



# PATCHWORK NEWS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JUNE

Sun 18th      Community Action Morning in the Garden  
9am - 12pm

Tues 20th      Yr 5/6 District Winter Sports

Tues 20th      Yr 1/2 Melbourne Excursion

Tues 20th      'School Council Meeting - 6pm

Wed 21st      Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp commences

Wed 21st      Prep & Yr 6 Teddy Bear Picnic

Thur 22nd      Yr 6 Youth Leaders program

Fri 23rd      Yr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp returns

Fri 23rd      LAST DAY OF TERM 2 - **Early Finish**

**2.20pm - Prep - Yr 2**

**2.30pm - Yr 3 - Yr 6**

### JULY

Mon 10th      FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Thur 13th      State Cross Country (qualified students)

Thur 13th      Yr 6 Youth Leaders program

Fri 14th      Burrinja Parents Night Out Fundraiser

Mon 17th      Youth Leaders Presentation Evening (Group 1) 5.30pm

Tues 18th      Casual Dress Day

Tues 18th      Youth Leaders Presentation Evening (Group 2) 5.30pm

Mon 24th      Soccer - Division Winter Sports (qualified students)

Tues 25th      Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater Ambassadors  
Workshop

**Wed 26th      Common Reporting Day - STUDENT FREE DAY**

Wed 26th      AFL - Division Winter Sports (qualified students)

Thur 27th      Netball - Division Winter Sports (qualified students)

## 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

3:20pm Prep & Yr 1/2 Dismissal

3.30pm Yr 3-6 Dismissal





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principals email: [debra.herrmann@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:debra.herrmann@education.vic.gov.au)  
Assistant Principal's email: [michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au)

Dear Patch Community,

With term 2 nearing to an end, it is a good opportunity to capture some of the developments and achievements of the last couple of months.

Deb is currently on long service leave and enjoying some warmer weather up north but we can't really complain about the mild days we have mostly enjoyed. Hopefully the winter forecast will be slightly drier and milder and the usual mud that emerges will be somewhat less.

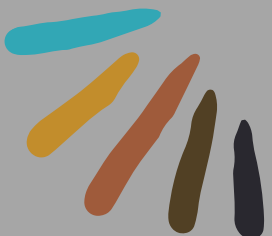
To prepare for the winter months, we have reintroduced the policy of not wearing shoes inside our classrooms and buildings (with the exception of the toilets). This will ensure our floors are easier to keep clean, are more hygienic and we'll be used to taking off our shoes when our new buildings and carpeted areas are finished.

Our recent SRC inspired casual dress day raised a record \$980.00 for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal and we are very grateful for your generosity. Seeing the colours of the Ukraine flag worn by our students and staff was a reminder of what we were fundraising for and encouraged a sense of hope and optimism from being proactive.

Other news described in more detail in this newsletter includes our generous donation from Bendigo Bank, our upcoming Community Action Day on Sunday, our recent House Carnival at Mt Evelyn Athletics Track, and our senior choir's performance at Hamer Hall.

Have a safe and restful break from the routines of school and we will see you next term.

Warm regards,  
Michelle



# REMINDERS



- Come along to our '**Community Action Morning in the Garden**' this Sunday 18th June - info below.
- Tickets on sale via Qkr! for **The Patch Parents Night Out at Burrinja** until 21st June - see flyer below.
- Please make sure your contact details and address are up to date with the school.
- Please remember, there is **NO PARKING** access on the grass above the oval.
- Don't forget the **EARLY FINISH** on Friday 23rd June.

## The Patch PS Community Action Morning THIS SUNDAY from 9am -12noon

### Please come along and join in the activities!

There will be art projects to help with, the front fence to stain, tree planting in the fern gully and wetlands, weeds to pull, privet trees to deal with, music to provide if you feel disposed to sharing your skills, pizza to make, cook and eat and lots of fun to be had.

We hope to see you there.

Bring some tools and gloves or just some pizza toppings such as grated cheese to donate to the cause.

