



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates we can look forward to

### Coming up...

- School photos have been rescheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- Stomp the Beat sessions have been rescheduled to the first five Wednesday's of Term 4, this applies to all year levels.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

**Thought for the week:** "Be brave, face your fears and the world is yours"

I am so thankful and so proud to have such an incredible staff, school council, parents, students and community. I have been constantly amazed at how everyone has embraced such an enormous change.

Thank you to everyone for being so brave, facing your fears and rising to the challenge of change. Who would have thought we would be learning remotely, having Webex meetings and a simple video would go viral! If you haven't seen our message, I have copied the link below for you:

<https://www.facebook.com/thepatchps/videos/886704508468183/?d=n>

I really mean it, you have my permission to take a breath. Whether this is each day or all day. Not everything will go to plan and if it is one of those days, just email your Childs teacher, let them know and they will understand. All we ask is that you take care of yourselves and your wellbeing as a family.

We are all here to support you but just remember, we can't support you if we don't know.

On the next few pages there is a wonderful collage of photos, showing the many aspects of our remote learning and activities. Thank you everyone for your outstanding support and assistance at this time as the saying goes, we are all in this together.

Have a great weekend.

Debra

Principal

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We held our first WebEx School Council meeting on Tuesday evening and it was wonderful to hear from our councilors of how they are coping in their new “teaching” role. The following is a snapshot of some of the members’ thoughts on remote learning so far:

*All parents and staff agree that the remote learning has been a great experience because it is so comprehensive and well designed.*

*Parents are feeling both over-whelmed from being teachers to sometimes multiple children, and working from home etc, yet supported with warmth.*

*Teachers are making every effort to work with parents and children’s different needs from their online meetings, to voice recordings of the tasks, to tech support, emotional support, printing out daily worksheets for parents who are struggling with time/tech management, to supporting work/school free days when needed. The PPS has shown immense support, and the children are thoroughly enjoying each point of contact.*

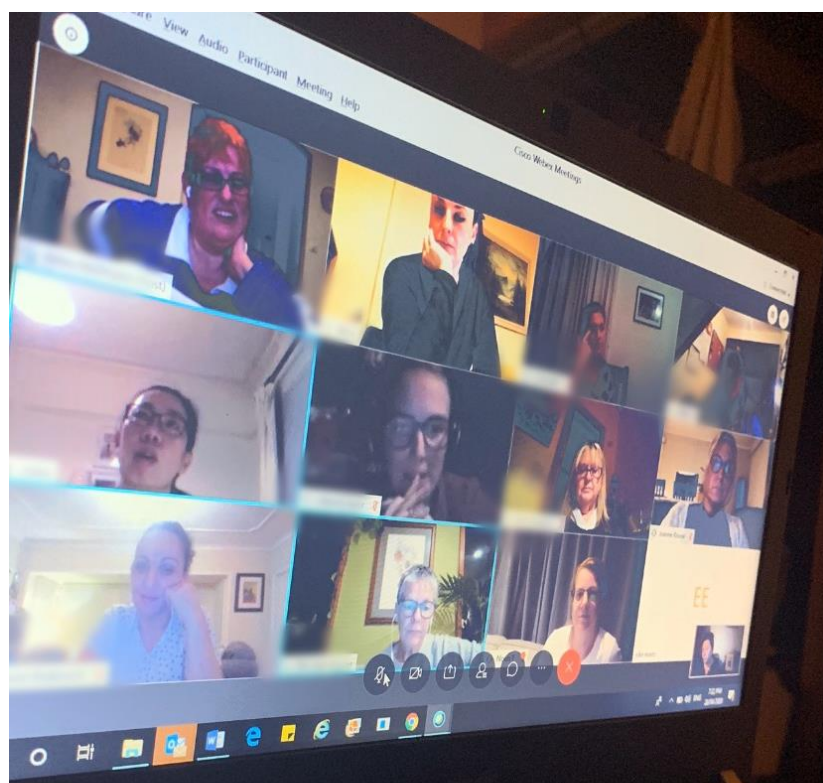
*Parents expressed immense gratitude for the teachers and heart that the community has offered. We are seeing children working well in this new frame of learning, and finding a place with teacher and parent input.*

