



# PATCHWORK NEWS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### MARCH

Tues 5th	School Council Meeting (Feb meeting) - 6pm
Fri 8th	Division Swimming 🏊
Mon 11th	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 12th	NAPLAN Yr3 & Yr5
Wed 13th	NAPLAN Yr3 & Yr5
Thurs 14th	NAPLAN Yr3 & Yr5
Sat 16th	🌱Community Action Morning👷 (9am - 12pm)
Fri 22nd	Regional Swimming 🏊
Fri 22nd	🎉PATCHFEST🎉 (1pm-7.30pm)
Tues 26th	Be Fit. Be Well Incursion for Yr 5/6
Tues 26th	School Council Meeting - 6pm
Wed 27th	Prep & Yr 6 Buddy Picnic
Thurs 28th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Early Finish</b> (2.20pm - Prep, Y1 & Y2) (2.30pm - Y3/4 & Y5/6)

### APRIL

<b>Mon 15th</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 2</b>
Wed 24th	School House Carnival 🎪
Fri 26th	State Swimming 🏊
Mon 29th	Yr1 & Y2 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion 🐼
Tues 30th	School Council Meeting - 6pm

### May

Wed 1st	School Photo Day 📷
Fri 24th	District Cross Country 🏃
Tues 28th	School Council Meeting - 6pm

## 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 & Yr1/2 Dismissal

3.30pm Yr 3-6 Dismissal

**PatchFest24**

Friday

22nd March

1pm - 7.30pm

Mindi



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Hi Everyone!

Welcome to our first school newsletter for 2024!

It has been a high octane start to the year with so many 'events'. Fire danger and storms have hogged some of the limelight, while new and old building works have made progress. It has made for a busy term so far. But we have got through it together. Our school community's positivity and flexibility has been fantastic throughout the power outages and warnings of potential relocations or closures due to weather events. Your resilience and kind words have been greatly appreciated, especially when I feel like I've inundated you with so many updates!

We have a lot to look forward to for the rest of the term. The big event being our 2024 PatchFest24! It is now only 3 weeks away and the excitement is building. Students are preparing for activities and stalls at school, while doing a wonderful role of fundraising for the Colour Run. I am being reminded daily by students that they want to fundraise with the goal of sliming me! In addition, there will be games, popcorn, fairy floss, music, a concert, and a beer and wine garden (just for the adults!). The Colour Run will then be an awesome way to finish the evening.

Thursday 28th March will be our last day of Term 1. I'll be speaking to our Student Representative Council (SRC) on Tuesday about what this day will look like. So far we have ideas about making it a possible free dress and/or Easter themed day. Once we confirm details next week, we will let you know. Otherwise, a reminder that school finishes an hour earlier on the last day of term.

On a final note, thank you to all the parent volunteers that have been supporting our school. We have a fantastic parent group assisting with PatchFest24 that will ensure its success. Also, this afternoon is our election count for parent members for our School Council. The elected members will be announced this evening, and our first meeting taking place on Tuesday 5th March at 6pm. If you have something you wish to have raised for our school's consideration, you can talk to Ange – our current SC president – or any current member, in addition to me. We are a representative of our school community, and we want to support our community's needs as best as possible.

Have a great weekend!

Jim

## REMINDERS

- Qkr! payments for the School House Carnival are due on 18th March.
- You will need to make arrangements to drop off and pick up students from Morrison Reserve Athletics Track in Mount Evelyn on Wednesday 24th April for the School House Carnival.
- Donations for PatchFest24 student market stalls can be dropped at the office.
- Please make sure your contact / address details and photo permission are up to date with the office.



# PatchFest24

## The Line Up:

It's almost festival time! PatchFest is happening on Friday, March 22nd from 1pm-7.30pm.

**All are welcome from 1pm**, but a parent or caregiver **must** be there from your child's regular school finish time. OSHClub will be open and will supervise their students at the concert and other activities until their normal closing time.

You can find the event program, what to bring and other important PatchFest info below.

Get ready for a festival of food, music, markets, traditional dancing, and our crazy Colour Fun Run. Bring your friends and family along - the more the merrier - and don't forget your picnic rug.

This year's PatchFest falls during Harmony Week, which has inspired the theme: We all belong.

All funds will go towards a student-led garden renovation & a new PA System - so we can share our message far and wide. Our goal is to raise \$25,000.

Let's go!

