



# PATCHWORK NEWS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### NOVEMBER

- Mon 18th Yr 3/4 Swimming Program Commences
- Fri 22nd Yr 6 & Prep Puffing Billy Buddy Excursion
- Fri 22nd Yr 3/4 Swimming Program Finishes
- Mon 25th Yr 6 Shire of Yarra Ranges Transition Workshop
- Mon 25th Yr 6 Shire of Yarra Ranges Parent Forum (online session)
- Tues 26th Yr 2 Log Cabin Ranch Day Camp
- Tues 26th School Council Meeting
- Thurs 28th 2025 Prep Transition Session 3 (9.30am - 10.30am)
- Fri 29th Casual Dress Day - Kids Help Line Fundraiser

### DECEMBER

- Mon 2nd Yr 5/6 Surf Excursion
- Thurs 5th 2025 Prep Transition Session 4 (9.15am - 10.45am)
- Tues 10th Step Up Day
- Wed 11th Yr 6 Graduation - Monbulk Reserve Function Rooms
- Fri 13th Yr 6 Wear Secondary School Uniform to School
- Sat 14th Jnr & Snr Choir at Ferny Creek Carols
- Mon 16th PATCHMAS Concert (6pm on the school oval)
- Tues 17th Prep End of Year Celebration (2.30pm - 3.30pm)
- Tues 17th Year 5/6 Knox Leisureworks Excursion
- Thurs 19th LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - Early Finish**  
Prep - Yr 2 @ 1.20pm  
Yr3 - Yr6 @ 1.30pm



## 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

### JANUARY

- Wed 29th CURRICULUM DAY - Student Free Day
- Thurs 30th FIRST DAY OF TERM 1, 2025**



# 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)

Hi Everyone!

We are now over halfway through Term 4 already! The sun is shining most days, which is, hopefully, a great sign of nice weather to come as we edge closer to our end of term events.

The finishing touches to the inside of the new Learning Hub and Art Centre are currently being completed. We are only weeks away from being able to use these wonderful new spaces. I can't wait for our current Preps and Year 1s to have the stability of our new Year 1/2 Learning Hub in 2025 (and the close proximity to another toilet block!). Having the pathway back through the middle of the school will be amazing, too, for ease of access around the school. Bright days are ahead!

Our Preps, Years 1s and Year 2s have been amazing this week as they completed 5 straight days of swimming lessons. They will be tired, but I hope they get time to relax this warm weekend. Then our Year 3/4s start next week and will, I'm sure, do us proud as well.

We have plenty of exciting excursions coming up, too! With our Preps and Year 6s on the Puffing Billy excursion next week, our Year 2s on their day camp the following week, and then our Year 5/6s on their surf excursion the week after. Then we kick into celebration event time with Year 6 Graduation in Week 10, and Patchmas and Year 6 end of year celebrations in Week 11. Lots coming up, but the kids will love it.

On a final note, there have been a lot of world events occurring as of late that may distress some families. As a school community, we stand for inclusion and togetherness, no matter your race, gender or situation. Let our school be your safe space and reach out if we can support you. Our team is available if you need to chat or meet in person.

Take care and enjoy the sunshine!

Jim



# Message from Alesha

Beautiful Patch Community,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the support, kind messages and love I have felt from everyone as I move into the Assistant Principal role in 2025. I can't tell you how much it means to me to have your support and trust.

My role will look different to Michelle's role, as it will take on a wellbeing lens but I hope to continue Michelle's amazing ability to bring community together and to keep giving our students their voice and agency. I am very aware I have big shoes to fill, and I don't take that lightly. I know I will have a lot to learn and I am really looking forward all the new challenges that will come with the role. The first of which will be to undertake the training to become our schools Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. I will also have Haley and Hayden come with me to undertake this training to be part of this team.

The MHWL will work across the school to implement a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

This includes:

- Building the capacity of school staff to identify and support students with mental health concerns.
- Supporting the school to create clear referral pathways and connect to local services for students identified as needing further assessment and intervention.
- Coordinating targeted mental health support for students by working with school staff, school community members and external agencies.
- Implementing effective mental health strategies aligned with social and emotional learning and embedding a whole-school approach to wellbeing and learning initiatives.