*Teachers will look to find other ways to further engage with the grade 6 students as this is a milestone year for them all.*

*In conclusion the PPS have been amazing in rising up to the new technological needs, and supporting parents and students through this, and parents are making a tremendous effort with all the extra that has been put into their daily lives. Well done Patch Community! Much gratitude to your heart felt efforts.*

*Additionally, our first Webex council meeting was a great success, and well received by all members.*

Whilst The Patch School staff value the positive comments from our community, we are very, very aware of the difficulties families are facing in their daily struggle to facilitate the learning from home. Every family has a unique situation and is responding to the challenges in their own way. Please contact the school if you need additional support; our Wellbeing Team are just a phone call away.



## *A word from Alesha*

As you know the wellbeing of our families and students is always our number one priority, now more than ever! Most of you would have seen Deb and Michelle's message by now, giving everyone permission to look after themselves first. What is amazing, is that from 5pm when it was posted to 9am this morning it was viewed over 11,000 times. This means our community has resonated with the message and shared it with others. I think staff and families are now really clear about what is important during this time. Huge thanks to Deb and Michelle for putting themselves out there to get the message across.

During our school council meeting we discussed many ways in which we could continue to make sure people were connected and supported. We all shared our 'nightmare' days of remote learning and how difficult the juggle was for staff and parents alike. Our amazing wellbeing team agreed that humour and laughing at ourselves is a great tool! So, you may see opportunities to post some 'remote' learning photo's that are perhaps not the polished lessons that you dreamed you would deliver, trust me, I have many, many photos I could post of the chaos that's reigns while I'm teaching my own children.

We are also looking into a 'phone tree' as a support network too, to help parents stay connected. If you feel there is something we could be doing to help the wellbeing of you or your family, please email me [sangster.alesha.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:sangster.alesha.a@edumail.vic.gov.au) and I will follow through with Deb and Michelle.

Please remember you have all the external support numbers in your wellbeing newsletter, please use them if you need them, there are professionals at the end of those lines ready to help with strategies and advice.

Big virtual hugs to you all, and remember if you need a de-brief, cry, chat or laugh give me a call at school on a Wednesday anytime.

Alesha x

## **An Award-Winning Artist from within our school!**

Last term, Trinity entered an Art Competition and submitted a painting depicting aspects of her Indigenous heritage. Her art work is called The Aquatic Dreaming and uses colours chosen to represent the Noongar, from Western Australia, known for their crystal blue lakes, oceans and waterways. Trinity used papanya to represent her hair and some of the marine life. The face depicted is Trinity's profile and symbolises her Aboriginal heritage.

The beautiful painting, not surprisingly, won the 'People's Choice' section of the competition and Trinity will receive a \$250 Coles/Myer voucher.

As if that isn't enough, Trinity also won the Judges Award for her artwork and an additional \$250 gift voucher. So, The People's Choice AND her age category prizes.

What a wonderful result Trinity! We are very proud of you.





## Some images around our school

You may be wondering what school looks like without all the little cherubs filling up its spaces. Well, it's quiet. Too quiet.

But it is also beautiful. Autumn has changed the majestic oak tree on the oval to a pile of rich red leaves that you would normally be scooping up into mounds and diving into.

The strawberries and raspberries in the vegetable garden are still offering small delights to those wandering between the garden beds, and the giant pumpkins continue to stack on the weight!

Cosmos is flowering in the "Picking Garden" but the sunflowers and Zinnias are now finished and the dead flower heads are providing valuable habitats for our insects to shelter in over the coming cooler months.

An anonymous artist introduced a new character into our school ground – a Pokemon favourite now graces our rebound wall. It may be graffiti but it is well done and brightens up the space.



## Annual privacy reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website:

[http://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/files/4315/8389/0010/Privacy\\_Collection\\_Statement.pdf](http://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/files/4315/8389/0010/Privacy_Collection_Statement.pdf)

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy - information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

## A letter from Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation



EASTERN REGIONAL LIBRARIES CORPORATION

1350 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby, VIC 3179

1300 737 277

[www.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au](http://www.yourlibrary.vic.gov.au)

Eastern Regional Libraries provides a range of digital and e-learning databases that would be beneficial for your teaching and school community. These resources are all available free of charge to library members.

