



PATCHWORK NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

Mon 3 rd	Enrolment offers for Prep 2027 commence
Wed 5 th	Yr 5/6 Taming of the Butterflies Begins
Thurs 6 th	Yr 5/6 Geography Enquiry Showcase (2.30pm-3.30pm)
Fri 7 th	Soecond Hand Uniform Sale (2.45pm - 3.15pm)
Mon 10 th	Region AFL (Selected Students)
Mon 17 th	The Shake Lab Dance Program Incursion
Tues 18 th	Region Soccer (Selected Students)
Fri 21 st	Grade 2 Sleepover
Mon 24 th	The Shake Lab Dance Program Incursion
Wed 26 th	District Athletics (Selected Students)
Fri 28 th	Book Week Character Dress Up Day
Monday 31 st	The Shake Lab Dance Program Incursion

SEPTEMBER

Mon 7 th	The Shake Lab Dance Program Incursion
Wed 9 th	Whole School Music Incursion
Thurs 10 th	R U OK? Day
Fri 11 th	Yr 3/4 Market Stalls
Sat 12 th	TRIVIA NIGHT (Glitter & Gumboots) Adults Only
Mon 14 th	The Shake Lab Dance Program Incursion
Tues 15 th	Yr 5/6 Taming the Butterflies Speech Night 1 (2.30-3.30pm)
Wed 16 th	Division Athletics (qualified students)
Wed 16 th	Yr 5/6 Taming the Butterflies Speech Night 2 (2.30-3.30pm)
Thurs 17 th	Grade 1 Camp Afternoon
Fri 18 th	Disctrict Summer Sports
Fri 18 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - Early Finish (2.15pm & 2.25pm)

OCTOBER

Mon 5 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Fri 9 th	Yr 3/4 Junior District Basketball

BELL TIMES

8:58am Music

9am Bell & Learning Begins

11-11:45am First Break

11:45-12pm Lunch eating time

2-2:30pm Second Break

3:15pm Prep - Yr 2 Dismissal

3.30pm Yr 3-6 Dismissal

ASSEMBLY

9.00am Friday mornings



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Assistant Principal's email: alesha.sangster@education.vic.gov.au

Hi Patchies,

Winter has truly kicked in, but it hasn't stopped us from enjoying the outdoors! Students are still busy building cubbies and exploring our gardens, despite the wet and cold. Thank you to all those families who have been sending your child in rain jacket and boots or with spare clothes. They have come in handy!

Speaking of cold, our Year 3/4s had their adventure camp in East Warburton this week! We were fortunate that the rain held off the first two days so we could enjoy the giant swing, flying fox, damper by the fire, ropes course, minigolf and much more. A highlight for many was the wildlife show when students were able to hold snakes, crocodiles, spiders and a dingo! Our students were amazing throughout the 3-day camp. It was so action-packed each day that I believe this group of students took out the record for most second helpings of dinner that I've ever seen!

Our Year 5/6 students have had a busy start to the term with sporting activities and a city excursion. Last week they spent the day in Melbourne exploring the State Library, Old Melbourne Gaol and Queen Victoria Markets. Some highlights were students roleplaying a court scene, and then buying many famous foods in the markets, including hot jam donuts. The previous week most students performed admirably in interschool sports competitions. Our female teams for soccer, football and netball have all gone through to Division!

Last Wednesday our Prep students celebrated their first 100 Days of School! Well done to our wonderful Preps! It was great to see so many of them dressed as 100 year-olds and suddenly having the confidence to call me a "young whipper snapper". Baby-powdered hair, walking sticks, fake wrinkles and reading glasses made for an entertaining event.

Lastly, a reminder that families are welcome to join their children in our Action Afternoons each Friday from 2:30pm. Our students have been doing a great job creating new garden spaces or restoring old ones. Personally, I've had a tonne of fun supporting students to build new cubbies.

Have a great weekend!

Jim



Compass UPDATE

EVENT CONSENTS & PAYMENTS

We have now starting using Compass to pay and consent for school events!

Events include incursions/excursions/camps & sporting activities.