It is a fantastic initiative that all primary schools will be implementing, and I look forward to having more capacity to help our students in this area.

I am also beyond thrilled that I will still be teaching Preps for two days a week, as most of you know I adore every second with those tiny humans, it just fills my bucket daily. It is also a wonderful way for me to have strong connections with all the students and families within the school. It ensures that in a leadership capacity I am still connected completely to the classroom and the needs of our students and teachers.

As I said in my interview, I wouldn't have applied for the role if I didn't feel my values and vision aligned with Jim's vision for the school. Having worked with Jim on leadership for the past year I think we will make a great team. I have seen how Jim values wellbeing, relationship building and community but also drives curriculum and teaching and learning so our students are achieving the best version of themselves they can be. He does this all with positivity and endless energy (not sure I can keep up with his energy, but I'll try). All of this aligns with my priorities for students and teachers so I am really excited to work alongside him to keep our school moving forward in all of these areas.

Twenty years ago when I started here as a graduate, I never would have dreamed I would take on this role. I feel very honoured and grateful to be given the chance.

Thank you again for the support, it really does mean a lot.

Alesha x



# SRC

## They really do make a difference!

Our SRC have been working hard behind the scenes, raising issues and making change. This semester our senior SRC is made up of Chris S, Rupert, Millie, Medea, Lylah, Zephyr, Zara, Olivia, and Zeke. Each week they hold a class meeting in which classmates can raise issues or give ideas to implement.


This semester we have seen:

- 5/6 microwave and roster implemented
- Mountain bike track being built with Kent
- Nut policy revisited, presented to school council and very soon nut products being permitted at school again
- Skip removed from basketball court
- Council contacted and fences repaired on oval
- Raised the need for lines to be repainted on basketball court (will happen next year) once building works are complete.
- Raising student concerns about cubbies with Cubby Council
- Halloween dress up day
- Icy pole fundraiser

On the **29th of November we will have our final free dress fundraiser**. The SRC want students to wear whatever makes them feel comfortable to support their mental health. This might be an Oodie, onsie or just their favourite clothes. This term the SRC wanted to support a kids mental health service and have decided on [Kids Helpline](#).

**Your donations can be made via Qkr!**

We are working to support a space for students at The Patch to be able to privately access a phone or ipad to use this service (don't foresee this happening until next year however).



**Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.**

Qualified counsellors at Kids Helpline are available anytime and for any reason.

Since 1991, Australia's kids and young people have been turning to our professional counsellors, no matter who they are or what they want to talk about.

Over this time, we have responded to over 8.5 million contacts. For some young people, connecting with Kids Helpline has been a life-saving experience, while for others it's about practical help and emotional support at the critical moment they need someone to listen.

I am so proud of how these students work together and take their roles seriously to proactively use their voice to make change within our school. It is a pleasure to work with them and after every meeting I leave inspired and in awe of their commitment and passion.

Alesha x

# 2025

## PARENT PAYMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Soon we will be distributing the information regarding the 2025 Parent Payment Contributions - watch out for a Compass message in the coming days.

PLEASE NOTE: Qkr! will not open for payments until January 2025

Payments will be able to be made all throughout 2025 on Qkr!

This information will also be made available on our school website.

**Coming  
soon...  
Date TBC**

**Second Hand  
Uniform  
Swap Meet!**



**Details  
coming  
soon....**

## **Housekeeping**

- There is no question that parking at school at the moment is tricky but please ensure you are not double parking and making sure that entrances and exits are left accessible and clear. Thank you for all your ongoing patience and understanding with this!
- If you are bringing along your furry family members (dogs) to school drop off or pick up, please ensure you have them on a lead and clean up after them.

## School Saving Bonus

The \$400 School Saving Bonus will be provided directly to the school. Families will receive an email from the Department of Education with their \$400 School Saving Bonus information and access to an online system. Families can choose how to use and allocate the \$400 bonus - on school activities, to purchase uniforms, on school camps/excursions, swimming and sporting programs and graduations to name a few.

From mid Oct to late Nov parents and carers will receive the first School Saving Bonus email from the Department of Education, confirming contact details. Please keep an eye out for this email - it may go to your junk/spam folder.