### Memberships

This maybe an opportune time to encourage your school families to revisit their library membership or join the library online or by phone to access our vast array of collections and services. The easiest way for parents and students to join is to use our student membership portal. It is accessible from [www.yourlibrary.com.au/students](http://www.yourlibrary.com.au/students) and allows parents to provide their child's details directly onto the website.

### New services

We have also developed a new service called 'Click for Home Delivery' where we send a box of library items to your home through Australia Post.

A family can receive one box per month free delivery. They can place holds via the catalogue on all their favourite items or alternatively request library staff to make a selection, whether that's magazines, books, DVDs or games.

They can contact us by phone Mon-Fri (9.00am-5.00pm) on 1300 737 277 or call directly. Phone numbers for the libraries in Yarra Ranges are:

Lilydale- 9800 6457

Belgrave- 9800 6489

Healesville- 9800 6497

Mooroolbark- 9800 6480

Yarra Junction – 9800 6462

Montrose- 9800 6490

### Digital Resources

These and many other resources are all available from the library website: <https://www.yourlibrary.com.au/online-resources/>

#### Britannica

As a digital resource, Britannica goes beyond traditional printed information by including a variety of multimedia sources. Developed with an emphasis on school education.

#### Literacy Planet

An educational game suite for students in grade levels from Prep- year 10.

#### Storybox Library

Discover over 100 stories for children to read and stream on your devices screen. The majority are written by Australian authors and all are read by Australian actors.

#### Code Club

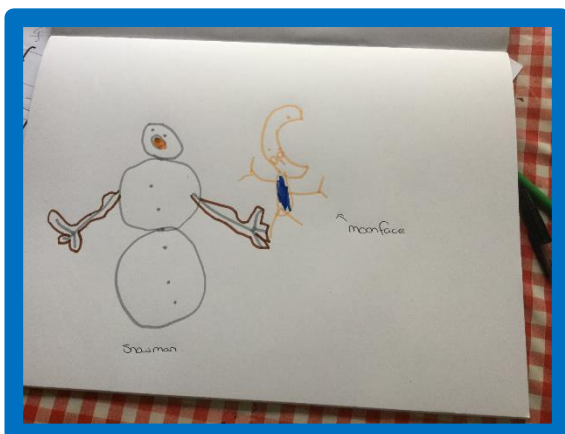
Code Club projects are fun step by step guides for young learners to learn how to code by making games, animations and interactive stories.

Please feel free to share this information with your school community.