Going forward Qkr! will only be used for lunch orders & fundraising.

We are experiencing some initial bugs that we are ironing out but overall, parents will experience a much more streamlined process & easy access to event details via the Compass App.

Using the Compass App

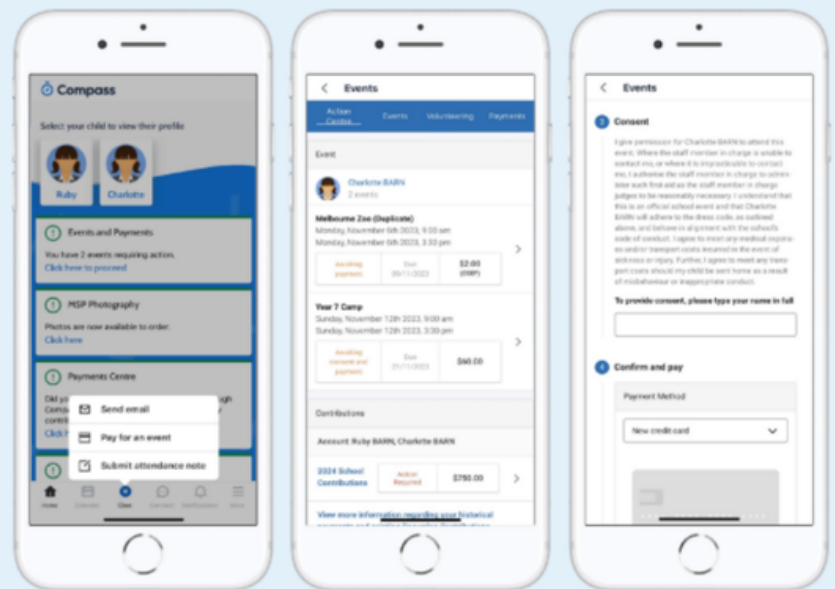
- 1 From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar
- 2 Click on 'Pay for an event'
- 3 In your Action Centre, click on any events still requiring your payment or consent

When you access the Action Centre you can view events requiring consent/payment and any course confirmations which need to be completed displayed under the 'Action Centre' tab. You can view the details of upcoming events by clicking the 'Events' tab and selecting the event you wish to view.

'ACCESS DENIED' ERROR

What to do if you get an 'Access Denied' error message:

- Select 'More' on the home page (located at the bottom right of the screen)
- Then select the 'Open in Browser' tile
- Once in the browser you should see the 'Events' section.
- Click on the 'more info' button
- It will ask you to opt in or opt out of the event.
- Now you should see the consent form (if you opt in), please complete it and submit.



Link: ['Access Denied' Survey](#)

I am collecting information for Compass so that they can identify why we are getting the 'Access Denied' error messages and fix the issue.