It is bound to be a wonderful morning!



## Bendigo Bank

On Wednesday evening last week, The Patch Primary School was presented with \$1,650 during the Bendigo Bank Awards ceremony.

This is the value of tokens from customers of Bendigo Bank who have nominated our school for contributions that arise from their banking and is a heartily welcomed addition to our school funds.

It was a wonderful evening and a great opportunity to showcase all the extraordinary work being undertaken in the community, all supported by Bendigo Bank.

We are yet to decide how we will spend the generous gift but have a wish list to refer to that will shape our decision. Stay tuned 😊.





## FOREST CLASSROOM

Our Forest Classroom is running very smoothly and our year 5 students and their 4 year old kinder buddies are striking up some meaningful friendships and connections.

Each fortnight we spend time out in nature learning about our school ground and how to take care of it.

We have discovered many species of fungi growing in the fern gully during Autumn and have worked hard to remove some of the persistent ivy and wandering trad that is growing in our fern gully.

Once we removed the weeds, we have been planting with indigenous shrubs to provide more habitat for our local wildlife and to replace the woody weeds such as privet.

The forest classroom program is a wonderful way to engage our students in nature and to develop the ecological connections, understandings and literacy that ensures we can protect our valuable green spaces for all.



### MATERIALS WANTED:

We are seeking UV stabilised plastic for our igloo. Do you have access to some free igloo plastic that could be used to cover our 3m x 2.5m by 2m high igloo? If so, please contact Michelle ([michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au))

WE are also seeking a length of shade cloth that could be used to provide a sheer barrier along the basketball court on the northern side to prevent balls going over the fence and into the area near the chook shed.

The movement of balls over this fence is a constant frustration for our students and SRC wish to trial the use of a simple shade cloth fabric to block basketballs from going over the fence.

Any offers? Contact Michelle (above).

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



We encourage and value parental and community support at The Patch Primary School. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. 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 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.



## CASUAL DRESS DAY UKRAINE APPEAL

Last Friday's casual dress day, organised by the SRC, aimed to raise funds for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

We invited our students to wear the yellow and blue of the Ukraine flag and even organised ourselves into the colours at the end of our assembly on Friday to look like the flag.

We are thrilled to announce that we made a record \$980 for the fundraiser, the most of any casual dress day.

Thank you so much for supporting this initiative; it was a wonderful feeling to submit the donation to the Red Cross.



Thank you so much for your generosity today. Your donation will help ensure Red Cross teams can get help to where it's needed most.

Funds raised from the Ukraine Crisis Appeal will help provide emergency relief and longer-term humanitarian support to people and communities affected by the unfolding crisis in Ukraine.



## STUDENT AWARDS



# House Carnival

What a glorious day our House Carnival was!

The sun was shining with the most amazing cloud formations overhead.

It was wonderful to have the whole school come together and for students to celebrate being part of their House and achieving great things on the track.

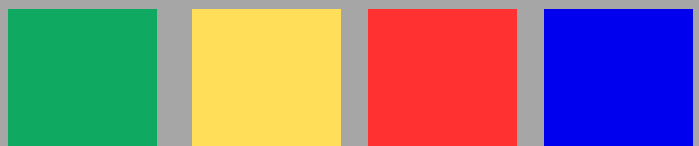
The day was a success because of our students, joining in and trying their best. We are so proud of all of them. As staff, we were lifted from watching the joy and determination on their faces, by students dressing up and bringing the spirit and reflecting all the values of our school. It is particularly special for those students who had the opportunity to shine outside of the classroom and to have the opportunity to show their strengths and talents in a different environment.

Well done to all the participants and thank you!

Within a click of the finger, we had 20+ parent volunteers to help us at the carnival, this shows what a special community we have here at The Patch. The help from volunteers made the day run smoothly and it wouldn't have been possible without you, we are very grateful. Thank you to the parents for dropping off and collecting your children and for supporting the day.

