



Patchwork News

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Dates to Remember:

August

Fri 20 th	Monitor Assembly
Mon 23 rd	Book Week Dress Up Day
Tues 24 th	School Council – 6pm

Bell Times

8:55am	Warning Bell
9:00am	Learning Begins
11-11:45am	First Break
11:45-12pm	Lunch eating time
2-2:30pm	Second Break
3:30	Dismissal

September

Thurs 2 nd	Payment Due (Qkr!) for Y1/2 Walking Tour on 7/9
Fri 3 rd	Yarra Valley Pump Station Opening
Mon 6 th	Casual Dress Day
Tues 7 th	Y1/2 Walking Tour – Wurundjeri Trail (payment via Qkr! required by 2/9)
Thurs 9 th	R U OK? Day
Thurs 16 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – 3.30pm finish
Fri 17 th	CARRICULUM DAY – No students

Please feel free to
watch our assemblies
via Webex each Friday
9.10am

October

Mon 4 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Mon 4 th	Smile Squad Commences
Thurs 14 th	CARRICULUM DAY – No students
Sat 16 th	Working Bee (9am – 1pm)
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th	Prep Swimming – TBC
Tues 26 th	School Council – 6pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

How thankful and so proud to have such an incredible staff, parents, students and community. Thank you to everyone for being so brave, facing your fears and rising to the challenge of change.

As a staff, we continue to follow the Departments guidelines and regular communication. We understand that not all families can do 'everything', as many families are navigating a range of challenges and circumstances. We will continue working hard to develop innovative solutions together to best suit the needs of each of our families'. Remember and without judgement every family's situation is different.

I have been so proud of the efforts of staff to ensure every student in every class has a way to engage in the learning. Despite the challenges, throughout the process of transition to remote and online learning once again, we have attempted to be "ahead of the game" in terms of response to the current lockdowns.

We thank you for providing care at home where you can. We have developed a strong process to support our families either at home or where families that have needed to send their children to onsite learning.

I thank all the parents who have communicated directly to teachers for support and to clarify expectations. Our current aim is to keep all students engaged in their learning, whilst remaining safe and well.

I appreciate all the families who have followed, messaged and engaged with WebEx. This has continued to be a highly effective form of instant communication between staff and our families.

Thankyou everyone for your outstanding support and assistance at this time - as the saying goes it takes a village!

Enjoy your weekend however and whatever that may entail
Debra
Principal



PatchFest News...

Last week our PatchFest Committee met via WebEx to discuss whether or not we continue to hold PatchFest in October.

With the **risk of a snap lockdown** preventing the event from going ahead, we decided that it was **too risky this year**.

We are mindful of the increased stress levels associated with the **additional demands** around being CovidSafe, preparing stalls, volunteers and activities, seeking donations from already stretched businesses, and the risk of expending funds that cannot be redeemed if the event does not go ahead.

This resulted in the decision to **postpone the event until October, 2022**.

However, all is not lost, as **next October our school celebrates its 40th birthday** which would fit in nicely with the celebrations we plan.

We are still able to continue with a couple of the fundraising initiatives without PatchFest, such as a **T-Towel Fundraiser** which will be promoted shortly.

We are also scheduling an end of year **celebrations evening on the oval, incorporating some Christmas carols** and student performances.

At this stage, we have pencilled in **Wednesday, December 8 from 4pm**.

The evening will incorporate a picnic on the oval with some food stalls, our wonderful plant stall that would have been featured at PatchFest, a coffee van and performances including the year 6 mask parade.

It would be over by 8pm but families could linger longer if they wished. More on this later.





is coming... Term 4 (Mon 4th Oct)

The Smile Squad program

- Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program
- Free dental care for all Victorian public primary and secondary school students
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Soon your child will be sent home with:

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- Visit the Smile Squad website at www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey).

It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 19th July to Sunday 22nd August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Yarra Valley Water Pump Station Opening

The official ceremony to open the pump station has been postponed due to the lockdown. It will now be held on Friday, 3rd September from 10am – 11am.

Gang Green students will participate in a planting activity with 12 guests from YVW, Jaydo (the construction company) and possibly a politician.

Short speeches will acknowledge the school's input and partnership, how the school has benefitted and the environmental improvements that will result from the new sewerage system

Working Bee

Our next working bee shall be held on:

Saturday 16th October, from 9am to 1pm.

Works will focus on weeding, mulching, constructing the igloo, oiling outdoor furniture, sorting out wood piles, planting and generally tidying up in preparation for PatchFest21.

Pizza will be available (would love some donations of sauce, cheese, toppings) from 11am.

A list of jobs to be done with accompanying images shall be provided sh.



WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers and will allow you to be involved in as many school events as you require. Once you have your WWCC, please come to the office so we can photocopy this and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWCC check.

Community Notices

Music Tuition with Chris Walker

Lessons 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

Join Scouts Today!

1st Kallista Scout Group

Scouting actively engages and supports young people aged 5-25 in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Joey Scouts (5-8 years)

Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

Cub Scouts (8-11 years)

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm

Scouts (11-14 years)

Wednesdays 7:00-9:00pm

kallistascout@gmail.com



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Alleviate Your Child's Anxiety Interactive Online Workshop

Join Laurie Arrowsmith from Eastern ParentZone for a 2-hour interactive parenting workshop.

Discover the causes of anxiety and learn a parent-led approach to alleviating your child's worries.

Learn the skills of resilience, and strategies to help your child obtain a more resilient mindset.

Suitable for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 12 years.

Questions? Email Laurie at:
laurie.arrowsmith@anglicarevic.org.au

When: Tuesday 31st August 2021

Time: 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Where: Online via Zoom.

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

Limited Places. Bookings Essential:

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

Please note: This parenting workshop includes group discussions and activities. You will need a device that has access to video and audio, as well as a quiet child-free place to be able to participate.

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- Behaviour and Mental Health workshops for parents/carers and guardians

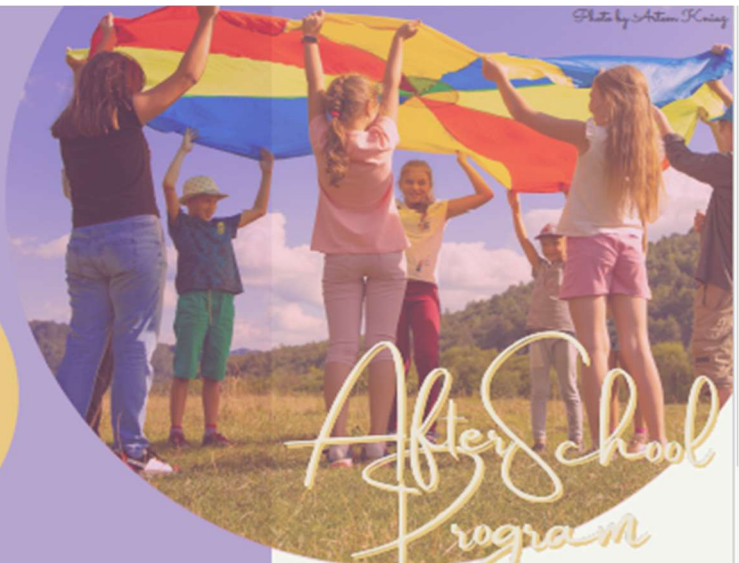
Contact us for more enrollment, pricing and further information.

How Can I Enroll?

Email your interest and child's details to:
infosmart-support.org

Give us a call: 03 5922 4510

Drop in and say hello during office hours (8:30 - 4:30) :
3/363 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald VIC 3782



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