



# Patchwork News

*Respect, Responsibility, Integrity*

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## Dates to remember

### November

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	CURRICULUM DAY – No students at school
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY... finally!
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Prep 2021 transition (first group)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Prep 2021 transition (second group)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Staff planning week
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Council

### December

Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Step up day & school reports sent home
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Graduation
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Final School Assembly 2:30pm
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school 3:30pm dismissal

## REMINDERS:

### Sibling Photos

If parents could inform their children to get a sibling photo taken on photo day. This is important this year as order forms have been delayed and cutoff is 8am on photography day and we would hate for families to miss out.

The Patch Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

*Thought for the week: Have you got your fire plan ready?*

Fire Safety at this time of the year and in Term one is always on our minds. In case of an emergency we will relocate to the hall or the oval depending on the identified risk. We have had a strong plan and process for many years now. Thanks to Glenn and Ken who have prepared the area surrounding the hall to meet compliance.

Parent Payment Charges for 2021 have been emailed to you, there are several pages of information as we implement the Department of Education guidelines. These documents can also be found on our website and are available in hardcopy at the office.

As the year draws quickly to a conclusion, we reflect on the year and look forward to a smooth transition into 2021. This year we have had our Strategic Review which concluded on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Our community has been integral in providing feedback via individual or group meetings with parents, teachers and students.

Our focus for the next four years is to continue to:

- Improve the learning of all our students in Numeracy and continuing our improvement in Literacy.
- Create and improve learner agency to create curious and confident learners, who are more independent and self-aware.
- Strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of every student.

I would like to thank Ange Ellis (School Council) Michelle Rayner, Alesha Sangster and Kellie McDonald for their time and valuable contributions to this process. I'd like to also thank the staff and parents who provided insightful input and especially to our students who have helped shape our next four years. Overall our review was a positive reflection of our work over the last four years.

We are still in deliberation, discussion and investigation of the best possible combination of grades for your children and teacher placement for 2021. Staff are now working on class lists ready for Step Up Day on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We will continue this process for all students who are currently attending our school in year Prep to 5. At this stage, our new Preps 2021 will attend as groups of 10 as per the current guidelines and we are yet to hear the process for our Year 6 students. We will inform parents as soon as we have received further advice.

Our Step-up day runs for the first 2 hours of the day (9.00am to 11.00 am). This is when the students all step up to meet their new teacher for the following year and who will be in their class for 2021. It is an exciting day and a lot of preparation will have gone into finalising and coordinating grade placement. This involves looking at children's needs and making the best possible educational plans for all students in our school. When placing students in class groups, we will be mindful of addressing this along with consideration of who your child learns best with, their ability, behaviour and social needs.

### **Don't forget,**

Curriculum Days for this term – OSHClub available for parents who will need this service.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Report writing and moderation of student work

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Forward planning for 2021

The commencement of the 2020 year (Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> teachers return) and all students start on Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

Deb

Principal

[Debra.Herrmann@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Debra.Herrmann@education.vic.gov.au)



## A reminder for Term 4 commencement of Term 1 2021

We are identified as being at higher risk on the Bushfire register and, as such, will be required to pre-emptively close on days of Code Red Day fire danger. More information will be available next year.

**On days of Total fire ban all children will be required to be picked up from drop off and no children will be permitted to walk home or leave the school without an adult.**

As part of continuing Emergency Management arrangements for roll marking after the children have come in from lunch will occur. 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.

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.

