creating some of the decorations for the day. Fabric flowers will be made sometime in August and as many helpers as possible are encouraged to join the workshop. Danni shall provide details soon; stay tuned. Colourful fabric donations are still required so if you have anything suitable, please drop them into the tub in the school staff room.

A list of required non-perishable ingredients and accessories will also go out shortly so donations can be made where possible. We are very grateful for any assistance that lowers the cost of running this event as that increases our profit and the resources we can provide for our students as a result.

Keep tuned to our regular social media posts from our marketing team. They are doing a wonderful job ensuring our community and beyond are well aware of our event and the attractions on offer. We are confident PatchFest 19 will be even better than last year's event so make sure you have the date in your diaries and calendars – Saturday, October 19, 12 – 7pm.

Warm regards,
PatchFest 19 Team 😊

FREE EVENT KIDS ACTIVITIES LIVE MUSIC + ART

HELEN & JOEY ESTATE LICENCED BAR

FOOD STALLS w. GLUTEN FREE, VEGAN & VEGETARIAN OPTIONS
FOOD PREPARED BY CHEFS

CHILLI BEAN OR PULLED BEEF w. SALSA FRESCA NACHOS

CHORIZO & CHICKEN PAELLA
PREPARED & DONATED BY MAURO & TEAM AT THE INDEPENDENT
COOKED ONSITE SO COME & WATCH IT BEING PREPARED

SAUSAGES SIZZLE BY BENDIGO BANK
w. ONION JAM (AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE) ON THE DAY



IT
TAKES A
VILLAGE

SAT 19 OCT 2019

THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL #patchfest19



HELEN & JOEY
ESTATE
YARRA VALLEY



Facebook Event Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/647791045633396/>

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.

PatchFest Sustainable Art Project - Reusable T.SHIRT Bags!

Dear Patch Friends and Families,

During Art this term every student will recycle clean old t-shirts and transform them into creative and conveniently reusable bags to use at this years PatchFest. Could every child please bring in at least one clean T-shirt of any size or colour, it could be a T.shirt from anyone in your family. Feel free to drop in several if you have them, we could always use spares. This activity is a great fun way for our school to reduce our ecological footprint by aiming to avoid using any plastic bags on the day of PatchFest. T.shirts must be labelled with students name and grade and placed in their year level tub outside the round prep window from Tuesday 23rd of July.

See below link to see where the inspiration came from:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1767173646719681>

Call Out for Art Materials required for PatchFest!

- Any bright vibrant Fabric all shapes and sizes accepted.
- Any size and shape buttons.
- Giant sized cylindrical shapes that can be used to create large drums.
- Outdoor coloured paints. (please no oil paint)

A tub will be left outside the prep circle window.

Kind Regards and thanks in advance,

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and The Patch is excited to be participating.

The Challenge recognises of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

If you and your child are interested in taking part in the Challenge, please let Jess know by emailing

holden.jessica.c@edumail.vic.gov.au



Our Forest learning Space!

Learning with nature!

Today was our forth adventure outside into our Forest Learning Space. It was a bit special because today we all had our new waterproof kinder suits on. We were so warm and snuggly and even wanted it to rain a little so we could make sure our suits worked! However, once again we were super lucky as the sun decided to join us! We worked so hard to be independent and put our suits on at kinder, and we did a great job!

Tuesday July 23rd



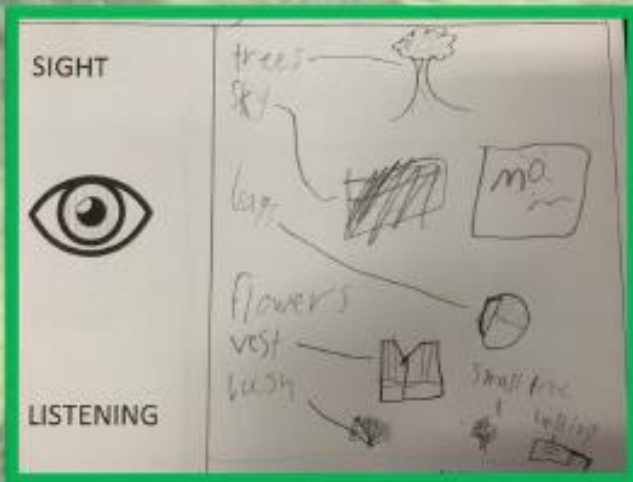
Day 4

Learning with nature!

