



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to Remember

### December

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 6 TOTB Presentation night 1
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 TOTB Presentation night 2
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mango orders arrive (delivery time TBA)
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Second-Hand uniform shop sale 8:30am – 9:30am
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Emerald Secondary Music Performance
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Sports Carnival (NO ASSEMBLY)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school 'Step-up' day 9-11am
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Final Prep 2020 transition session 9:30am – 10:30am
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last school banking for 2020
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas celebration assembly 9am – 10:30am
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Celebration 2:30pm
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Special awards assembly
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Graduation
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 Knox Leisure Works Excursion
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of school early dismissal of <u>1:30pm</u></b>

### January

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	First day of school for <b>ALL</b> students 8:55am
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### Congratulations, but with sadness we farewell...

**Mason** – Completed his Bachelor of Teaching for Primary. Secured full-time teaching position 2020.

**John** - Completed his Masters of Teaching for Primary & Secondary. Secured full-time teaching position 2020.

**Jess.B** – Secured a full-time Japanese teaching position for 2020.

We wish Mason, John and Jess a wonderful future, your new schools are extremely lucky to have you.

### 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...

I am pleased to inform the community that we have a final figure for our Patch Fest fundraising \$12,110. An amazing effort!!!! Without the support of our amazing community this would not be possible. Again many thanks and congratulations on such a great effort. These funds will support our reading support program and also provide much needed Literacy resources across the grades from Prep to Year 6.

There will be an end of year raffle with proceeds going toward The Patch School Community Fund.

As the year draws to a close, we begin to reflect on the year and look forward to a smooth transition into 2020. We are fast approaching step up day for all students on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>. For our new parents, this is when the Year 6 students transition to High School for the day. The remainder of the students all step up to meet their new teacher and classmates for the following year. The step up is for the first two hours (9.00am to 11.00 am).

On this day you will receive your child's report and notification of your child's teacher for 2020. If you have anything you need to discuss with your child's current teacher, you are welcome to organise a brief interview with them after you have received your child's report.

**Don't forget**, the commencement of the 2020 year for all students is 8:55am Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> (January 28<sup>th</sup> staff return only).

Parent Payment Charges for 2020 have been emailed to you. There are several pages of information to explain how we implement the department guidelines. These documents can also be found on the website and are available in hardcopy at the office

Schools can request payments from parents under three main categories:

- **Essential items**
- **Optional Items**
- **Voluntary items**

When you get your fees, it's important to note that the charges are for items in the **standard curriculum**, and are what the children will eventually take home.

However, The Patch PS **offers more than a standard curriculum**. Extras such as our music, art, specialist programs, the reading office, extension programs, environment program, Mini and MacLit, our library, take home books, choir, ensembles and the student leadership program are just a few of the extra enrichment opportunities that the children can take part in.

The grounds and the classroom working conditions that the children enjoy, including air conditioning and heating, have either been budgeted or fundraised for.

School Council have discussed at length how we can maintain the high standards that exist here at The Patch PS within the guidelines that have been implemented. This is where you can help with the voluntary payments.

School Council through Beck's letter has clearly articulated our 2020 fee structure and your support would go a long way towards maintaining much of what we enjoy here at The Patch. This year's voluntary items enabled us to continue our lease of laptops for 2019. The aim for next year is to support the lease of new student laptops, THRASS resources and our reading program.

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Over the next few weeks we ask that you focus on your fire plan in the case of extreme weather days. Please see further information in this newsletter about the process for our code red days and days of Extreme predictions on our website.

Fire Safety at this time of the year is always on our minds. As a school, we will continue with our regular practices to the hall or the oval, depending on the identified risk. We have had a strong plan and process in place for many years now.

**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.**

It is important that all parents have alternative arrangements in place for these days. Also, as these days occur and you choose to pick your child up early, it is an absolute must to sign your children out at the office. This is part of our continuing Emergency Management arrangements for roll marking after the children have come in from lunch. In the event of an unforeseen fire 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.

Have a great weekend

Regards,

*Deb*

Principal

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## **CHILDREN STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR**

Parents of our year 6 students will tell you that it doesn't seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our year sixes are already 8 weeks into their final term of primary school with only 3 weeks to go.

