



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember

December

Thu 19th

Yr 6 Graduation

Fri 20th

Yr 5/6 Knox Leisure Works Excursion

Fri 20th

Last day of school early dismissal of **1:30pm**

January

Mon 27th

Australia Day Public Holiday

Tue 28th

Student Free Day – staff at school preparing

Wed 29th

First day of school for **ALL** students 8.55am in classrooms for 9.00 am start. Prep pickup at 12.30 from Prep deck (Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th, Friday 31st January)

Fri 31st

Year 5/6 Leadership Day

February

Mon 3rd

Call for nominations for School Council (special letter to school community setting the election process)

Fri 7th

First Assembly 9:10am.

TIMETABLE FOR FRIDAY

Year 5 & 6 Knox Leisure Works excursion

8.55 In class ready to start at 9.00

9.00 – 11.00 Class time

11.00 – 11.45 Recess

11.45 – 12.00 Lunch eating time

12.00 – 12.45 Final session/tidy up

1.00 – 1.20 Assembly/Farewell to Year 6

1.20 - 1.30 Drop Off preparation

1.30 School Ceases for 2019

**Congratulations but
sadly we farewell
Hayden who has
secured a full-time
teaching position in
Brunswick**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Thought for the week: The Future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams – Eleanor Roosevelt

We have had an outstanding year with:

- Our NAPLAN results placed us in the top two bands, being exceptional results and above state average in all aspects for Year 3, Year 5 and our cohort students.
- Fundraising has been incredible with the following amounts raised:
 - \$12,110 Patch Fest – this will support our Reading program in 2020 of \$8,000 and \$4,000 of Literacy resources from P-6
 - \$500 Mangoes – support of much needed staff room equipment – toasters and sandwich press
 - \$4,000 to support Year 6 Graduation costs
 - \$2169 from Calendars to support our Art Program
- Our focus this year on wellbeing and the development of “The Nest” has been an exciting journey and I have enjoyed watching this space grow. With regular use of the room by Kinder parents, Women’s circle, Weaving project, Supporting parents and lots more planned for next year, it’s going to be better than ever. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates and events.
- Community building with:
 - Many parents assisting with the Mac and MiniLit parents programs
 - Reading in classrooms
 - Cleaning and maintaining our grounds and gardens
 - Looking after our animals
 - Musical performances at Assembly and our Celebration Assembly
 - Choir performances
 - Year 6 Mask parades
 - Helper morning tea
 - Staff baskets and bread (received with many thanks)
- Our teachers who have remained true to their passion – teaching your wonderful children, building their resilience and educating them has been foremost in their minds.

As a community of parents, children and teachers, we have all shared in celebrating 2019 - We are truly blessed at this school to have such wonderful children, parents and staff.

Congratulations to Mason, John, Hayden and Jess B, you have all been so dependable, supportive, encouraging, and honest during your time here. Your new schools are incredibly lucky to have you and we are deeply sad to see you go, but wish you every success in your new positions.

Other exciting news, six of the Year 7 boys awarded certificates for the High Achievers Awards from Monbulk Secondary College - five were from the Patch P.S last year. Congratulations to Troy, Ford, Leo, Mitchell and Luke a great achievement and well deserved.

I would also like to acknowledge the following students who achieved a School Award for 2020:

AWARD	Prep	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Academic Excellence	Harrison	Jasmine	Charlie C	Alex C
Civics and Citizenship	Josie	Reilly	Neve S	Marlo
Most Improved	Maisy	Holly	Josh M	Taigh
	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six	
Academic Excellence	Neve W	Jasper F	Will	
Civics and Citizenship	Milla	Robbie	Daniel	
Most Improved	Soren	Alex B	Hamish E-B	

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On Friday we farewell our Year 6 children, whilst this is a sad day, it is also a day of celebration. We will miss these students and I wish them all the best as they grow into their teenage years and finally into the fine young men and women they will all become. We will also farewell the many families who will move on as this is their last child at The Patch at our last Assembly on Friday. Many families have had a long association with us and we wish you and your children every success and happiness. We also wish our other family who is moving to Sale every success.

The Langley Bates Family
The Blandthorn Family
The Boyd Family
The Bright Family
The Carter Family
The Davies Family
The Edwards-Broughton Family
The Hundle Family
The Moxham Family
The Walvisch Family

The Langrish Family
The Loveridge Family
The McBride Family
The Postlethwaite Family
The Rosenfield Family
The Sinclair Bridge Family
The Storey Family
The Sturt Family

We also welcome the following families to our community for 2020

The Ambrose Family
The Bourke Family
The Burke Family
The Burley Family
The Butcher Family
The Cook Family
The Cutler Family
The Davidson Family
The Dubsy Family
The Greener Family
The Stephen Family
The Blomley Family
The Sims Family

The Hugo Family
The James-Hodge Family
The Lim Family
The Logan Family
The Martin Family
The Raines Family
The Russ Family
The Schreuder Family
The Connolly Family
The Hanley Family
The Verstraten Family
The Glac-Kozel Family

A reminder for next year, we will be a Nude food school as implemented by our Student School Council – we have had a significant decline in our rubbish over the last two weeks and we will carry this into 2020. What a great initiative from our students.

Thank you for such an outstanding and rewarding year.

Have a wonderful break and Christmas

Regards,

Debra

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A reminder for Bushfire Season

We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to relocate to Knox Central Primary School on days of Extreme fire danger and close on days of Code Red Day fire danger.

On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from school. Children will NOT be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult or written permission.

Sign out reminder for early pick up - If you choose to pick your child up early it is an absolute **must** to sign your children out at the office. As part of continuing Emergency Management procedures roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. In the event of an emergency, we would waste several precious moments trying to work out where children are if they have not been signed out. I can only implore you to make sure you follow this very simple procedure.

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days.

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

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 Patch staff will be on duty before 9am.
- 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.





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play and create.

We have a few exciting new things
up our sleeve for 2020 - stay tuned!

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