The Lineup		
10.30am - 7.30pm	Ice cream van	Basketball court
1 - 3.15pm	Student market stalls and class activities (parents welcome but not required)	Basketball court
2 - 7.30pm	General market stalls	Basketball court & oval
2 - 7.30pm	Sushi, sausages, coffee, cakes, pop corn & fairy floss	Basketball court & oval
3.15 - 7.30pm	Tacos, toasties and sliders	Basketball court & oval
4 - 5pm	Student concert including Welcome to Country and the Djirri Djirri dancers	Basketball court
5 - 6pm	Buskers - instrumental music students	Oval stage
5 - 7.30pm	Wine and beer tent	Basketball court
6 - 7.00pm	COLOUR FUN RUN Kinder & Grade 5: 6pm Prep & Grade 6: 6.15pm Grade 1 & 2: 6.30pm Grade 3 & 4: 6.45pm	Oval
7pm	Principal and teachers get slimed	Oval
5.30 - 7.30pm	Guitar set by Lukas	Wine and beer tent

# PatchFest24

## What students need to bring on the day:

### 1. Tokens

Students can buy each other's market items and activities using tokens. You will be able to purchase them on QKR in the lead up to the event, or with cash or EFTPOS on the day. Keep in mind some of the activities will be free.

### 2. Colour run clothes

Students will need to wear a white t-shirt for the Colour Fun Run. Plus shorts, socks and runners you don't mind getting covered in colour powder! You might want to bring a change of clothes. You can also donate a spare white t-shirts for those who don't have one (just hand them in to Kim at the office).

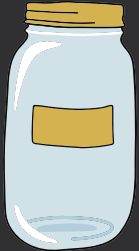
## Parent Information:

- There will be teachers in attendance, but from school finish time your child will be your responsibility
- All food, drink and general market stalls will accept cash or EFTPOS, with ATMs available around the grounds.
- Please leave dogs and pets at home.
- Please do not bring your own alcohol. Our wine and beer tent will have all you need.
- We need volunteers! There will be short volunteer shifts throughout the event as well as during the set up and pack down. You'll be able to register your interest soon. For now - save the date.
- Family and friends can also run in the Colour Fun Run! Register via Qkr! from March 12th. \$5 per registration.
- A giant mural will be created before and after the event on our rebound wall near the middle playground. We are currently determining how to build some fundraising opportunities into this project. Stay tuned!
- OSHClub will operate as normal. Students in aftercare will still attend the whole school concert supervised by an OSHClub team member.
- Parking will be available on the oval and surrounding streets.
- School toilets inside the main building will be open as well as those in the car park. Signage applies.
- First Aid Tent on the premises.



# PatchFest24

## A Call for Donations:



### Glass Jars:

A call out for glass jars to be used for the Prep Terrarium Stall at PatchFest24!

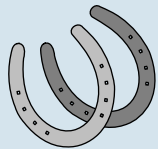
Jars will need to have lids, be washed/clean and the labels taken off.

Donations can be brought to the Prep Rooms.

Thank You!!



### Horse Shoes:



Dear Patch community,

On Friday March 22nd, The Patch Primary School is having their PatchFest.

The theme is harmony and we have been asked to create a stall or activity to be run on the day.

Our activity will be a horseshoe toss.

For this to be possible we will need some horseshoes.

Thank you!

From Will (5/6G)

### Small Toys:



Dear Reader

On Friday 22nd of march, The patch Primary school is having their patch fest. The theme is harmony and we have been asked to create a stall or activity to be run on the day.

At our stall we will be selling Mystery bags, bracelets, and small toys.

We are needing some donations like beads, soft toys and fidgets for younger kids.

Yours sincerely, Poppy P (5/6K)

### Lollies & Fidgets:



Dear Reader,

On Friday the 22nd of March The Patch primary school will be hosting Patch Fest. I will be working with Holly and Isabella. Our stall is called lucky ducks we need donations for our prizes small poppits, lollies and fidgets there will be lots of other stalls please come!

Sincerely Georgia W (5/6G)

# FEB/MAR 2024 FUN RUN COMP. CALENDAR

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26  ICY POLES	27	28	29	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8  TAKE AWAY LUNCH ORDER	9	10
11	12  FAMILY Q&R	13	14	15  CLASS PARTY	16	17
18  FURTHEST OLDEST	19	20	21	22  PATCH FEST	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

\$100 RAISED LUNCH ORDER DRAW

MOST FUNDS RAISED BY A CLASS DRAW

FURTHEST & OLDEST DONOR DRAW

3 more days!... What are some ways you can raise FUNds?

**BRAVE** **RESOURCEFUL** **I AM** **CREATIVE** **CLEVER**

**S** **SPECIFIC** WHAT IS YOUR GOAL AMOUNT \$\$ TO RAISE FOR THE SCHOOL?

**M** **MEASURABLE** TO REACH MY "GOAL PRIZE" I NEED TO RAISE \$\$\$?

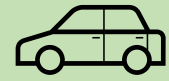
**A** **ACHIEVABLE** AM I EXCITED AND STUCK ON WHAT THE PRIZE IS AND NOT LOOKING AT HOW MUCH IT IS? YOU CAN CHANGE AS YOU GO!