## A few bits to share from Michelle.....

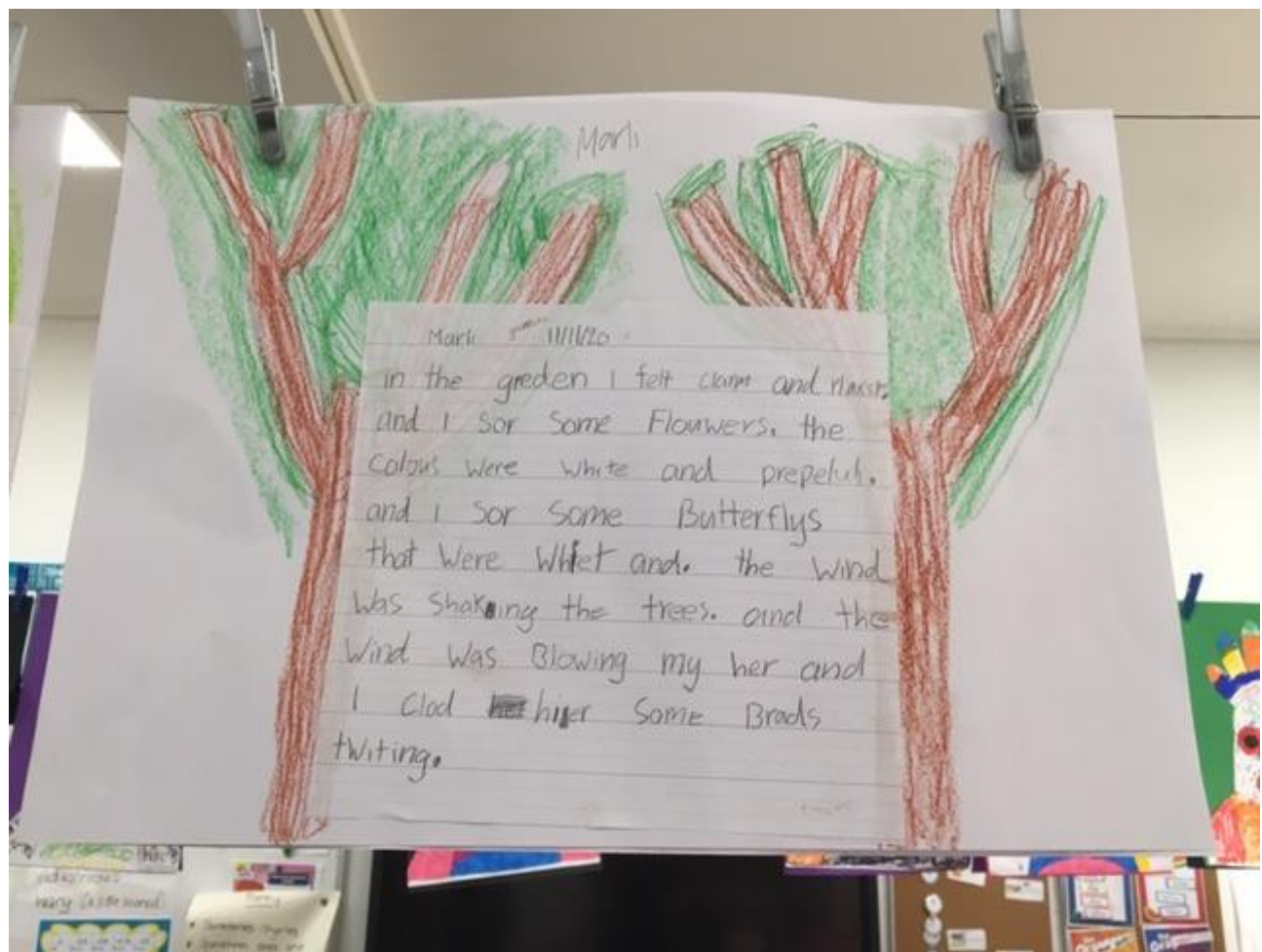
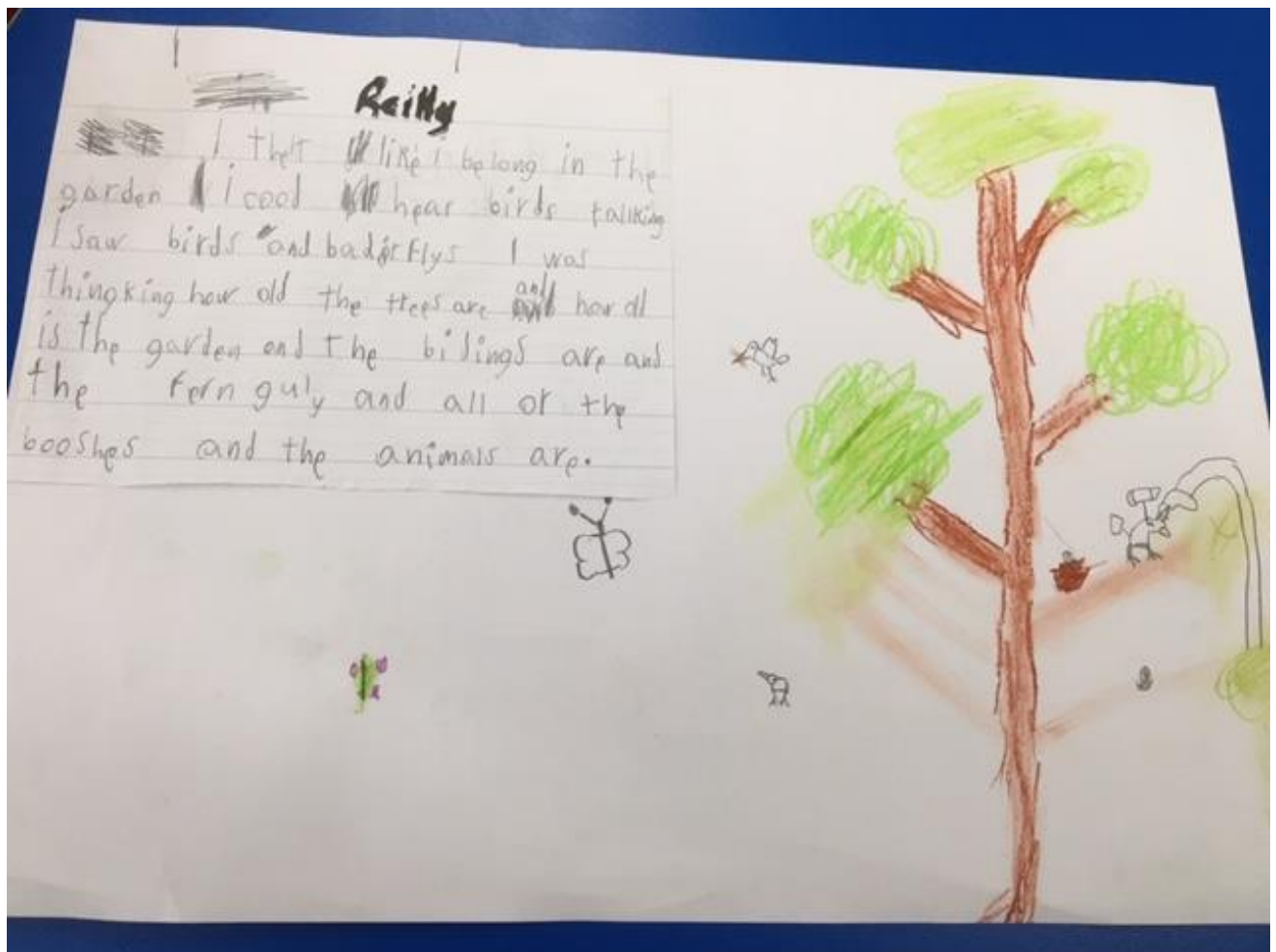
Well it is wonderful to have everyone back again and to be reconnecting with our school, our learning and each other. With such a long separation, there have been the inevitable readjustments necessary to feel comfortable in the space and to find where you fit in once again. Friendships can be challenged and uncertainty felt, but these are natural responses given the circumstances and will abate with time. We are working hard in our classrooms to provide supportive learning environments that build independence, resilience, problem-solving and compassion and to support children in the school grounds to play together respectfully.