It has been a delight talking to all the children about their ribbons and how they are proudly displaying them at home. A great sense of achievement amongst them.

The House Carnival was a day to remember for all of us!





# THE PATCH PARENTS

*night out*

Friday 14th July 7:30pm Burrinja Cultural Centre

THEATRE IS DYING. GARRY IS OUR ONLY HOPE...

## GARRY STARR

PERFORMS EVERYTHING



Limited tickets available

**Cost: \$29**

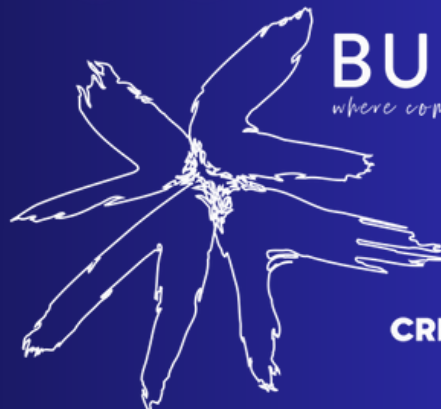
*Includes a glass of bubbles on arrival \**

**QKR purchases open from 13th - 21st June**

BYO a picnic of cheese & snacks to share at your table

**Garry Star Performs EVERYTHING**  
**Theatre is dying. Garry is our only hope.**

*Garry Starr Performs Everything is the story of a disgraced actor who attempts to save theatre from its inevitable extinction by performing every genre imaginable. Starr tears through artistic genres with little regard for personal safety and, arguably, less regard for art.*



**BURRINJA**  
*where community & culture meet*



**CREATIVE VICTORIA**

\* only for tickets purchased through The Patch PS

## Drop Off / Pick-Up Procedures

1. The safety of your children is our utmost concern, so please be patient, alert and keep smiling! 😊
2. For safety's sake, **do not park or drop off your children in the staff car park at the front of the school or anywhere other than the designated areas** at any time, this includes the school oval.
3. There is **no parking** in the drop-off / pick-up area marked with yellow lines. Parking here, even for a short time, results in children being dropped off on the roadway and running between cars to get to the footpath.
4. When picking up children after school, **please move down as far as you can** before stopping for your child. Obviously, children must be observing the driveway for when their car arrives. If your child is not there, **please continue around the ring road** and do another lap to avoid holding up others.
5. **No child** (even accompanied by an adult) **is to walk onto the roadway to enter a car from the driver's side or to put a schoolbag in the boot.**
6. **Please make sure your child can quickly & safely fasten their own seat belt!** This is vital to keep traffic moving after school.
7. Please give way to those making a right turn into the school. This will prevent traffic locking up in the driveway.
8. Please observe the speed limit (**10 kph**).
9. Please refrain from parking on the grass.
10. If there are spaces available in the gravel car park behind the shelter shed **after 8.45am**, parents are welcome to use these.
11. The gravel car park above the hall is for use by kinder parents. They need to be able to park and walk down to the kinder with young children. Please avoid parking there.

😊 **Every day we manage to send home several hundred children in 20 minutes from the pick-up area. Our system has been examined by representatives from the Traffic Authority and assessed as one of the best they have seen.**

**Please ensure the process runs smoothly by following the guidelines above.**

**Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.**



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION INCURSION

## Monday 26 June

POLAR PARADISE

IN-SERVICE

Brrr it's cold in here! Get your winter jackets on and enter our polar paradise. Everything will be super icy and magical.

Make your very own snow, create a polar bear, and try to save the frozen penguins!



## Monday 03 July

EXCURSION + \$45.00

GAME ON

EXCURSION - OZ TENPIN NARRE WARREN

Challenge your friends as we head out for some tenpin bowling fun. Please ensure you are wearing socks and enclosed shoes. Let's roll and bowl! Game on!