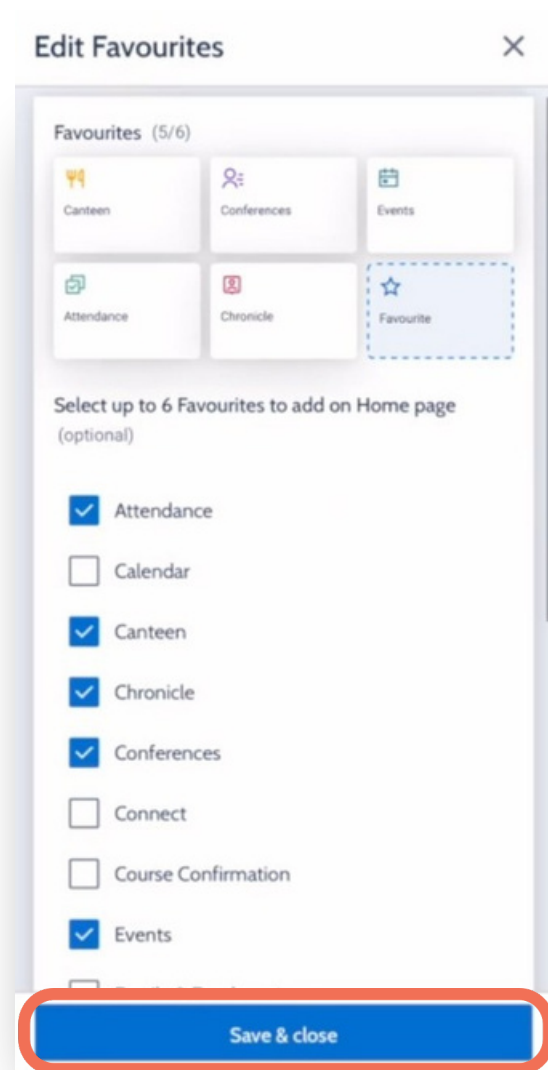
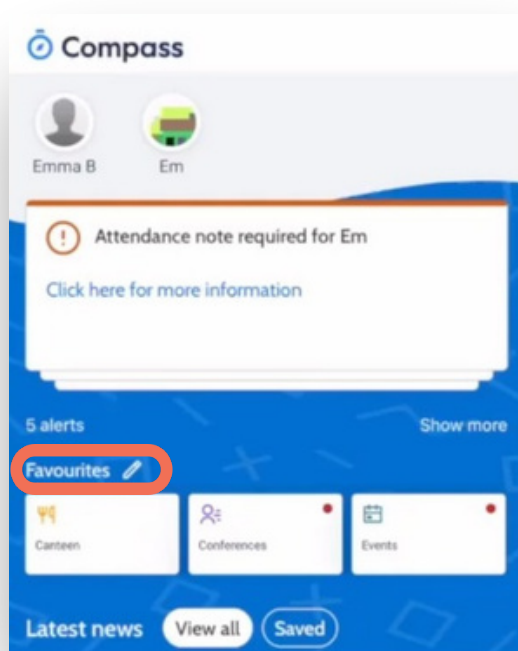
Please complete the quick survey via the link above if you are getting the error message.

Customisable Favourite Modules Set-up

New updates from Compass make it quicker and easier to access your favourite modules from the Compass App's homepage, granting direct access to the tools and information that matter most to you.

Login Steps

- 1 Open the Compass App on your iOS or Android device.
- 2 Click on the pencil icon in the Favourites section.
- 3 Select the modules you want access from the homepage.
- 4 Click on Save & Close.



Note: Update the Compass App to use the favourites features

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat 12 Sept
5.30-10.30pm
Patch PS Hall
Tickets on sale late August

Theme: Glitter & Gumboots
Hills-practical meets full glam:
gumboots and flannies at one end,
sequins and glitter at the other.
Adults-only event.





SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALE

Please drop off any freshly washed and undamaged donations to the office by Friday 31 July 2026.

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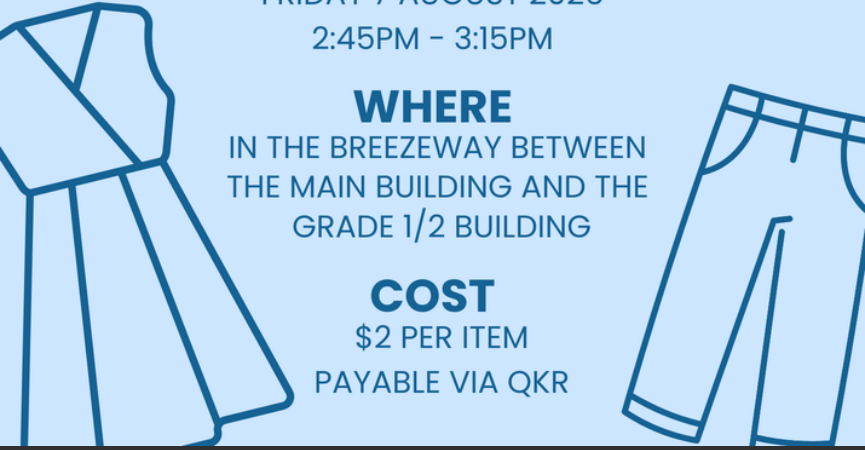
FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2026
2:45PM - 3:15PM

WHERE

IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN
THE MAIN BUILDING AND THE
GRADE 1/2 BUILDING

COST

\$2 PER ITEM
PAYABLE VIA QKR



REMINDER! *Late to School?*

If you arrive after the bell (9am), please remember that you must sign your child/ren in at the office.

