PATCHWORK NEWS

KINDNESS, COURAGE, CONNECTION

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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

Mon 26th	Smile Squad Commences
Wed 28th	Qkr! Orders Close for Halloween Disco Snack Packs
Fri 30th	Halloween Dress up Day 🎃🦇
Fri 30th	The Shake Lab Halloween Disco 🕺
Fri 30th	Compass Consent/Payment - Prep-Yr 4 Swimming Closes

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd	Alternate Program
Tues 3rd	**Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday** 🏇
Fri 6th	Smile Squad Finishes
Mon 9th	Prep - Yr 2 Swimming Lessons Commence 🚤
Tues 10th	Prep 2027 Parent Information Night (6.30pm)
Tues 10th	Second Hand Uniform Sale (6.00pm - 6.30pm)
Fri 13th	Prep 2027 Transition Session 1 (9.30am - 10.30am)
Fri 13th	Prep - Yr 2 Swimming Lessons Finish
Mon 16th	Yr 3/4 Swimming Lessons Commence
Fri 20th	Prep 2027 Transition Session 2 (9.30am - 10.30am)
Tues 24th	Prep Patch Store Visit
Wed 25th	Prep & Yr 6 Puffing Billy Buddy Excursion 🚂
Wed 25th	Yr 3/4 Cranbourne Gardens Excursion 🪴
Thurs 26th	Casual Dress Day - SRC Fundraiser (Minus 18) 🏳️‍🌈
Fri 27th	Second Hand Uniform Sale (8.45am - 9.15am)
Fri 27th	Prep 2027 Transition Session 3 (9.15am - 10.45am)
Sat 28th	State Election
Sun 29th	Jess Dunn's Ukelele Concert (school hall)
Mon 30th	Open Door CHurch Food Donations Begin

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



DATES TO REMEMBER CONTINUED

DECEMBER

Tues 1st	Prep - Yr 2 Awards Assembly (2.30pm - 3.30pm)
Wed 2nd	Yr 3 - Yr 6 Awards Assembly (2.30pm - 3.30pm)
Tues 8th	Prep 2027 Final Transition - Step Up Day (9.30 - 10.30am)
Tues 8th	Prep - Yr 5 Step Up Day (9.15am - 11am)
Tues 8th	Yr 6 Step Up Day Vic Gov High School Transition Day
Thurs 10th	PATCHMAS (Oval @ 4.30pm) • Yr 6 Mask Parade & 2027 Yr 6 Jumper Presentation
Sat 12th	Ferny Creek Carols (Choir Participation)
Mon 14th	Yr 5/6 Gumbuya World Excursion
Tues 15th	Prep Celebration Afternoon (2.30pm)
Wed 16th	Grade 6 Graduation (Marybrooke Manor) 🎓
Thurs 17th	Final School Assembly (12.30pm)
Thurs 17th	**LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - Early finish at 1.30pm**
Fri 18th	Curriculum Day

2027

JANUARY

Wed 27th	**Student Free Day** - Statewide
Thurs 28th	**Student Free Day**
Fri 29th	**Student Free Day**

FEBRUARY

Mon 1st	**First Day of Term 1 for students**
Mon 1st	Preps to attend 9am - 11am
Tues 2nd	Preps to attend 9am - 11am
Wed 3rd	No school for Preps
Thurs 4th	Preps Commence Full Days (9am - 3.15pm)

*Preps will continue to have Wednesdays off until Week 7 of Term 1.

COMPASS EVENTS

CURRENT & UPCOMING

CURRENT

Prep - Year 2 Swimming
Due by: Fri 30/10

Yr 3/4 Swimming
Due by: Fri 30/10

UPCOMING

Prep / Yr 6 Buddy Exc
Due by: Wed 18/11

Yr 3/4 Cranbourne Garden Exc
Due by: Wed 18/11

Yr 5/6 Gumbuya World Exc
Due by: Wed 9/12



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

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Jim has been snowed under and his normal 'Message from the Principal' will have to come at a later date.

Thanks for your understanding!







Trivia Night

The 'Glitter & Gumboots' trivia night was a huge success!

On Sept 12th, over 70 parents, staff and community members came together for a night of trivia, games, prizes, costumes and plenty of laughs.

We raised $2,900 for the school library upgrade, which will go towards bean bags, cushions, games and posters, and help make the library a place our kids really love spending time in.



Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and families, the raffle alone raised nearly $1000.
Congratulations to our winners:
1st prize hamper – Grenville Wise
2nd prize hamper – Melissa Dowden
3rd prize hamper – Andrew Langworthy

None of this would have happened without our volunteer team, who gave so much of their time: Andy Wilkins (our trivia host), Olivia Cozzolino, Sarah Fergus, Llawella Lewis, Emily Campbell, Ellen Duffy, Carly Houra, Anna Moss and Kate Hutchings.

Thanks also to our school team, Jim who ran the games on the night, and Alesha, Kim S, Erica and Karen for their behind-the-scenes work.

Thank you.

Thank you to our local businesses for your support for this event!

Angus & Celeste
Bakery · Proserpina · Cafe
The Patch Store
Monbulk Pharmacy
soapopera Australia — Sassafras | Olinda
Kallista General Store & Cellars
Olinda Tea House
Micawber Tavern & Hotel

Thank you for the generosity of our families! Including their businesses.....

Vikara Body Transformations
Zenith Osteopathy
EverFresh Cleaning Services
Glossed
Amber Williams Photography
Monbulk Rose · Tree · Shrub Farm
Buffalo Stand-alone Power Solutions
Jetts Fitness Freedom

WINNER



The winning trivia team



The glitter wall



Teachers gone wild!



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Compass UPDATE

EVENT CONSENTS & PAYMENTS

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

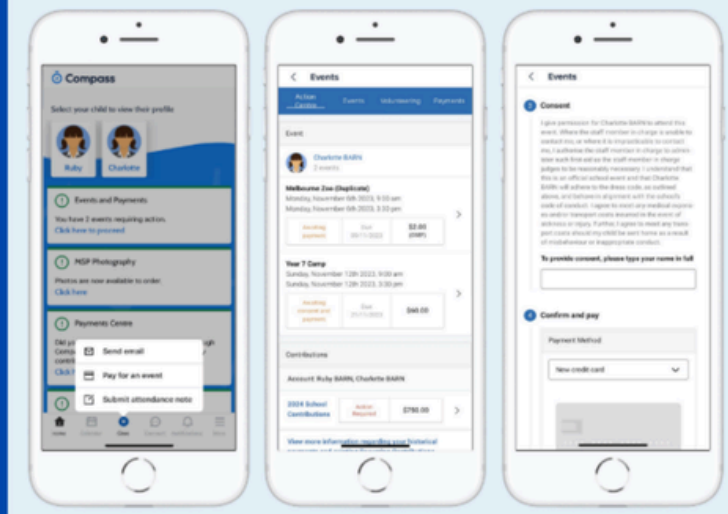
Events include incursions/excursions/camps & sporting activities.

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

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.





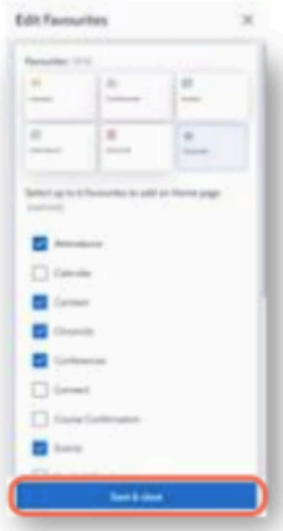
Customisable Favourite Modules Set-up

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

COMING SOON

PREP - YR 4 SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

Prep to Yr 2 - Monday 9/11 to Friday 13/11

Yr 3/4 - Monday 16/11 to Friday 20/11

See Compass 'Events' tab for further information
Payment Due : Friday 30th October

- Students to wear bathers to school under their uniform (girls encouraged to wear 2 piece bathers)
- Thongs, crocs or beach sandals are handy to wear to and from the pool (pack in their bag)
- Pack a separate bag with towel, underwear/socks and a plastic bag to put wet bathers and towel in

!! IMPORTANT !!

PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM AND SWIMMING ITEMS



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.

Unfortuantely you CAN NOT sign your child in using the app - it has to be completed on the kiosk in the foyer!

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

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 oppurtunity to be a part of our wonderful Patch community!

Apply for your WWCC here.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

2026 Term 4 - Wellbeing Section



Alesha

Hello beautiful Patch Community,

Here we are at the end of the year! What an amazing year we have had. Settled and with no major interruptions!