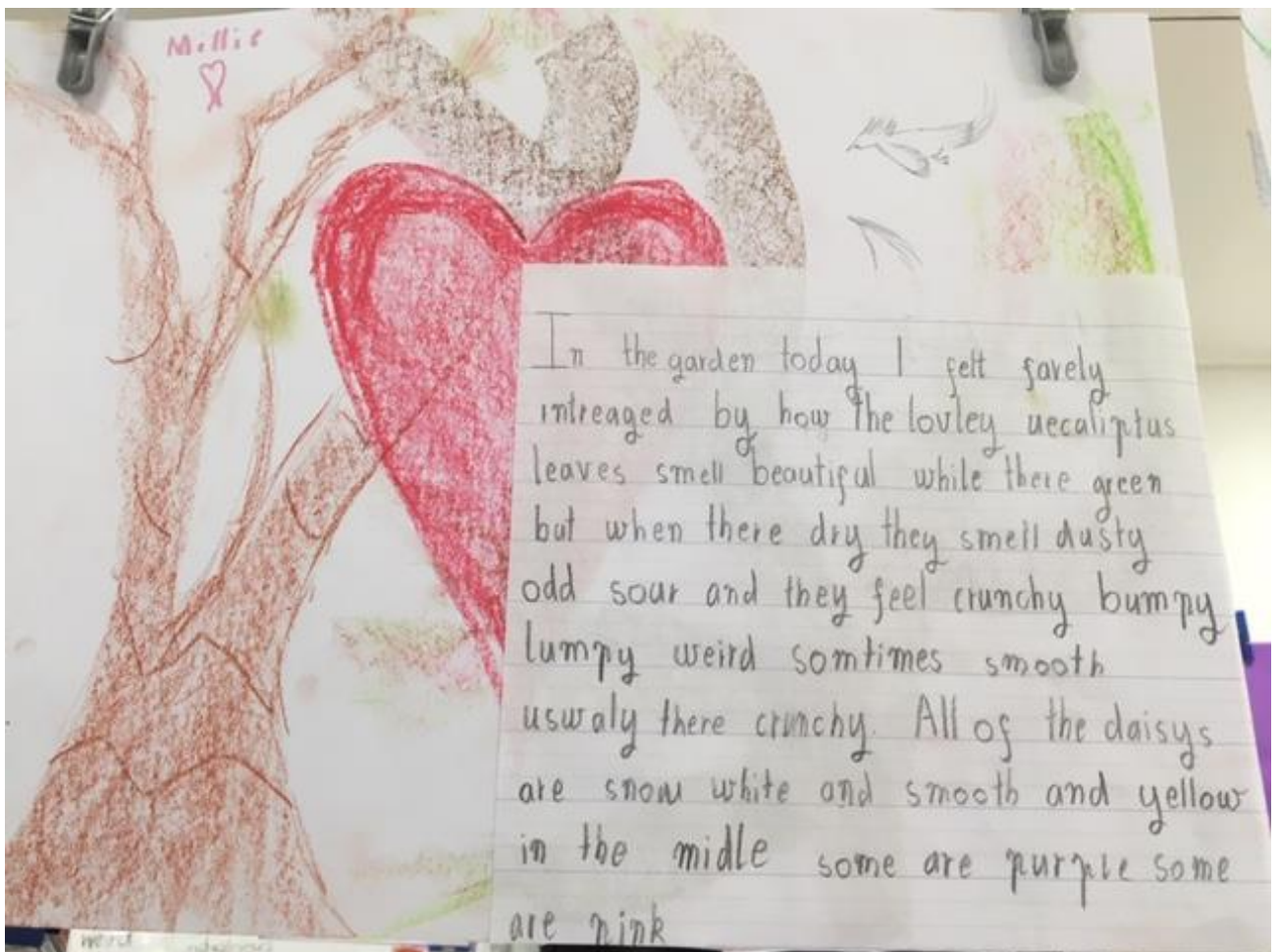
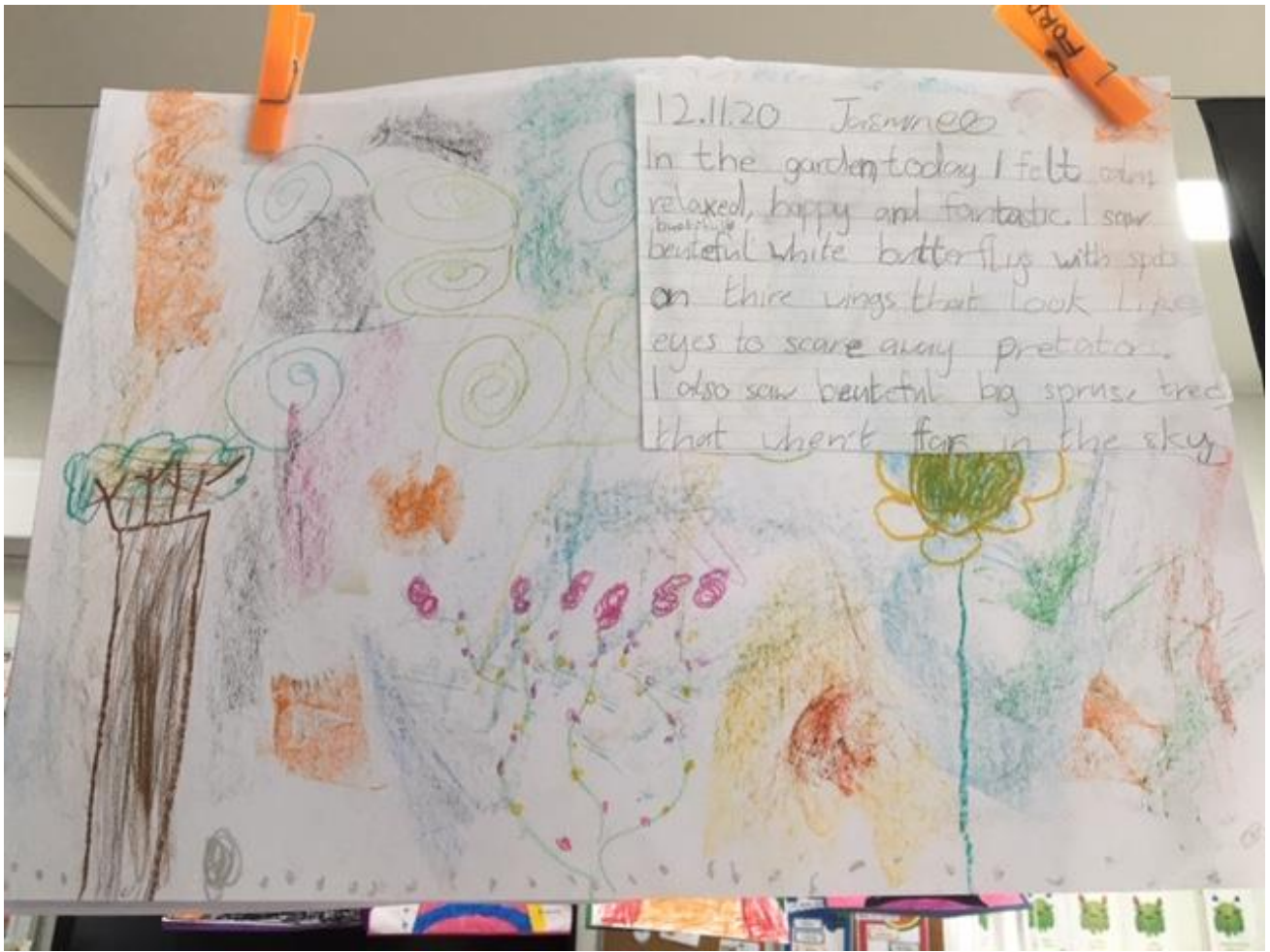
It is always exciting to see students initiating ideas and activities and the recent Halloween dress up day was fully undertaken by a group of year 6 students who wanted to provide a day of fun and excitement after a period of heavy restrictions. Kitty, Evie, Maya and Zoe created the concept, communicated the idea to all the classes, explained how some costumes could be frightening and drafted the note home for parents. They chatted about the day at assembly and made posters advertising the event and were thrilled with the participation and appreciation from the rest of the students. What a great example of student leadership.