If you fail to sign your child/ren in, they will be marked with an unexplained absence for the day.

It is important that we maintain accurate attendance records so thank you for your cooperation!

Lunch Orders
Friday 7th Aug

CANCELLED

Unfortunately, The Patch Store has had to cancelled lunch orders for Friday 7th August.

Thanks for your understanding!

A Guide to Afternoon Pick-Up

Students will be picked up at the end of the loop where the yellow marks the curb. The beginning of the loop will be treated as two lanes at the beginning. These two changes hope to take the stand-still traffic off Kallista-Emerald Rd.

STEP 1: ENTERING LOOP

As shown below, the entrance to the loop begins with two lanes.

Cars turning left to enter the loop (from Kallista/Monbulk direction) must enter and stay in the left lane (yellow arrow side).

Cars turning right to enter the loop (from Emerald direction) must enter and stay in the right lane (white arrow side).



COMING SOON



'Water Rhythms' Whole School Music Incursion

We are fortunate to have the Musica Viva Show 'Water Rhythms' visiting the Patch for a special whole school music incursion on Wednesday 9th September

Be enchanted by the rhythm and flow of water in this dynamic performance as these talented performers bring together music, movement and visual storytelling.

Through an engaging blend of percussion, soundscapes, and contemporary dance, students explore how rhythm and movement can reflect the natural world.

As the performers respond to each other in real time, students learn to listen deeply, interpret sound through movement, and express themselves through their own bodies. This highly immersive show encourages students to connect rhythm and motion, sparking new ways of thinking about music, dance and self-expression.

RYUJI HAMADATAIKO, SHINOBU, PERCUSSION
HARUKA KUNIMUNETAIKO, PERCUSSION
BRIDGET MCALLISTER DANCE

Look out for a compass message coming soon with more information.

Senior Choir is back

FOR YEAR 3-6 STUDENTS!



All keen singers are welcome to come along to the music room on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm - 3.00pm.

No cost to be involved.
Thanks, Leanne & Jess

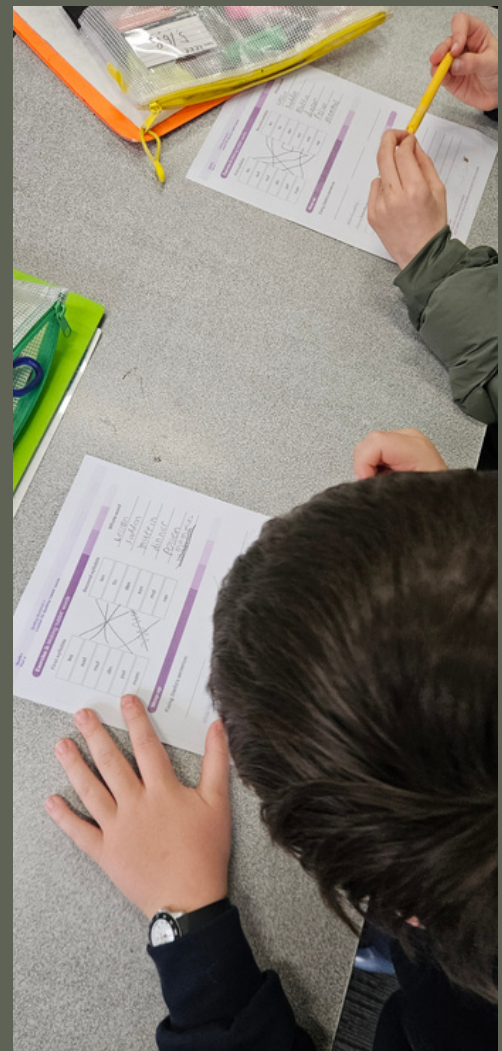
YR 5/6 UPDATE

We kicked off the term with District Winter Sports on Tuesday 14 July, with students competing in AFL, netball and soccer.