We now come to the term of changes, endings and movement. We know this causes parents concern and worry about what next year will look like for their child. This is where we ask you to put your trust in us. Working with your child in a classroom setting, with other dynamics and personalities every day gives us a unique perspective on what will benefit your child and what perhaps is not conducive to their learning or wellbeing. Often this view is different from a parent's perspective, and we realise it is difficult to not be able to control the path for your child as you want it to happen. Please know hours upon hours of work goes in to grades and best fits for EVERY child. With 300 students we have to make sure everyone's needs are met in the best way we can. We all really do try. Sadly, sometimes that means we cannot give parents the outcome they want BUT from my 20 years of experience here and with my own, now grown-up children, kids manage change better than we do. I know when I thought a fit wasn't right, it kept me awake at night and convinced the year would be a right off, that my child would be miserable, but honestly, what always happened was my children adapted, learnt new skills, made new friends and grew as more independent people. I realised sometimes they had to feel discomfort and uncertainty to develop and grow and that that kids have great capacity to do this. It is so natural that we want to smooth the path for our kids, but honestly navigating the bumps and change now, in a safe and supporting environment is crucial to their confidence and independence. Please know we care deeply and will try to look after everyone's best interests and they will be fine.

On another note a huge thankyou to all of you for your continued support and willingness to help throughout the school year with our fundraising efforts and with other things that arise as we go throughout the year. Things like PatchFest and trivia nights take lots of work and planning and we are so incredibly grateful to everyone who put their hand up to help. These events create such moments of community connection and it is what makes our school such a special one.

Reach out if you need to chat or need help with anything and please know our amazing teachers and ES will help make the transition to next year a smooth one.

Alesha

Building Resilient Kids: Why Small Challenges Matter

Helping children developconfidence, independence and theskills tonavigate everyday difficulties

As parents and educators, it can be difficult to watch children experience disappointment, frustration or challenges. Whether it's losing a game, making a mistake, navigating a friendship disagreement or coping when something doesn't go to plan, our natural instinct is often to step in and make things better.

However, research into child development highlights that resilience is a skill that develops over time. Children build resilience through supportive relationships, opportunities to solve problem and experienceof overcoming manageable challenges.

The Raising Children Network explains that developing resilience involves learning to manage emotions, adapt to change, cope with setbacks and approach problems with increasing confidence.

Why Small Struggles Are Important

Everyday challenges provide valuable opportunities for children to practise important life skills, including:

Emotional regulation: Learning to recognise and manage feelings of frustration, disappointment and sadness.

Problem-solving: Considering different solutions rather than relying on adults to resolve every difficulty.

Persistence: Learning that mistakes and setbacks are part of developing new skills.

Independence: Building confidence in their ability to manage age-appropriate challenges.

Social skills: Learning to negotiate, compromise, communicate and consider other people's perspectives.

This does not mean children should be expected to manage difficult situations without support. Rather, adults can acknowledge feelings, provide reassurance and guide children towards finding solutions themselves.

The Berry Street Education Model: Connection Before Learning

At The Patch Primary School, the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) supports our approach to developing children's emotional regulation, resilience and engagement.

The model draws on trauma-informed education and positive psychology, recognising the importance of safe relationships, predictable environments and regulation in supporting learning.

Three important elements are:

Body: Teaching children to recognise emotions and use strategies to regulate their bodies and minds.

Relationship: Building positive, trusting relationships so children feel safe seeking support and taking on challenges.

Stamina and Engagement: Encouraging persistence, a growth mindset and the ability to work through challenges, even when learning feels difficult.

Through these practices, we aim to help children understand that feeling frustrated or disappointed is normal and that they can develop strategies to manage these feelings.

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support: Teaching the Skills Children Need

Our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) approach complements Berry Street by explicitly teaching the positive behaviours and social skills we want children to develop.

SWPBS is an evidence-informed framework that focuses on prevention, consistency, explicit teaching and positive reinforcement rather than relying solely on consequences when difficulties occur.

At The Patch, our values of Kindness, Courage and Connection guide the behaviours we teach, model and acknowledge across our school.

When children encounter everyday challenges, SWPBS encourages us to:

Teach expected behaviours: Explicitly model and practise skills such as taking turns, managing disappointment, asking for help and resolving disagreements respectfully.

Acknowledge positive choices: Recognise students when they demonstrate persistence, kindness, independence and problem-solving.

Respond consistently: Use predictable expectations and calm, supportive responses when difficulties arise.

Reteach when needed: Recognise that social and behavioural skills, just like academic skills, need to be taught, practised and reinforced.

Provide additional support: Understand that some children will need more explicit teaching, individual adjustments or targeted intervention to develop these skills.