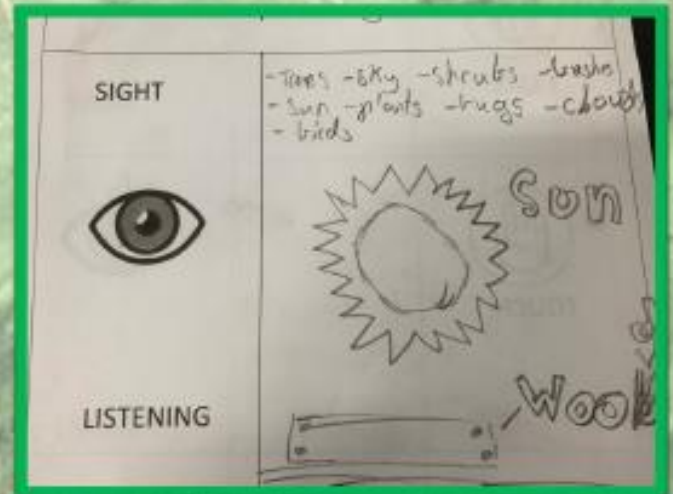
Today we explored our five senses in the garden. Our sense of
sight
hearing
taste
touch
and
smell



First of all we used our eyes to see what see a long way away. Kinder kids and Grade Five's drew what they could see. Our Grade Fives also added some writing for us



Harry and his Buddy



Henry and his Buddy

Day 4

Learning with nature!

Then it was on to our sense of hearing.

Michelle asked us all to close our eyes and lift our hands up - when we turn off our other senses our ears work better to hear lots of different sounds!



We heard:-
birds
school children talking
balls bouncing
Ken the Gardener pulling branches out of bushes
trees rustling
a power tool

Day 4

Learning with nature!

Then it was on to our sense of taste.

We were a bit surprised by this one as we had left our lunch back at kinder, what were we going to taste? As usual Michelle had lots to teach us, we tasted some bush tucker from the gardens at school! The grade Fives were great at helping us, as usual.



Iggy, Zoe, Violet and Jo did NOT like the taste of parsley from the veggie garden.



The oranges, however, were sweet and juicy!



Day 4

Learning with nature!

Talon
trying the
oranges!



RN GULLY



Evie trying
some
honeysuckle

Michelle showed us the Lomandra -
or Spiny Headed Mat Rush.
The Aboriginal children used to
walk along and chew it. We
decided it didn't have much of a
taste, but it was chewy!



As usual a safety
chat about eating
from nature
accompanied our
exploration!

Day 4

Learning with nature!

We combined touch and smell together in what was our favourite experience of the day. WE felt our way around the garden and used our noses to smell the many different scented plants in the garden.

With help from our Buddies we collected some different plants that we thought smelt beautiful and made a little scent cushion to take home and share with our families. As you would imagine we were all very particular about the plants we choose and had a careful smell before we collected them!



Kiah and Elliott looking for the perfect smell!



Day 4

Learning with nature!



Searching for the perfect
smell!

Leo made his
smelly pouch
for his Mum!



Day 4

Learning with nature!



We were a bit proud of our lovely smelling pouches



Day 4

Learning with nature!

Allison really
liked Zoe's!



Another amazing day being outside with Michelle and the Grade Five's - we always learn so much in our Forest Classroom!

LOCAL BUSINESS

TENNIS COACHING at THE PATCH TENNIS COURT

Prep to Grade 3 group lessons available on Monday nights after school!

I am a Tennis Australia Qualified Club Professional (Level 2) Coach, and Physiotherapist, with 30 years experience coaching, including with Junior State Squads.

Contact Renae Aron-Dawson on 0403 498 085.

FREE 1st sessi
Come & have a try.



