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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- Mon 27th 2024 Prep Information Night (6pm - 7pm)
- Mon 27th PatchFest24 Planning Meeting (7.15pm)
- Tues 28th School Council Meeting
- Wed 29th Helmeted Honeyeater Excursion (select students)
- Thurs 30th Second Hand Uniform Sale (8.45am near the chessboard)

DECEMBER

- Fri 1st Merry Monbulk Carols (Jnr & Snr Choir & Recorder Ensemble)
- Mon 4th STATE HoopTime - Junior All Star Girls
- Thurs 7th Sausage & Icy Pole Lunchtime Fundraiser (Qkr!)
& free festive dress up day
- Thurs 7th MERRY PATCH-MAS Celebration Concert on the Oval
(5.30pm-7pm)
- Mon 11th Yr 6 'Wear your Secondary School Uniform to School' Day
- Tues 12th Step Up Day & Yr 7 Orientation (Gov Schools)
- Wed 13th Prep / Buddy Picnic
- Thurs 14th Yr 6 Graduation at SkyHigh
- Fri 15th Yr 5/6 Knox Leisureworks Excursion
- Fri 15th Prep End of Year Celebration with Parents (2.30pm - 3.15pm)
- Sat 16th Ferny Creek Carols (Snr & Jnr Choir)
- Mon 18th Yr 5/6 Surf Excursion
- Tues 19th Yr 6 'Shirt Signing Day'
- Tues 19th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- Wed 20th Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

BELL TIMES

8:55am First 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

First Day of Term 1,
2024

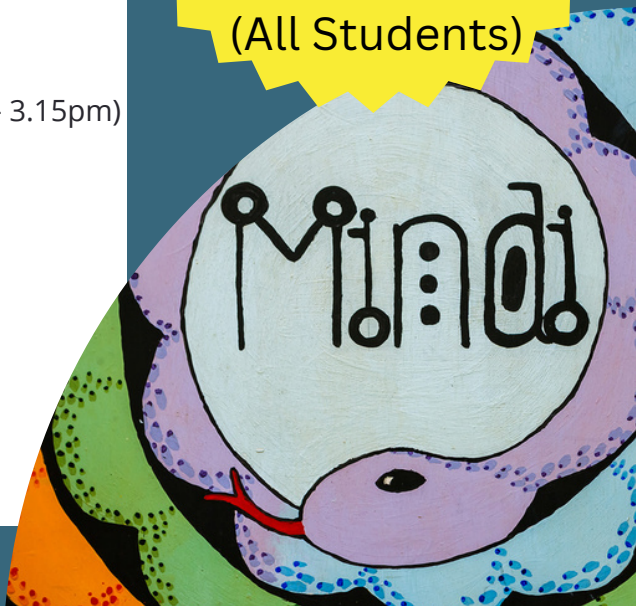
WEDNESDAY

31st Jan

(All Students)

Have a happy and safe holiday.

See you all in 2024!





MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal's email: james.burnside@education.vic.gov.au
Assistant Principal's email: michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au

Hi Everyone!

The sun is out, the birds are singing in the trees and life at The Patch is looking pretty amazing! I'm so lucky to be walking into such a wonderful environment each day. Add to it the fantastic students, families and staff that are so welcoming, and you get a beautiful school. I can see why so many parents are ex-Patchies themselves!

Today I received feedback that our Preps and Year 1/2s have been some of the best groups they've experienced at Monbulk Pool for their efficiency in transitioning in and out. Likewise, our Year 3/4s were fantastic last week. As an adult I find the humidity and chlorine of an indoor pool tiring, so the students have done incredibly well to go to sessions 5 days in a row and still be engaged and enthusiastic in the classrooms. I think there will be a number of students needing a well-deserved sleep-in tomorrow!

It is now less than two weeks until our inaugural Patchmas celebration evening! I'm excited for us to celebrate our kids and acknowledge everyone who has contributed to our beautiful school. Class songs, class awards – one for our values, one for effort and one for excellence – and acknowledgments will ensure a positive evening for all. Bring your own picnic rug, food and drink (bonus points for any families dressed up in festive clothes!) and enjoy the company and entertainment. While we'll be keeping it simple this year, my hope is that we can get feedback and build on it for subsequent years. Thank you in advance for coming along!