Secondary school can be a daunting thought for not only our students but parents as well. There are many questions, which I'm sure you have, which are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days.

The Department of Education and Training have developed an informative site, which provides hints, tips, advice and information on how to support your child through the transition from primary to secondary school at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/bphome.aspx>

## GOAL SETTING FOR A SUCCESSFUL TERM

Planning ahead is an important skill that can be learnt and further developed at all ages – even adults! Organisation, at school, means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your school supplies ready at a neat table, recording your projects and their due dates and planning when you are going to do your homework so that you have enough time.

Two positive *Habits of the Mind* that help develop a young person’s organisation include:

- *Setting Goals* - means thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
- *Planning My Time* - means thinking about how long it will take me to do my school work and planning enough time to get it done.

Some ideas to help children become more organised and have a more successful term are:

1. **Chunking:** Breaking complex tasks into small, manageable steps. For instance, week-long school projects can be broken down into a series of smaller tasks that can be completed daily.
2. **Goal-setting:** Helping children set small and large goals is one tangible way of increasing their effectiveness. eg. “I want to learn to spell 20 new words from my list by Friday.”
3. **Making plans:** Working out steps required to help achieve goals and objectives requires children to look ahead. “I will learn five words a night. I’ll ask an adult to test me each night.”
4. **Managing time:** Time planning tools such as lists and diaries can help children keep schedules, hand work in on time and help prevent children overestimating what they can achieve.
5. **Routines take the worry out of remembering.** Homework routines, morning routines, even after-school unpacking routines help children to be organized. For instance, an after-school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.
6. **Have regular homework time.** Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal homework has been set then use this time for reading.
7. **Have morning round-up.** Remind children of the day’s events each morning so they can plan accordingly.
8. **Use routines and structure.** There are times when so much is going on in young people’s lives that they need structure and routine to help them get organized. Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children when they are busy.
9. **Make use of a check list when it all seems too much.** Place a list of routine morning activities by a child’s bed and insist that it be checked before he or she goes to school. Lists are one way to help boys become better organized.
10. **Clear away the clutter.** A regular clean-up of desks and work areas can help children regain control of their environment.
11. **Less is better.** Encourage children and young people to bring home only the books that they will work on each night. Some children become overwhelmed when they have a bagful of books and they have difficulty knowing where to start.
12. **Use a diary to plan ahead.** Encourage your child to place homework, social and school events in a diary.

## Second Hand Uniform Shop Sale!

☆☆ Who doesn't love a good bargain ☆☆

We are holding a second hand school uniform sale. All second hand items will be reduced to \$1 per item!

Come along on Thursday the 5th of December from 8:30am-9:30am and grab yourself a bargain.

All proceeds will go directly to the school.

To those who have any pre loved school clothes they are wanting to donate please bring them along before Thursday, it would be greatly appreciated 🙌

### SCHOOL BANKING 2019



A kind reminder that our school banking day is Thursday

Jenny from Bendigo Bank will attend The Patch Primary School every Thursday between 9.00am - 9.30am. She will be available to answer or assist with any queries you may have, including opening new accounts.

Did you know ? That when you open an account at Bendigo Bank Monbulk that, \$5 is donated to the Emerald Monbulk Wildlife Shelter. You will also receive \$5 into your account to help kickstart your savings journey!

**AND**

Every time you bank your money as part of school banking, you will go into a prize draw. The winner/s will be drawn out at assembly, at the end of each school term.





## 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.

# RECENT ASSEMBLY SNPASHOTS





TIP OF THE WEEK

## Q. How can I be sure my child's food order has been received by the school?

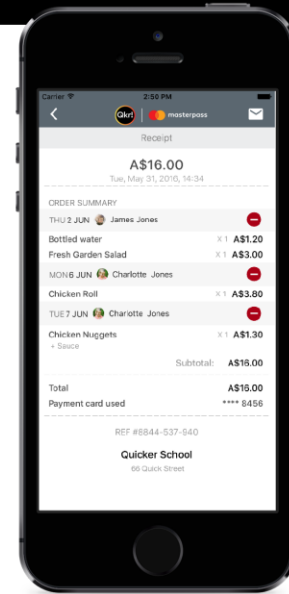
A. Qkr! is the safe, secure, reliable way to pay for school food orders. Your eReceipt is confirmation that the order has been received by the school.