Kind regards,  
Chris Nugent  
Belgrave library  
Eastern Regional Libraries  
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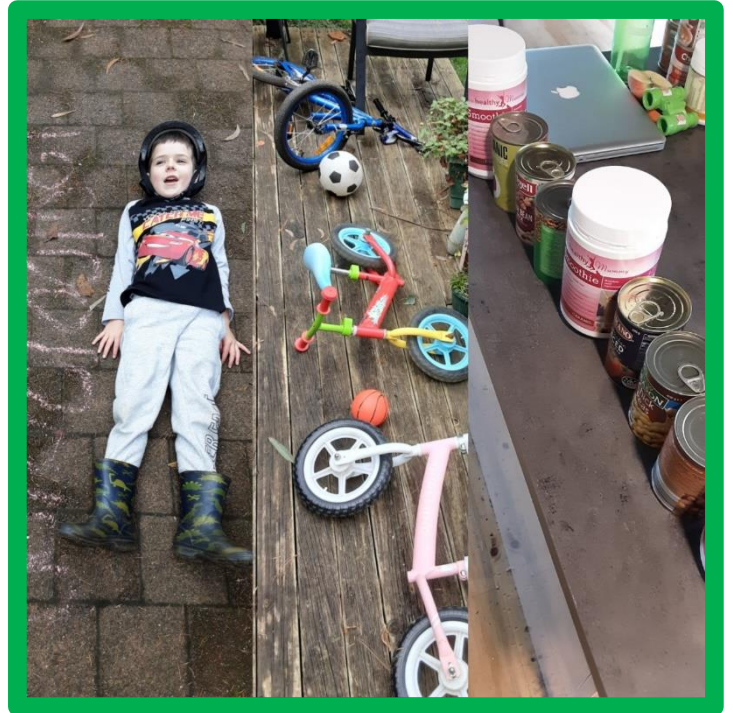
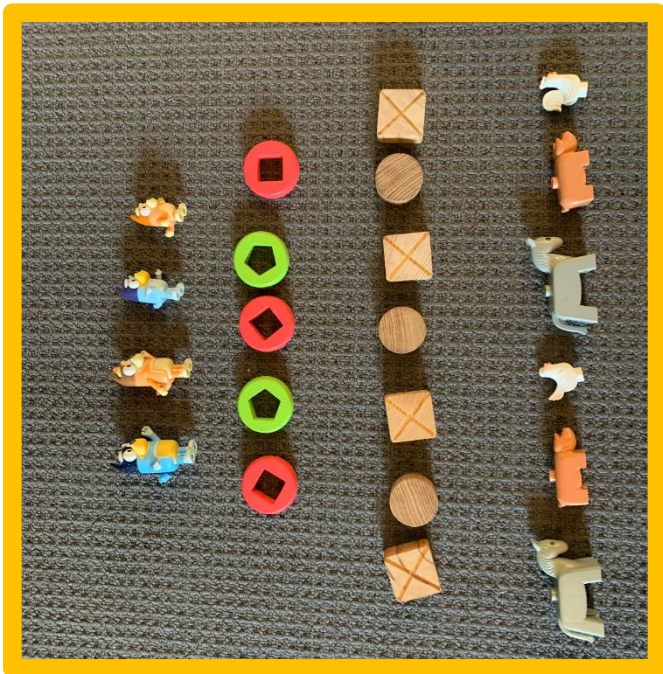
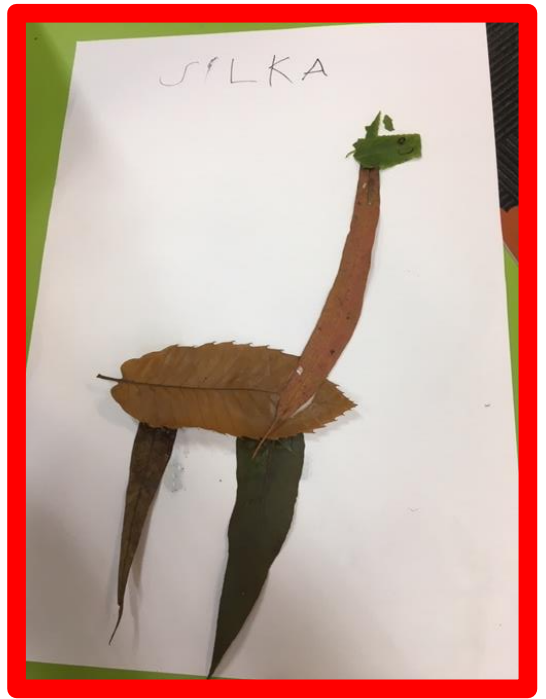
# WHAT REMOTE LEARNING LOOKS LIKE AT THE PATCH