With the end of the year coming quickly, I recommend to check your Compass page frequently for any notifications or Qkr! approvals. I, also, recommend being on the 'Families of The Patch Primary School Group' if you are on Facebook. Our wonderful School Council are active on the page and they get information first-hand from me, so they are in a great position for giving accurate information and answering questions outside school hours or during the holidays.

Finally, I wanted to give you an update on our building works. The kinder roof will now be replaced from Monday 4th December, with kinder students being located in our library and tutoring room for the final 2 weeks of their term. It is then expected that the middle section of our Main Building roof will be replaced from early Term 1. The tendering process is almost complete for the builders in regards to our big build grant. The first stage of proposed works is to remove our existing 1/2 classrooms and to replace it with a new 4 classroom learning centre, as well as a number of outdoor spaces and a new toilet block. This stage of works will likely take 12 months for completion. Slowly but surely, it is making progress and we will get to benefit from the new, open spaces in the years to come.

Have a great weekend!

Jim

REMINDERS

- Orders for the lunchtime sausage in bread and icy pole fundraiser close on Qkr! Friday 1st December.
- There will be a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 30th November, if you have any donations please drop them at the office.
- Please make sure your contact / address details and photo permission are up to date with the office.



Sausage BBQ and Icy pole

LUNCHTIME FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

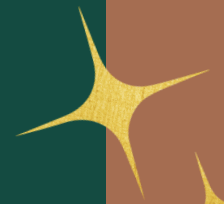
**FREE DRESS DAY -
CHRISTMAS JUMPER/TSHIRT DAY**

Sausages (meat & veg)

Icy-poles Berri Qelch (frozen fruit juice)

OKR OPENS 23rd November - 1st December

Money raised will contribute to hosting morning teas for the
community next year




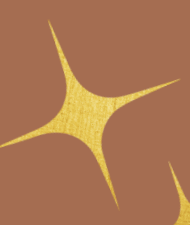
Volunteers Needed

Sausage BBQ and Icy Pole

LUNCHTIME FUNDRAISER

Thursday 7th December


11.00am - 12.30pm



We are looking for some lovely parent volunteers to assist
with the cooking and distribution of the sausages and icy
poles.

If you can help, please email our School Council President,
Ange at:

ange.ellis@education.vic.gov.au



End of year celebration

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 5.30 - 7 PM

MERRY "PATCH-MAS"

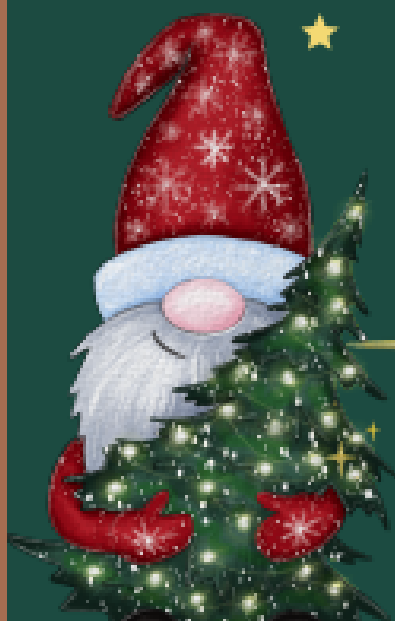
The Patch Primary School presents....

AN END OF YEAR CONCERT WITH PERFORMANCES
FROM EACH YEAR LEVEL AND CLASS.

CLASS & SPECIALIST AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED.

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING CELEBRATING OUR
CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

BYO PICNIC, RUG & CHAIRS
NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED



COMMUNITY ACTION MORNING



Our Community Action Morning on Sunday, November 15th was a resounding success!

The weather was perfect, the pizzas were perfect, the atmosphere was perfect, and the readiness of all involved to work together to make our school ground a better place was heartwarming.

Together we continued our work in the Fern Gully, removing ivy and wandering trad and providing the right conditions for native regeneration to occur. Our indigenous plantings are growing well and we will continue planting and slowly replacing the privet trees with indigenous rainforest tree species such as myrtle beech and sassafras.

Big shout out to Ben and Eliza Phillips who created some amazing signs for our gardens. Two action mornings ago, a number of families painted some beautiful backgrounds on marine ply. Eliza and Ben painted beautiful garden names and images on these backgrounds and brought them along on Sunday. We will install them once the garden fencing comes down and we begin to renovate our garden alongside the new accessible pathways.

Big thanks to all those who prepared pizza, cooked pizza (Jim proved to be whizz), served pizza, gathered weeds, stockpiled weeds, cleaned up paths, installed tree guards, and generally helped to clean up the area. We are very, very grateful.




Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

2024 CSEF Applications now open!

Existing applications roll over year to year however if your circumstances have changed or you have never applied and are now eligible, please see the office for an application form or you can find the application form on the school website.

If you are new to our school and have not completed an application form you will need to do so.

A reminder to eligible parents of students that are transitioning to secondary school that you will need to complete a new application form and submit it with their new school.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY



New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP 2024

We are proud to announce that in February, 2024, 11 students (6 girls and 5 boys) from years 5/6 will be participating in the Somers School Camp, in addition to our regular camp program.

The Somers School Camp is offered every second year to students in our network from years 5/6. Eight participating schools will attend the camp, so our students meet other students from the area, some of whom they may already know through local sporting events.

The nine day camp offers a range of exciting activities and feedback from returning students is always very positive. We will share some highlights next year on their return.

PatchFest24

Friday 22nd March 2024!

SAVE THE DATE

PatchFest24 is coming!!

We invite all keen parents to get involved with planning. Come and join the fundraising team, in the staff room, to help get the ball rolling and help us plan on:

**Monday 27th November
7.15pm**

You don't need any skills, just come and be involved with our awesome community and help us make something spectacular!

Looking forward to having as many volunteers as possible.

If you'd like to get involved but can't make this first meeting, get in contact with Michelle:

michelle.rayner@education.vic.gov.au

Angler Kits for Grade 5's

At the 2022 State election, the Victorian Government committed to providing Little Angler Kits to students in Grade 5 based on the Victorian Curriculum area of focus, movement and motor development and safety considerations.

The kits include a fishing rod, reel with line, tackle box with some hooks, sinkers, swivels and a lure, as well as a Kids Guide to Fishing – all FREE!

The kits were distributed on Monday to all grade 5 students unless families chose to opt out of the offer.

We hope the kits provide new learning opportunities and a chance to enjoy the outdoors; we also wish to remind families that neglected fishing tackle can cause serious injury to wildlife and pollute our waterways. Please store and dispose of any components appropriately.

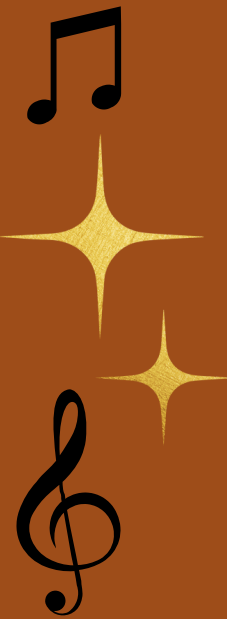
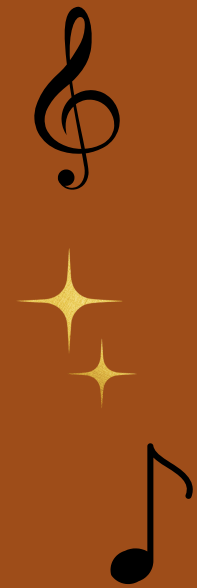


Our School Junior Choir, Senior Choir and Recorder Ensemble will be performing at Merry Monbulk!

Our OSHClub will also be there running a market stall.

It would be lovely to see some Patchie faces there.

A big thanks to Leanne & Jess!



Carols on the Mountain 2023

Saturday 16th December
Gates open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start
Ferry Creek Recreation Reserve

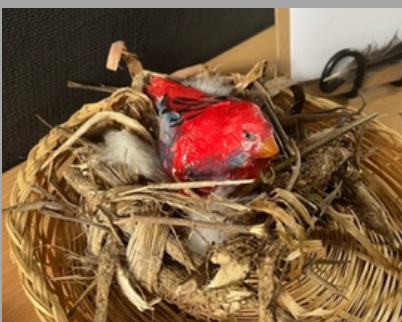
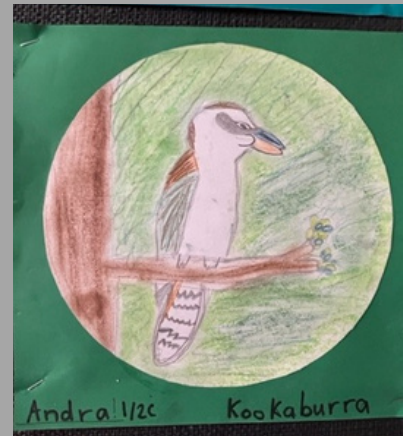
Our Senior & Junior Choirs will be performing!