Patch Tennis Club
9:15-10:15 Tuesdays
during school terms

- Coach sets up 1 hour of fun tennis activities to music.
- Great for fitness.
- You don't even feel like you're exercising!
- No experience necessary
- Racquet can be supplied
- Contact Renae on 0403 498 085, or just turn up.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

After school tutoring for Prep to Grade 6 to assist with all school subjects and homework.

Available for lessons in the privacy of your own home.

Contact: Bec Castricum

Phone: 0439 628 969

Email: bec.castricum@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS



SPECTRUM JOURNEYS AUTISM CONFERENCE

**Early Years and Primary focused
Conference for Parents, Carers &
Education Professionals**

**SATURDAY 27 JULY
9AM - 4 PM
AQUINAS COLLEGE RINGWOOD**

**Five Incredible Speakers across the day
Exhibitors Area
Highly practical presentations
Cost: \$90**

**Ticket & Booking Information
[https://spectrumjourneys.org.au
/conference2019](https://spectrumjourneys.org.au/conference2019)**



The Bluey & Alice Bunny Refuge, Cockatoo have a number of fundraising events happening to help raise funds needed to cover medical costs associated with looking after our rescue buns.

In addition to the Lion King Movie night mentioned below, we also have a Billy G's cookie dough drive happening now. Orders are due by mid August. For more information see the Refuge's Facebook Page.

We also hold regular auctions of goods to raise money via our Facebook Page - Recycle and Raise for the Refuge.



For more information contact refuge volunteer Narelle Higgins on 0421154423.



6TH ANNUAL

**MELBOURNE
FIREFIGHTER
STAIR CLIMB 2019**

*Climb 28 floors in 25kg of gear
Saturday September 7 at Crown Metropol Hotel*

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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: prezjmfc@gmail.com

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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.

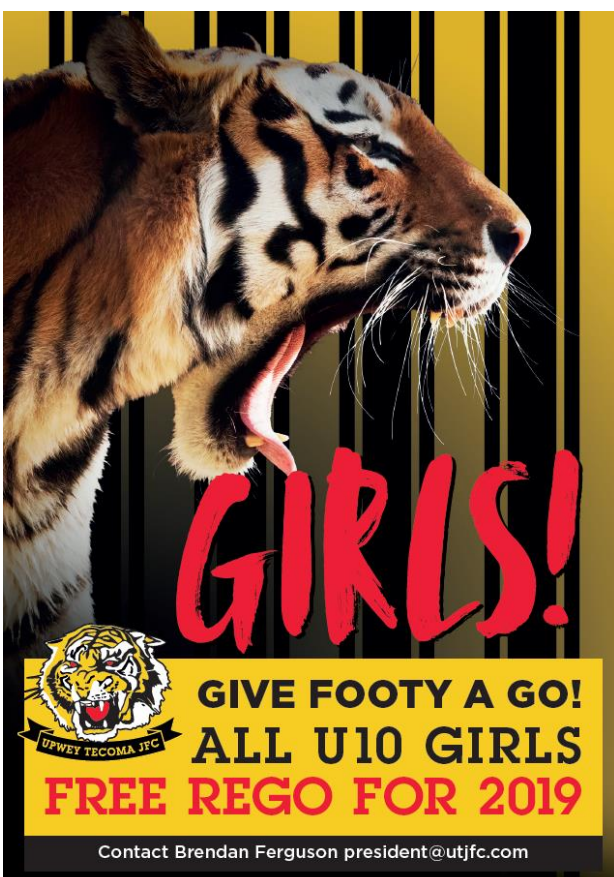
Where: The Patch Hall, 5 The Patch Rd, The Patch.

| Section and ages | Meeting Times |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Joey Scouts 5 – 7yrs | Mondays 5.45pm – 6.45pm |
| Cub Scouts 8 – 10yrs | Mondays 7.00pm – 8.30pm |
| Scouts 11 – 14yrs | 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

**PREPARE FOR ADVENTURE
PREPARE FOR LIFE**



GIRLS!

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

UTJFC

Contact Brendan Ferguson president@utjfc.com

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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