This week we've had our Division Winter Sports. Our girls' netball and AFL teams played really well but unfortunately didn't make it through to the next round. Our girls' soccer team is playing today (Friday), so we're all wishing them the best of luck!

On Tuesday 21 July, we travelled by train from Belgrave to Melbourne Central for our Melbourne City Excursion. Students visited the State Library, Queen Victoria Market and the Old Melbourne Gaol. It was a fantastic day, and the students represented our school beautifully.

On Tuesday 28 July, students from Monbulk College visited us for a Maths Incursion. Our students enjoyed playing maths games and working together to solve different challenges.



CAN YOU HELP?

Our school is looking for a new **Book Club** Organiser.



Help us raise readers in our community!

Running **Book Club** keeps the reading momentum rolling all year long by providing children and families with regular access to age-appropriate and affordable books.

Our school benefits too! Every **Book Club** order earns **Scholastic Rewards**, which help us purchase additional learning and literacy resources.

Keen to make a difference? Contact the school



SCHOLASTIC

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Our school has an excellent extracurricular music program with 4 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.

Jess Dunn

Jnr Choir, small group ukulele / voice, solo voice / ukulele

Email : jessdunn.arts@gmail.com

Mob : 0408 102 542

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 - Yr 2) Piano

Email: musicalmother@hotmail.com

Mob: 0472 568 449

If you are interested in music lessons for your child/ren it is best to contact the music teacher directly.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK



The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a screening process for assessing or re-assessing people who work with or care for children in Victoria.

In order to sign in as a volunteer or parent helper at The Patch primary School you need to hold a Working with Children Check Card.

The Volunteer WWCC is free and easy to obtain though the Services Australia website - even if you are not planning on being a regular parent helper, we encourage parents to apply for the WWCC and provide a copy for us to keep on file at the office.

Parent helpers for the classroom, excursions, camps, sports days and special events are highly valued and we would love for everyone to have the opportunity to be a part of our wonderful Patch community!

Apply for your WWCC [here](#).



COMMUNITY NEWS

ART CLUB



COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers** in your area. Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

Canifoster.com.au | 1800 932 273

This is a new after school activity for our arty Patchies in grades 3 - 6.

Jess Dunn is excited to share her passion for visual art and craft with kids at The Patch!

Students are collected by Jess at 3.15pm, and picked up by parents at 5.00pm from the school art room.

The cost is \$20 weekly, with a \$20 materials fee each term.

To sign up or learn more please email jessdunn.arts@gmail.com

BELGRAVE PLAY & CONNECT



Belgrave Sports Library

Come on down to Borthwick Park in Belgrave (next door to the Belgrave Pool) and take advantage of the newly resurfaced Community Courts!

No need to bring equipment with you, you can use the local sport library for **FREE!**

Borrow balls, racquets and pickleball nets. All you need is your phone to get access to the lock code.

Equipment is located at Borthwick Park and at the Belgrave Hub.

E: health.promotion@accesshc.org.au



To find out more about the equipment available or how to borrow check out: <https://inspiro.org.au/news/belgrave-play-and-connect/>



Selby childcare

Small group of children
Mixed ages 6 weeks to 6 years

Open Hours
Mon - Thurs
8.30 - 4.30
Friday
9.15 - 2.45

Occ@selbyhouse.org.au

Contact mobile
0490 107 373

Occasional Care available

Temporary location
Menzies Creek Primary

*Child Safe Policy is available online



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MIC DROP



OPEN
to
ages
10 - 16

FREE
ENTRY
Open to
young
people

Fri 11th Sept

TIME: 6 - 8.30pm

Calling young performers!
Whether you sing, play music,
write poetry,
or have a knack for stand-up
comedy this is your moment
to SHINE.



Spots
are
limited

To REGISTER your ACT email
engagement@selbyhouse.org.au

Come along, bring your friends,
and let's make some noise!

