



# PATCHWORK NEWS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### AUGUST

Tues 1st	Yr 5/6 Monitor Presentation in the hall - 2pm
Wed 2nd	Prep 100 Days of School
Wed 9th	Senior (5/6) HOOP TIME
Tues 15th	Regional Netball (Winter Sports)
Wed 16th	Regional Soccer (Winter Sports)
Thurs 17th	State AFL (Winter Sports)
Mon 21st	Junior (3/4) HOOP TIME
Tues 22nd	Casual Dress Day
Thurs 24th	Prep Camp Afternoon - finishes at 5.30pm
Fri 25th	Book Week Dress Up Parade
Fri 25th	District Athletics (Back up date Tues 29th Aug)
Wed 30th	State Soccer (Winter Sports)

### SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd	Community Action Morning in the Garden (9am-12pm)
Mon 4th	Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp Commences
Wed 6th	Yr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Camp Returns
Fri 8th	State Netball (Winter Sports)
Wed 13th	Division Athletics
<b>Thurs 14th</b>	<b>Willow the Wonderer PRODUCTION</b>
	Matinee show at 12.30pm
	Evening show at 6.30pm
Thurs 14th	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS
Fri 15th	Curriculum Day - TERM 3 FINISHES

### OCTOBER

Mon 2nd	TERM 4 COMMENCES
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## 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

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

Dear Patch Community,

Welcome back and I would like to start by thanking everyone for a fantastic start to Term 3, even with the limited parking at the moment. It is hoped this will be addressed in the next 3 weeks and our new accessible carparks will be completed. Thank you for your patience.

Thanks to our teachers who returned to Term 3 full of enthusiasm, and for their time with teacher -parent conferences and all the extra effort that has gone into preparing for this.

Well done to our children, the way they bounce into school and overall behaviour makes teaching so much more enjoyable and a thank you to the many parents who have contributed to our school in so many ways. We look forward to your continued engagement in your child's education and your involvement in school life. NAPLAN results have been sent home on Wednesday at interviews.

PRODUCTION: 7 weeks to go: The next major event for the year is "Willow the Wonderer" – and has been locked in for Thursday September 14th where we will have a great day showcasing our school and talents. We are in for a range of exceptional performances from our students. I would like to thank the Production team, teachers, parents, and students in advance for all of their efforts as well as classes getting ready for our big day. Information was sent home yesterday, and tickets will go on sale at the end of next week. So, get the grandparents, your friends and family organised as we are in for a fun time of entertainment.

"Caring for our community" often we have families who are experiencing difficulties financially, health wise or with general management of our busy day to day lives. We are fortunate at The Patch to have such a caring community when our friends are in need whether they are children, parents, or staff past or present. We would like to reconfirm that if you are experiencing any difficulties to please come and talk to us. Sometimes a listening ear can go a long way to helping. We may not be able to resolve the issue, but we certainly are here to help in any way we can.

We are now beginning planning for 2024, however before we can even begin to think about grade structure, we need to have enrolments for Prep 2024 finalised. If you have a child commencing Prep in 2024, please ensure you have enrolled by the end of August.

We are also asking those families who will not be at The Patch next year to please inform us by Friday August 31st. Enrolment fluctuations impact on our decision making. This information will allow us to make informed decisions and budget effectively for our students.

Welcomes and farewells:

This week we farewell Nina and wish her all the best with the upcoming arrival of her new baby, and we welcome Kim as her replacement in STEM. Kim is a highly experienced STEM teacher, and we are fortunate to have her as part of The Patch PS team.

We recently farewelled Sarah and will be farewelling Josie at the end of this term.

Josie has been involved at the school as a parent, our Librarian and Tutor in the junior school for many years.

Sarah has accepted a position with World vision which she starts next week. She has been involved with our senior students in tutoring. Paula will step into replace Sarah so our tutoring program continues. Sarah and Josie will be dearly missed by us all.

We also welcome our new inclusion aides to the school Erica, Lukas, Jemma and Naomi, we value their support in our program and are grateful for their assistance in our grades.

As I head into my final term I have begun to reflect over the years as to why I have remained so long in education and teaching. The joy of seeing that spark in a child's face when they understand or have preserved and succeeded, bringing me pieces of their work with pride, greeting me in the mornings, the support of staff and of the community. In other words where else would I want to be other than at The Patch and will sadly miss not being here after the 14th of September.

Have a great weekend,

Deb

## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

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 that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement.