Our staggered pick up time has helped improve congestion on the local roads and we are very grateful to our parents for enabling this to happen. Thank you for your patience, for letting people re-enter the line of traffic, for allowing drivers to merge into the driveway from both directions, for travelling at a safe speed in the driveway (5kph), for indicating your intentions and for being punctual. We appreciate this immensely. There will be times when circumstances contrive to interrupt our best plans and we ask you to just go with the flow; it won't have been intentional.

Finally, we are about to begin the planning for PatchFest21 and will soon have a date for a virtual meeting for anyone who would like to help out in any way. If you think you would be able to lend a hand or share an idea or provide some resources, we would love to hear from you. More info will be sent home next week.

Have a great weekend,  
Michelle





# Things That Scare Me

When Halloween was approaching, 1/2B collaborated a list of things that scare them. Each day, 1/2B have picked a topic off their list and write a class poem about it.

## 1/2B's Poem List:

The news when they show robbers (Ava)  
Heights scare me because I think I'll fall (Oliver)  
Someone jumping out at me if I am not expecting it (Jas)  
Madagascar because I don't like the bad guys (Aaron)  
Dementors in Harry Potter – they suck the life out of you (Rupert)  
Aliens because I watched Independence Day (Audrey)  
Red backs because they are poisonous (Myah)  
Storms because I don't like the noise (Maisy)  
My bed falling down (Sullivan)  
Blackouts in the night (Harrison)  
The face on Ava's pencil case (Olive)  
The inside of bodies (Medea)  
People running at me (Millie)  
Bats – they have sharp teeth (Ashlinn)  
When my wardrobe is open at night (Essie)  
The dark because I don't know what is there (Reilly)  
Waking up to my sister having her head near my face (Noah)  
A car crushing me (Reuben)





## The Patch Kindergarten

Every day is an opportunity for discovery and growth at The Patch Kindergarten.

Situated next to The Patch Primary School, we offer a varied and innovative educational program within a friendly, safe and secure environment.

Our high-quality, play-based programs, led by our qualified and passionate educators are designed to support your child's individual curiosity and imagination.