Then on Nov 26, 27 & 28 a second email will come out from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 bonus code. Families will then be able to start spending with suppliers in store and online and allocating to school activities.



**Save \$400**

**on school uniforms,  
textbooks and  
activities**

Parents and carers  
of Victorian school-aged children  
will receive the one-off

**School Saving Bonus**

Find out more



# STEM UPDATE

In our 5/6 STEM classes we are designing a garden area.

Kim and Michelle have helped the three 5/6 classes measure, soil test and design this garden and soon we will start to plant.

Our project started in Term 2 and our first step was to find the area and perimeter for the garden!

Each student paired up and measured each side of it. It was important to know this so that we could tell just how much room we had for plants.

Our 2nd step was soil testing, we needed to do this so we could tell what soil we had and what plants worked in this soil.

Then we began to design our garden, we started by looking in books about plants and garden magazines for inspiration. Then everyone would find a group of friends and design what we would want our dream garden to look like!

Once everyone had their designs we voted on our favourite ones and what our most popular features for the garden were!

And now we will start planting. 🌱

Kim and Michelle made this project so much fun! We are learning so much about plants! Our garden is located next to the hall and I can't wait for everyone to see our garden at the end of this year!!!

By Ede Prichard



During the garden project I have most enjoyed measuring, soil testing (pH testing) and designing the garden site. I have learnt about soil testing, how to use a compasses and analysis. I am really looking forward to doing the artwork, placing the logs and rocks for wildlife and making the pathways.  
By Joe 3/40

During the garden project I have really enjoyed designing, using compasses, and working with partners and I have learnt about pH testing, measuring angles and field texture analysis. I am really looking forward to making the artwork, insect hotels and pathways.

By Olivia 3/40



We really enjoyed designing because it was fun and you were able to choose the flowers and plants that you wanted. It was also really fun to work as a team. The soil testing was great because chemistry is fun. We got to feel the soil to see what type it was and when we did pH testing we had to mix powder and liquid though the soil and see what colour it would turn. It felt like we were being real scientists!

By students in 3/4!



I have really enjoyed doing the soil pH testing, using a compass and imagining the design for the site. I have learnt about how to do pH testing, how to measure and how to identify plants (what plants are what). I am really looking forward to placing logs, making pathways and doing the art works for the garden.

Sia 3/40

# 2024 VIP SALE

**BELEZA BORONIA**

4/216 Dorset Road, 3155

**VIP TRADING HOURS**

Mon to Fri: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

**SATURDAY  
23<sup>rd</sup> NOV TO  
30<sup>th</sup> NOV**

**20% OFF\***  
IN-STORE ONLY\*

\*CONDITIONS APPLY

Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount. Discount available on full priced Beleza branded items only.

## Next week at OSHClub:

**LIMITED  
SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

**NEXT WEEK AT  
OSHCLUB**

### MONDAY

Minute to Win it

### TUESDAY

Warrior Workout

### WEDNESDAY

World Children's Day

### THURSDAY

Escape from OSH

### FRIDAY

Children VS Educator Dodgeball

**STAY AND  
PLAY**

After School Care

**Enrol or  
Book Now**

**Child Care  
Subsidy**





## 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

### BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB

#### NEW PLAYERS WELCOME IN 2025.

- 🎯 Fun and fitness.
- 🎯 Juniors from age 7+ of all skill levels (boys up to age 14).
- 🎯 Open-age (18+) ladies teams of all levels.
- 🎯 NetSetGo Development Centre for kids aged 5-7.
- 🎯 Supportive, inclusive, family-friendly club.

Interested or want to know more?  
Send us a message via our website  
(simply scan the QR code) or socials.



Belcoma Netball Club

@belcomanetballclub



### BELCOMA NETBALL CLUB Est. 1929

#### END OF SEASON BBQ & JUNIOR TEAM SELECTIONS

#### TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER

U11\* & U13 : 4:30PM - 5:30PM

U15 & U18 5:30PM - 6:30PM

BELGRAVE SOUTH REC RESERVE

\*NO SELECTIONS FOR MODIFIED U11, HOWEVER ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN

BRING A PLATE & COME DOWN FOR AN AFTERNOON OF  
FUN, GAMES AND A BBQ WITH SOME NETBALL ON THE SIDE.