On canteen days the staff print stickers for each Qkr! order containing the child's name, class and order details. Orders are prepared and placed in individual bags labelled with the stickers for ease of identification.

Qkr! orders are much more efficient to prepare than cash orders. Ordering with Qkr!:

1. Speeds up preparation so canteen staff have more time to prepare and serve food;
2. Reduces the time spent on cash handling tasks;
3. Reduces the need for your child to carry cash to school, so no more worrying about lost lunch money.

Check your school's nominated cut-off time for Qkr! Orders. Food orders cannot be placed after the cut-off time, giving the canteen staff sufficient time to prepare the orders.



# The Patch OSHClub

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE

INTEGRITY

### Hours of operation

Before school care:

7am - 9am (children are sent to school at 8:45am)

After school care:

3pm - 6pm

### Program Student Leaders:

Theo (grade 6)

Jack (grade 6)

Liam (grade 6)

To enroll or update your enrollment and bookings, visit [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) or for assistance or if you have any questions, please call 1300 395 735.

To contact us directly, please call 0400 708 773, or email us at [thepatch@oshclub.com.au](mailto:thepatch@oshclub.com.au).

Program Coordinator - Bronwyn Ruigrok

Educator - Lucy Collins

Regular Casuals - Annalise Power and Tiarne Moody

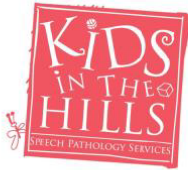
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At The Patch OSHClub we value community, sustainability and the environment, and leading healthy and active lifestyles. All of this and more, we reflect in our program practices, activities and ever changing, colourful breakfast and afternoon tea menu. We strongly believe in developing skills for life and aspire towards a largely child-run service in which all children feel they belong and can contribute to the service.



## LOCAL BUSINESS



Are you worried about the way your child pronounces words, or expresses himself or herself, seems to struggle with following instructions or making friends? Want to give your precious little one a head start at school or kinder?

Kids In The Hills Speech Pathology Services ( located in The Patch ) are taking enrollments for 2020. Places are limited. Give Elena Benatar a call on 041 467 9648 or 9752 1852 and we will discuss the best assessment/therapy options possible. Medicare, NDIS plan-managed or self-managed participants are welcome.

### Akasha Healing Massage Therapy

Located in Kallista

Specialising in relaxation, therapeutic, remedial, heartworks lomi lomi and pregnancy massage as well as foot spas, facials and more...

Drop the kids off at school and come and see Amanda for some much deserved self-care!

\$70 for 60 minutes

\$105 for 90 minutes

#### *Christmas Gift Vouchers now available*

beautiful personalised gift certificates can be emailed to you

#### **Special offer for The Patch Primary School families:**

Mention this ad and get \$10 off your Christmas Gift Voucher. PLUS go into the draw to win an Akasha Healing Gift Hamper and complimentary half hour massage!

To book, please call or text Amanda on 0414-531-469

For more information, visit [www.akasha-healing.net](http://www.akasha-healing.net)

*"Touch was never meant to be a luxury...*

*It is a basic human need. It is an action that validates life and gives hope to both the receiver and the giver." - Irene Smith*



• AKASHA HEALING MASSAGE •

Kallista

# COMMUNITY

Monbulk & District  
Community Bank® Branch

**Bendigo Bank**

PROUDLY BRINGS YOU

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Monbulk & District  
Community Opportunities Working Group

## MERRY MONBULK STREET PARTY

FIRST FRIDAY OF DECEMBER  
FROM 5PM - 9PM  
MAIN STREET CLOSED  
FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES. SANTA.  
FUN AND FESTIVITIES FOR ALL

HO HO HO!