The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

## REMINDERS

- Orders for the 2024 Yr 6 Hoodies & Polos close on 1st August, 2023.
- Payments for Yr 5/6 Camp are due by Wednesday 9th August, 2023.
- Tickets for 'Willow the Wonderer' production will go on sale Thursday 3rd August at 4pm.
- Please make sure your contact details and address are up to date with the school.







# AMBASSADORS FOR THE HELMETED HONEYEATER

On Thursday 27th July our student ambassadors for the Helmeted Honeyeater, Lotus, Isabella, Lily and Ned along with our STEM teacher, Kim, attended an action day at the Yellingbo Nature Conservation Area.

Kim reported that the ambassadors did an excellent job of representing our school and they all had a fantastic day!

What a fabulous group to be part of!



## MATERIALS WANTED:

**Do you have a really big cardboard box? (eg a fridge box or similar)**

Our production team is seeking at least one extra large cardboard box to use for 'Willow the Wonderer'.

If you can help, please let Sofia know:  
[sofia.walsh@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sofia.walsh@education.vic.gov.au)



## 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.



## 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  
Mob: 0408 102 542

### Hiro Mukai

Violin  
Email: hiro1656@hotmail.com  
Mob: 0423 765 312

### Eddie Cole

Guitar  
Email: music@eddiecole.com  
Mob: 0417 152 947

### Mieke Florisson

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

### Madeleine Rowe

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



## Community Notices

SELBY NETBALL CLUB

# SPRING 2023 SEASON

COMMENCES  
2ND SEPTEMBER

SEND YOUR  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO  
SELBYNETBALL@HOTMAIL.COM OR  
REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE



We are taking enrolments for all age groups from 7 year olds to Open age.

Selby is a small and friendly club established in 1993. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for players of all abilities to participate and have fun playing netball.

REGISTER BY 12TH AUGUST, 2023



Striving to ensure that no child is left behind.

Specialising in dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia, The Ranges Learning Centre provides a highly specialised service for students from 4 years of age up to high school who have dyslexia, dysgraphia or dyscalculia, or who generally need further support in literacy and numeracy.

We have spaces currently available for maths intervention, and a very small number of spaces available for literacy intervention.

[www.therangeslc.com.au](http://www.therangeslc.com.au)  
Call Giulia on 0475307484  
or email [info@therangeslc.com.au](mailto:info@therangeslc.com.au)  
for more information or to secure your spot.



# Childrens Mixed Media Arts Course

Term 3  
26th July - 13th September  
2023 Wednesdays  
4pm - 5:30pm  
\$200  
ECH Hall

Clay handbuilding, glass fusion,  
embroidered and stuffed  
characters, glass jewellery,  
illustration and more.

For kids 8-13

For more information  
and to enroll contact us  
on:  
5968 3881 or  
[emhouse@iinet.net.au](mailto:emhouse@iinet.net.au)







# We're in town

See you soon, Upwey  
21 to 26 August



**Upwey**  
Pop-up Blood Donor Centre  
Upwey Community Hall  
1443 Burwood Hwy  
Check website for opening hours



## Upwey Pop-up Blood Donor Centre

21 to 26 August

Monday 21 August 12.30 - 8 pm

Tuesday 22 August 12 - 8 pm

Wednesday 23 August 12 - 8 pm

Thursday 24 August 12 - 8 pm

Friday 25 August 8 am - 3.30 pm

Saturday 26 August 8 am - 3 pm



Belgrave

## Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

### FIND US AT:

Belgrave Hub

1624 Burwood Highway, Belgrave

Alternate Thursdays, 10:30am-12:30pm

### CONTACT:

Facilitator: Kate Rogers

Phone: 0413 091 651

Email: [katier@mytimevic.com.au](mailto:katier@mytimevic.com.au)

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# MyTime

## term plan

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
20/07/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Come along and join us for morning tea and a chat.</li></ul>	<p>Activities will cater to children's interests but may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Craft activities</li></ul>
03/08/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Get to know other families from the area while your pre-school aged children are kept engaged by our Play Leader.</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Toys and blocks</li></ul>
17/08/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Group activities to be confirmed based on member interests but may include:</li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Stories and Singing</li></ul>
31/08/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Group activities to be confirmed based on member interests but may include:</li></ul>	
14/09/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Guest speakers</li><li>Facilitator led discussions</li><li>Self-care activities and workshops</li></ul>	



It's support  
for you



It's free to  
join



Professional  
support



Pre-school aged  
children are welcome