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- Large natural outdoor play area
- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Play-based program
- Qualified and passionate staff

### 2020 Timetable

Group	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
3-Year-Old			9.15am-2.15pm		
4-Year-Old	9.15am-2.15pm	9.15am-2.15pm		9.15am-2.15pm	

### 2020 Term Fees

Age Group	Hours	Fees
3-Year-Old	5	\$360
4-Year-Old	15	\$460*

\*Your child may be eligible for the kindergarten fee subsidy

### Contact Us

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The Patch, Victoria, 3792

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E: [thepatch@try.org.au](mailto:thepatch@try.org.au)

W: [trycs.org.au/the-patch-kindergarten](http://trycs.org.au/the-patch-kindergarten)

2021 enrolments open  
14 April 2020  
through our website



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\*Subject to Government Regulations



# FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS



## Talking Teens

A Parents Building Solutions Program

**Do you want to:**

- Improve your relationship with your teenager?
- Improve communication with your teen and resolve family disputes?
- Understand why young people behave the way they do?
- Learn effective ways to deal with anger and anxiety - both yours and theirs

Join us online to learn strategies and take some time out for you.

**13, 20, 27 Oct & 10, 17, 24 Nov 2020**

Program runs across 6 sessions

**Time:**  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:**  
Online via Zoom

**Cost:**  
Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

**Bookings:**  
Laurie on 0488 501 204 or  
laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

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## Dads Matter

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

**Are you a dad who would like to:**

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad!

**When:**

Tuesdays (6 evening sessions)  
27th October to 1st December 2020

**Time:**  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Where:**  
Online - Via Zoom

**Cost:**  
Free of charge. Bookings are essential.

**Bookings:**  
Julia on 0400 866 495 or 9721 3629

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This is a Parents Building Solutions Program

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## Emotion Focused Parenting

A Parents Building Solutions Program

**Would you like tips and strategies to:**

- Better understand and talk with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

**Children with emotional intelligence:**

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have fewer illnesses

**When:**

Wednesdays (6 evening sessions)  
Oct 21st to Nov 25th 2020  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

**Where:**  
Online - Via Zoom

**Cost:**  
Free of charge for parents in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne (Bookings essential)

**Bookings:**  
Julia at ParentZone on 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

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## Calm Parents Happy Kids

A Parents Building Solutions Program for Parents of Children aged 2 to 12 years

**Do you want to:**

- Learn ways to deal with anger and anxiety in your children and in yourself?
- Improve communication and relationships with your children?
- Discover strategies to manage challenging behaviour?
- Take care of your own emotional wellbeing and resilience?

Join us for 6 online sessions, learn valuable strategies, whilst taking some time out for you!

**When:** Thursday evenings (6 weekly sessions) 15th Oct to 19th Nov 2020

**Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free of charge for parents and carers in Melbourne's Eastern Region.

**Bookings:** Contact Sharon 0438 683 049  
sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

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# LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

## EMERALD CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR SEASON 2020/21



**FREE REGO**

For new junior players who have not played cricket with Emerald before!



### Woolworths Junior Blasters

- ✓ 60 minutes of fun
- ✓ Kids aged 5 - 7
- ✓ Minimum 6 week program
- ✓ Junior Blasters pack (pictured below) - includes personalised playing shirt, bucket hat in your choice of colour, personalised plastic bat and rubber ball

**Paul Kennedy**  
Woolworths Blast Co-Ordinator  
hennessyp1984@gmail.com  
0438 592 757



**FREE** with Blasters with registration!

### Age Groups

	DAY	COST
Woolworths Blast	Friday	\$99
Super 7s	Wed/Sunday TBC	\$5
Fast 9s	Friday	\$5
Under 12	Friday	\$5
Under 13	Saturday	\$5
Under 14	Friday	\$5
Under 15	Seturday	\$5

Note - once the season dates have been confirmed by the league the remaining \$70 must be paid

### ✓ MULTIPLE GAMES!

- Junior players participating in one grade are also available to participate in another grade on another day at no extra cost.
- Junior players are also able to play senior cricket at no extra cost.

### CONTACT:

Mark Alenson (secretary)      Clinton Marsh (president)  
0404 200 273                      0433 332 270  
emerald.cricketclub@gmail.com

Or visit the Emerald CC Play Cricket Website

<https://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=6109>



## Come and play with the



We are on the search for new players to join our super Sharks in our mixed U10, U12, and U14 basketball teams.

No experience required - just a sense of fun and a 'have a go' team spirit!

**Would you like to know more?**

**Email us: [sherbrookesharks@gmail.com](mailto:sherbrookesharks@gmail.com)**

# 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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