WWW.MONBULKYARRRANGES.COM.AU

**FERNTREE GULLY CFA**

**OPEN DAY**

**FERNTREE GULLY VILLAGE FAIR**

- DISCUSS YOUR HOME FIRE & BUSHFIRE SAFETY PLANS
- FUN WITH THE FTG LIBRARY
- FIRE SAFETY ADVICE
- CAPTAIN KOALA VISITS
- CHILDREN'S FIREFIGHTING HELICOPTER, BALLOONS ETC
- APRIL'S MARVELLOUS PANTOMIME

**SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2019**  
**10.00AM - 2.00PM**

Community Health Service

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TERTIARY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

1 X \$10,000  
1 X \$7,500

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS  
2 X \$2,500

## TERTIARY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

To be eligible, applicants must be:

Residents of the Yarra Ranges Council who are currently undertaking or are enrolled to commence: Tertiary studies in a recognised health science course at an Australian University or higher education TAFE institute or Vocational education and training (VET) in a health science field.

Please email [penny.taylor@inspiro.org.au](mailto:penny.taylor@inspiro.org.au) for the selection criteria and application form.

**Applications close 16th March 2020**

**APPLY NOW FOR 2020**

Previous award recipient

"I felt very honoured to receive financial support from an organisation within my community, who helped support me in my tertiary endeavours."

Accessibility icons: wheelchair, Australian flag, hearing aid, speech bubble.

**PLANNING FOR BUSHFIRE CAN BE TOUGH, SO WHY DO IT ALONE?**

Work through your plan step-by-step with guidance from CFA

**What:** FREE Bushfire Planning Workshop  
Create your bushfire plan and be ready for the fire season ahead.

**Where:** Monbulk Living and Learning Centre  
21 Main Road, Monbulk

**When:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 7pm – 10pm

**Contact:** The District 13 Community Safety Team on:  
03 8739 4014

To register your attendance for this event, please visit the following link:

<https://monbulkbpw161219.eventbrite.com.au>

Registrations are encouraged but not essential. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you belong to a community group or club, talk to us about arranging a customised session.

Please note that CFA postpones all community meetings when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe.

## LOCAL CLUBS



**MONBULK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**GIRLS PLAY AFL 2020**

**FUN & FITNESS. COME & BE PART OF IT.**

**NEW AGE GROUPS**

Building on the success of our 2019 Premiership U14 Girls Team and our two AFLW draftees Laura McClelland & Emma Horne, we are recruiting new players to join us in 2020.

**GIRLS U12 | U14 | U16**

For enquiries and to register your interest contact:

- U12 - Christie 0400 911 098
- U14 & U16 - Jo 0438 596 866

[www.monbulkjuniorfootballclub.teamapp.com](http://www.monbulkjuniorfootballclub.teamapp.com)



SEASON 2019/20



To find out more contact

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0417 538 329

With the newly refurbished oval & new pavilion the Monbulk Junior Cricket Club is looking forward to a wonderful season!

With Junior teams in Super 7's (U10's), Fast 9's (U11's), U12's, U13's, U14's & U16's

Plus our Junior Blasters program is back again for 5-9 year olds

We cater for kids of all ages who want to play cricket!

Come join in the fun with mates

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!**



**Join the Adventure**

**1st Monbulk Scout Group**



**Are your kids looking for a fun, engaging and safe activity?**

Scouts means adventure, challenge and new skills - programs which develop life skills, leadership and resilience. Scouts enjoy being outdoors and off-screen, as they earn badges and make heaps of new friends.

1st Monbulk meet at Monbulk Scout Hall, Monbulk Silvan Rd.  
Term fees are affordable and the first three trial visits are free.

**Cub Scouts** ages 7-10 - Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm  
**Scouts** ages 10-14 - Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm

Adult volunteers are welcome too, as Leaders or helpers.

For more information contact P Smith on 0419042615 or visit [www.scoutsvictoria.com.au](http://www.scoutsvictoria.com.au)





## 2020 SEASON LAUNCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



**Sunday 8 December 3pm - 5pm**

Olinda Pool - 79 Olinda Monbulk Road Olinda

• **Information** • **Registration** • **Sausage Sizzle**

Meet the 2020 Coaches

Boys and Girls - All Ages, All Welcome

Register by 31 December and receive 10% discount on registration fees!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com)

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