**R** **RELEVANT** DO YOU KNOW WHY WE'RE RAISING MONEY? HOW DOES YOUR GOAL CONTRIBUTE? TELL YOUR DONORS ABOUT IT, SHARE YOUR STORY!!

**T** **TIME BOUND** A LITTLE BIT OF MATH TO HELP! SAY YOUR GOAL IS: \$150 BY: 22.3.24 I NEED TO RAISE: \$50 PER WEEK



## Drop 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.
- Please do not arrive too early for pick up.
- 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!

## PERSONAL PROPERTY / INJURY INSURANCE

The department's insurance policy does not cover personal property damage/loss or accident/injury costs for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Ambulance cover is encouraged as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

# Creating New Cubby Zones





# The Patch School



## Song

### *Verse 1:*

In The Patch, up in the sky, Bunjil flies high.  
From the school on the ground, we look up and around, up and around.

### *Chorus:*

The Patch is our school and The Patch is our people,  
From wetlands to canopy, art and the sounds.  
Our teachers and friends in our classrooms and garden;  
When Bunjil flies over, we look up and around.

### *Verse 2:*

Our oval is wide and our oak tree is tall, our oak tree is tall.  
Nesting kookas stay near where we play.

### *Chorus:*

The Patch is our school and The Patch is our people,  
From wetlands to canopy, art and the sounds.  
Our teachers and friends in our classrooms and garden;  
When Bunjil flies over, we look up and around.

### *Bridge:*

When Bunjil flies over and we're in the wetlands,  
I've seen his reflection there in the pond.  
I wonder if he is gazing at me?  
When Bunjil flies over, this place we belong.

### *Verse 3:*

At The Patch, with cubbies and ferns, we come to learn.  
Friends and mem'ries grown. We take them home.

### *Chorus:*

The Patch is our school and The Patch is our people,  
From wetlands to canopy, art and the sounds.  
Our teachers and friends in our classrooms and garden;  
When Bunjil flies over, we look up and around.

### *Outro:*

Blowing and blooming, the soft wind of music,  
Inside and outside there's happiness found.  
The school in the valley is our community;  
When Bunjil flies over, we look up and around,  
... We look up and around.

Written by Cath Russell

&

the students of The  
Patch School

[Click here](#) to hear The Patch School Song!!



## 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: 0423 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



## Community Notices

**2025 enrolments for  
The Patch kindergarten  
are now open!**

**Applications  
close April 30**

Places still  
available  
for 2024

 [www.ev.org.au](http://www.ev.org.au)

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Manager



Amber Williams  
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# COME & PLAY

AFL Come & Play is a FREE program!

AFL Come & Play gives kids aged 4-12 years old an introduction to football full of fun activities, skill development and modified games.

For more information please contact - [jack.griffiths@afl.com.au](mailto:jack.griffiths@afl.com.au)

## WHERE

Kalorama Memorial Reserve

## WHEN

Thursday February 29th  
4:30pm to 5:30pm



SCAN TO REGISTER



Play  
*Rugby*  
League

Bring your family to join our family

All welcome! No experience required!



Joining the Eastern Raptors is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and family-friendly community. With teams for players of all ages and genders, as well as opportunities to volunteer and coach, there is a place for everyone at our club.

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!**

Our volunteers are all registered and hold Working With Children Checks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Get in touch now - don't miss out on the chance to join our club and be a part of something special.

## BOYS

U6 & U7 mixed tag  
U8 - U12 mixed tackle  
U13 - U18 boys tackle

## GIRLS

U6 & U7 mixed tag  
U8 - U12 mixed tackle or  
New girls only teams  
ages U8 - U18

## ADULTS

Seniors 17+  
men & women  
Masters 35 +



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ALL SKILL LEVELS  
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ALL WELCOME  
HAVE FUN!

**COMETS**  
BASKETBALL CLUB

Current age groups are  
U10, U12, U14, U16, U18  
Local games!  
Local training!

Uniforms provided to all  
Under 10 players!

**Registration Day**  
Tuesday March 12, 4-5 pm  
Kallista Primary School

**Caussie Hoops**

For more info email us at:  
kallistacomets@gmail.com or call  
Glenn: 0413 907 491

Winter Season starts April 20th

**Winter Season 2024**  
**Registrations are now open!**

Follow the PlayHq link to sign up for another great season of Ranges Basketball!

**Registrations close Sunday 17th of March at 5pm**

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