Y1/2 ART & STEM

This term, students Yr1/2 have been attending combined Art and STEM sessions to learn about birds. It has been wonderful to be outside bird watching. Students have become very observant about different species of bird found at The Patch Primary School and are now experts at identifying birds by their size, habitat and calls. Students have been recording data about birds they have seen and heard on our learning walks and have spent time sketching the different habitats found at our school.

In STEM, students have learnt about bird life cycles, habitats, nest building, diets and anatomy and in art, students have been learning how to accurately draw different species of birds and have sculpted models of birds using clay.



2024 Prep Transition Sessions



Scholastic Book Club Volunteer

Our wonderful parent volunteer, Alison, who coordinates the Scholastic Book Club is moving on. Her daughter is heading to high school next year.

We are looking for another parent or group of parents that would be willing to take on the role for 2024.

If you are interested, please contact Kim to discuss.

A big thank you to Alison for everything. 😊



Droff Off / Pick Up Reminder



To ease congestion and ensure a smooth flow of traffic that does not impact too greatly on our community please adhere to the following:

- Please move down as far as you can before dropping off or picking up your child/ren.
- If your child is not there, please continue around the ring road and do another lap to avoid holding others up.
- Please give way to those making a right turn into the school - this will help prevent traffic locking up in the driveway.
- Please adhere to the 10kph speed limit the whole way through the ring road for the safety of all.

Thank you all so much for your co-operation!

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

Monbulk Netball Club
AGM HELD ON NIGHT
COME AND JOIN THE COMMITTEE. GET INVOLVED
PRE REGISTRATION
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
& SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Your name appears in
WINTER COMP 2024

29TH NOVEMBER 4pm @ MONBULK NETBALL COURTS

The poster features a background image of netball players in maroon uniforms huddled together. The text is overlaid in white and yellow, with some elements in a stylized, hand-drawn font.



Amber Williams
PHOTOGRAPHY

"Wild. Messy. Unhemmed."

Please call or email to arrange your session
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MONBULK L2P PROGRAM

Volunteer mentors needed in Monbulk

1-2 hours a week can make a big difference.

The TAC L2P Program is being brought to Monbulk to help learner drivers with no access to a supervising driver or vehicle get the necessary 120 hours experience on the road.

Becoming a volunteer mentor is a great way to contribute to the community, make a difference and directly help a young person who may otherwise be unable to access education and employment opportunities through supervised driving practice. Using the supplied vehicle, you and your learner can build the necessary time and skills to create the next generation of safe drivers.

Scan QR Code to register
or contact
L2P@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
0417 534 945



COME & TRY

Monbulk U10 Girls



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Come & Try events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Monbulk 'Come & Play' is an opportunity for girls aged 5-10 years to experience an introduction to Football and the Mt Evelyn Football Club

WHERE:

Baynes Park Monbulk

WHEN:

Sunday 3rd of December
9.30am-10.30am



REGISTER HERE!

COME & TRY

Upwey Tecoma Girls U10s



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Come & Try events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Upwey Tecoma Girls u10 'Come & Play' is an opportunity for girls aged 5-10 years to experience an introduction to Football and the Upwey Tecoma u10s

WHERE:

Upwey Tecoma Football and Netball Club

WHEN:

Monday 4th December 5.30-6.30m



REGISTER HERE!

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ParentZone Parenting Workshops

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Parenting Anxious Children

A Parents Building Solutions Workshop

Tuesday 21st November

12.30pm to 2.30pm

Do you want to feel less overwhelmed and find more positive ways to deal with your child's anxious feelings? Come along to this session to learn strategies and get some tools and tips to help them cope.

Circle of Security Parenting

A single session introduction

Tuesday 28th November

12:30pm to 2.30pm

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

To book for any or all of these

workshops: [Click here](#)

Questions: Contact ParentZone Eastern
on **9721 3646**

Dads Toolkit

A Parents Building Solutions Workshop

Tuesday 28th November

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Are you a dad who would like to better understand your importance in your children's lives? To communicate with them more positively so that you can strengthen the your connection and get your head around what they need from you? Come along and share strategies, tips and tools with other dads.

Emotion Focused Parenting

A Parents Building Solutions Workshop

Tuesday 4th December

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Would you like to be able to better deal with their strong emotions such as anxiety and anger and manage their challenging behaviour? Would you like to help your children learn to better manage their emotions and deal with conflict?

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