Arrive by 8.30am

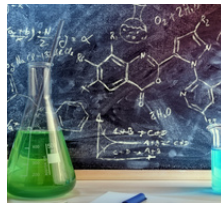
## Tuesday 27 June

INCURSION + \$15.00

ALL THINGS SCIENCE

INCURSION- SUPER SCIENTIST

Put your white coat on, and get focused on the wonderful world of science in this hands on fun science incursion!



## Tuesday 04 July

HOLLYWOOD HEROES

IN-SERVICE

Follow in the footsteps of your favourite movie stars with the glitz the glamour and explore what it's like to be a superstar for a day!

Create your own Walk of Fame handprint, bake clapper board cookies, and engage in a STEM popcorn challenge!



## Wednesday 28 June

CHALLENGE THE MIND

IN-SERVICE

Have fun while you learn. Challenge your minds with brain games to improve your thinking skills while building resilience.

Eat your brain food today and come ready to decode, build bridges and go head to head in team challenges



## Wednesday 05 July

INCURSION + \$22.00

AMPHIBIAN DISCOVERY

INCURSION - MEET THE RAINBOW SERPENT During the "Meet the Rainbow Serpent"

Program we will meet creatures from many different aboriginal language groups from around Australia. All the animals have a different story, name and importance depending on where they are found.



## Thursday 29 June

MASTER DETECTIVE

IN-SERVICE

Psst! We need your help! Your secret mission, if you dare to accept, is to find clues and solve the OSHClub mystery.

Solve the case of the missing OSH diamond, read hidden messages and uncover fingerprints!



## Thursday 06 July

EXPERIMENT 626

IN-SERVICE

Time to put on our lab coats and do some experimenting. Will you create another experiment 626, or just a foamy mess?

Create your own experiment 626 from clay, explore reactions with mentos and oil, and go on a hunt for monsters



## Friday 30 June

THE SMITH FAMILY DREAM RUN

IN-SERVICE

Join us for our Smith Family Dream Run! A variety of active games and activities, all for a great cause! Please pack a spare change of clothes!



## Friday 07 July

PICTURE THIS PICASSO!

IN-SERVICE

Bring the inner artist out in you and let your imagination run wild as you create your masterpiece.

Recreate Van Gogh's Starry Night, make Picasso tree ornaments and draw your own cube portrait!



Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.



#### Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to build brighter futures together.

#### What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



#### We are a child safe organisation



#### What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



#### Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

#### Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (if applicable) is cancelled, an alternate activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



#### Before making your booking & cancellations

Enrol your child with OSHClub prior to booking via [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au). Holiday bookings can be made online up to 5 days before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact our Customer Experience team on 1300 395 735. Late bookings will incur an additional \$4.00 fee. To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 7 days before the session commences. Cancellations within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

#### Child care subsidy

All our services are CCS approved. To find out whether you are eligible, please contact the Centrelink Family Line on 13 61 50. CCS is applicable to both the base fee and additional Incursion and Excursion surcharges.

#### Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0400 708 773 for staffing purposes.



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our school has an excellent extracurricular music program with 5 instrumental music teachers offering lessons on various instruments. All instrumental teachers are contractors, set their own fees and timetables. Music lessons can fill up quickly, so waiting lists are a possibility for some lessons. If you are interested in music lessons for your child/ren it is best to contact the teacher individually.

### Jess Dunn

Junior Choir, small group ukulele lessons, small group voice lessons, solo lessons (voice or ukulele)  
Email: [jessdunn.arts@gmail.com](mailto:jessdunn.arts@gmail.com)  
Mob: 0408 102 542

### Hiro Mukai

Violin  
Email: [hiro1656@hotmail.com](mailto:hiro1656@hotmail.com)  
Mob: 0432 765 312

### Eddie Cole

Guitar  
Email: [music@eddiecole.com](mailto:music@eddiecole.com)  
Mob: 0417 152 947

### Mieke Florisson

Senior (Yr3-Yr6) Piano  
Email: [miekeflorisson@bigpond.com](mailto:miekeflorisson@bigpond.com)  
Mob: 0407 647 511