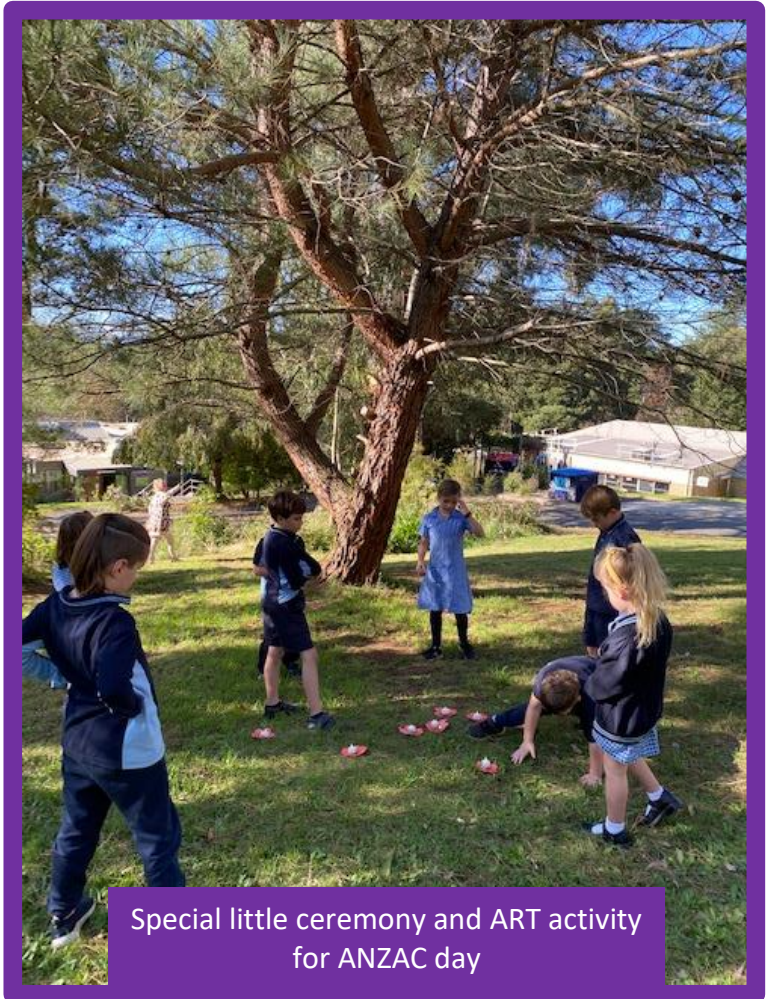
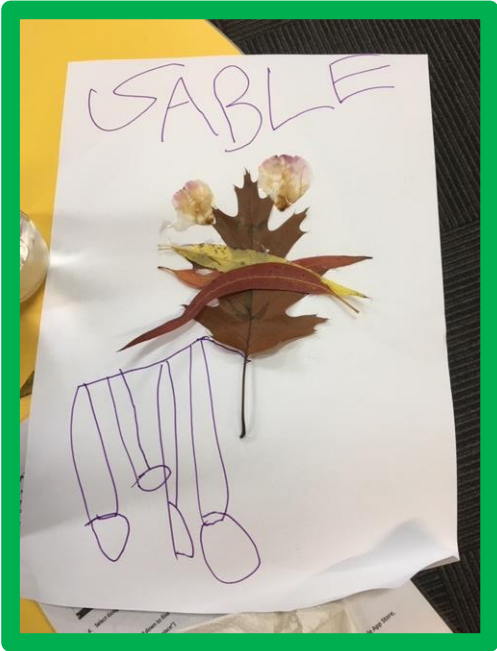




Hazel keeping Viv on track with her to do list











## Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

Help your child develop the skills to be safer online

**Do you want to:**

- Keep your kids safe as they spend more time online doing schoolwork and connecting with friends?
- Start an age-appropriate conversation around harmful content?
- Explore contact with strangers online?
- Help to mitigate and manage online bullying?
- Teach expectations for online behaviour?

Join us for this 1.5 hour webinar via Zoom.  
Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 5-12 years old.

**When:**

Wednesday the 27th of May 2020

**Time:**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:**

Online via Zoom

**Cost:**

Free of charge. Bookings essential.

**Bookings:**

[www.trybooking.com/BJLOR](https://www.trybooking.com/BJLOR)



## Schooling & Parenting During COVID-19

Thriving With Your Child During These Challenging Times

**Do you want to:**

- Learn some helpful tips to aid in the transition to schooling from home?
- Explore what's really important at this time?
- Minimise anxiety for you and your child during these challenging times?
- Use this time to build on your relationship with your child?

Join us for this 1.5 hour webinar via Zoom.  
Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 5-12 years old.

**When:**

Wednesday the 6th of May 2020

**Time:**

10:00 am - 11:30 am

**Where:**

Online via Zoom

**Cost:**

Free of charge. Bookings essential.

**Bookings:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJLZO>



# 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. For more information, please call or email.  
0408 102 542 [jessdunn.arts@gmail.com](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com)

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