See you there!

Monbulk & District  
**madcow**  
 Community Opportunities Workinggroup  
 PRESENTS

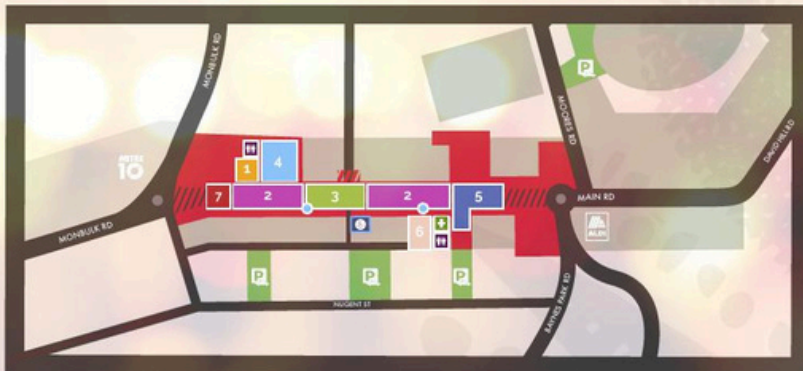
**FREE  
 EVENT**

MERRY  
**MONBULK**  
 2024

**FRIDAY DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00PM - 9:30PM**  
**MAIN<sup>RD</sup> MONBULK**

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY  
 Community Bank  
 Monbulk & District  
 Bendigo Bank

**PARKING & ACCESS** Main Road Monbulk will be CLOSED TO TRAFFIC from 4.30pm.



- 1 MAIN STAGE
- 4 KIDS ZONE
- 5 RIDES
- 7 CFA TRUCKS
- + FIRST AID
- 2 MARKETPLACE
- 3 FOOD VENDORS
- 6 EVENT HQ
- Ⓟ DISABLED PARKING
- ♿ TOILETS



**Carols**  
 BY CANDLELIGHT  
 RUNNING AT THE MAIN STAGE FROM 6:00PM TO 9:30PM



**SCAN ME FOR  
 MORE INFO &  
 UPDATES**

- RIDES! INCLUDING ROCK WALL, TURBO TUBS, SUPER SLIDE & MORE!
- SANTA'S GROTTO
- ELVES CRAFT WORKSHOP
- NIGHT MARKET
- FOOD STALLS
- SILENT DISCO
- FACE PAINTING
- DONKEYS & PETTING ZOO
- HULA HOOPS
- EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES
- **DON'T FORGET TO JOIN THE LIGHTING OF THE MAIN RD LIGHTS FROM 9:15PM**

Got a bit of time next month?

Time to give blood and change lives?

1 in 3 people in Upwey will need blood, and they need people like you to give it.

We're popping up in town from 2 to 7 December.

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at [lifeblood.com.au](http://lifeblood.com.au), on our app or on 13 14 95



# We're coming to town

**Give life. Give blood in Upwey.**

2 to 7 December



**We're popping up at:**

Upwey

Upwey Community Hall  
1443 Burwood Hwy

See website for opening hours

Book your donation now



 13 14 95

 give blood

# Dads Chat

Help us create quality programs for dads and male carers across Yarra Ranges and Maroondah.

What are your ideas for programs, activities and support that can help you in your parenting role?

Scan the QR code to visit the website for more information and to have your say.



Have your say by  
4 December,  
2024.

Dads Chat is presented in partnership with Yarra Ranges Council and Maroondah City Council.





Ready to try something new?

# Join Scouts

**1st Selby Scout Group is looking for young people to join their Group!**

Try Scouts today and **enjoy 3 weeks FREE** to see why the fun never stops. Whether it's camping, hiking, or STEM, there's always something thrilling happening.

**Our Section meeting nights are**

**Joey Scouts | ages 5-8 years | Wednesday 6-7pm**

**Cub Scouts | ages 8-11 years | Wednesday 7-8:30pm**

**Scouts | ages 11-14 years | Launching in 2025**

We meet at Menzies Creek Reserve  
9B Blackhill Road, Menzies Creek

For more information or to join email,  
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**Scouts**  
VICTORIA



**Amber Williams**  
PHOTOGRAPHY

*"Wild. Messy. Unhemmed."*

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