### Madeleine Rowe

Junior (Prep - Yr2) Piano  
Email: [musicalmother@hotmail.com](mailto:musicalmother@hotmail.com)  
Mob: 0408 539 523



**EMERALD LAKERS BASKETBALL CAMP**

6 TO 8 YRS | 9 TO 12 YRS

[@emerald Lakers.com.au](mailto:@emerald Lakers.com.au) | 9.30AM TO 4PM

JUNE	26TH	\$35 1 DAY
JUNE	27TH	\$65 2 DAYS

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6-12 Years  
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# ParentZone Term 3 2023

Parenting programs \* Free of Charge \* Bookings Essential

## Dads Matter

### A program for dads

**Dates:** Mondays (6 evening sessions)

31st July - 4th September 2023

**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children

**Bookings:** [Click here to book](#) (limited places)

**Enquiries:** [Deborah.trengove@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:Deborah.trengove@anglicarevic.org.au)

## Talking Teens

### For parents of 12 to 18 year olds

**Dates:** Monday evenings (6 sessions)

17th July - 21st August 2023

**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

Learn why teens behave like they do. Discover strategies to deal with conflict, anxiety and improve your relationship with your young person

**Enquiries and Bookings**

[sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au)

## Circle of Security Parenting

### For parents of babies and toddlers

**Dates:** Tuesdays (8 evening sessions)

18th July - 5th September 2023

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

Circle of Security Parenting looks at how parents can use a simple graphic to build their relationship with their children, enhancing secure attachment, trust and a sense of safety.

**Bookings:** [Click here to register \(limited places\)](#)

**Enquiries:** [julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au)

## Tuning Into Kids

### For parents of 4 to 12 year olds

**Dates:** Mondays (6-evening sessions)

24th July - 28th August 2023

**Time:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm

**Venue:** Online

Would you like to help your children (and yourself) deal with strong emotions such as anxiety and anger? To be able to help your child learn to manage their strong emotions and deal with conflict as well as manage their challenging behaviors?

**Bookings:** [Click here to register](#) (limited places)

**Questions:** [julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au)



# PARENTZONE



# ParentZone Term 2 2023 (Continued)

Parenting programs \* Free of Charge \* Bookings Essential

## Strengthening Parents Support Program

Strengthening Parents Support Program provides monthly face to face peer support groups and fortnightly online groups for parents and carers who are caring for a child with a disability or developmental delay (with or without a formal diagnosis)

**Contact:** Michelle on 0438 646 744 or [StrengtheningParentSupport@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:StrengtheningParentSupport@anglicarevic.org.au)

**LIVING WITH  
ADHD/ADD  
TIME & DAY:  
LOCATION:  
DATES FOR  
Term 3 2023**

An informal online peer support group for parent/Carers of children with ADHD/ADD to share information, experiences and build connections.  
Fortnightly 10:30am-11.30am Thursdays Via Zoom  
July 27th, August 10th & 24th, & September 7th

**BAYSWATER  
TIME & DAY:  
LOCATION:  
DATES FOR  
Term 3 2023**

Face to Face  
10:30-11:30AM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month during school terms  
Glen Park Community Centre 30 Glen Park Rd, Bayswater Nth  
July  
12<sup>th</sup> & August 9th & Sept 13      A

**LILYDALE  
TIME & DAY  
LOCATION  
DATES FOR  
Term 3 2023**

Face to Face  
10:30-11:30AM on the 3rd Friday of the month during school terms  
Anglicare office, 47-51 Castella Street, Lilydale  
July 21st & August 18th

**LIVING WITH  
AUTISM SUPPORT  
TIME & DAY:  
LOCATION  
DATES FOR  
Term 3 2023**

An informal online peer support group for parent/Carers who are caring for children living with Autism  
Fortnightly Thursday Evenings 7-8pm  
via Zoom  
July 20th, August 3rd, 17th & 31st & Sept 14th



**PARENTZONE**