Rather than expecting children to automatically know how to respond to disappointment or conflict, SWPBS encourages us to teach these skills in the same way we teach reading, writing and mathematics.

What Can Families Do at Home?

Families can support the development of resilience by allowing children opportunities to work through manageable challenges while remaining available to provide guidance and reassurance.

Some helpful responses include:

"I can see you're disappointed. What do you think you could try next?"

"It's okay to feel frustrated. What might help you feel calm?"

"That didn't go the way you hoped. What could you do differently next time?"

"I know this feels tricky, but I believe you can give it a go."

By acknowledging emotions without immediately removing every challenge, we communicate two important messages to children: Your feelings matter, and you are capable of learning how to manage difficult situations.

Of course, every child is different. Children with additional learning, developmental, sensory or emotional needs may require more support, co-regulation and individual adjustments. The aim is never to leave children struggling, but to provide the right level of support while gradually building independence.

Building Resilience Together at The Patch

Our Berry Street and SWPBS approaches work together to create an environment where children feel safe, connected and supported, while also being encouraged to develop independence and responsibility.

Our school values reinforce this beautifully:

Kindness – Recognising and respecting our own feelings and those of others.

Courage – Having a go, making mistakes, trying again and working through challenges.

Connection – Building positive relationships and knowing when and how to seek support.

Our goal is not to remove every obstacle from children's lives, but to give them the skills, confidence and support to navigate challenges successfully.

When school and home work together to encourage problem-solving, persistence and emotional regulation, we help children develop important skills that extend well beyond the classroom.

Research and Further Reading

The information in this article is informed by the following Australian education and child-development resources:Raising Children Network – School-age development and resilience — practical, research-informed guidance on managing emotions, building resilience and problem-solving.

Australian Institute of Family Studies – Trauma-informed teaching and the Berry Street Education Model — explains the five BSEM domains and their application to classroom practice

Victorian Department of Education – SWPBS Framework — outlines explicit teaching of behaviour, positive acknowledgement, consistent responses and tiered support.



Our School Values & SWPBS







THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES

Kindness

Kindness helps everyone feel safe, cared for, and happy at school.

Courage

Courage helps us learn new things, solve problems, and speak up when something isn't right.

Connection

Connection brings us together, helps us make friends, and makes sure everyone feels they belong.

OUR PATCH PROMISE

Being a student at The Patch Primary School...

means living our school values every day. We show **kindness** by caring for each other and our environment and understand making mistakes is how we learn and grow. We use **courage** when we try new things, stand up for what's right, and share our voices. We build **connection** by working together and respecting and accepting everyone's uniqueness. Surrounded by nature, we care for the land, plants, and animals, and we honour the wisdom and stories of the **First Nations people** who have cared for Country for thousands of years.

Community relief and support agencies

Recent eventshavehave caused unprecedented challenges for everyone. Manyindividuals, families and communities find themselves needing support and it can be daunting to ask for help, and to know where to start.

Please know that there are many organisations located in the Yarra Ranges that are dedicated to providing support to people when they need it. It is ok to ask for help. Support is available in the Yarra Ranges for people who need assistance.

Below is a list of services that are available to the Yarra Ranges community. These organisations will respond to your enquiry about the availability of services and are an excellent source of information, resources, community connection and can offer referrals to additional services if necessary.

Community health services

Community health services operating in Yarra Ranges including Eastern Health, EACH and Insirpo.

Community transport

Community and volunteer organisations providing transport to eligible community members.

Disability support services

Contact details for disability support services including EACH, Inspiro, Anglicare, HICCI, Care Support Network and more.

Family violence support

Contact details for family violence support services including Orange Door, EACH, Inspiro, Anglicare, HICCI, and the Eastern Community Legal Centre.

Food relief - food boxes and meals

Support agencies and local community groups offering food relief and meals.

Housing and homelessness support

Contact information to help you if you are experiencing homlessness or in need of housing support.

Legal services

Legal services supporting the Yarra Ranges region.

Material and financial assistance

Contact details for support agencies providing material assistance such as food and clothing vouchers, financial aid and financial counselling services.

Mental health support

Mental health support services to help if you are in need. Also includes phone numbers to 24 hour hotlines and links to online resources.

Migrant and asylum seeker support

Information and support for migrant families and those not eligible for commonwealth government support.

Over 50s

Support and information for older residents, including aged care services, pension information, legal advice and community safety.

Resources in other languages

Contact information for support and resources in languages other than English.

Social support

Stay connected and reach out to the many community groups and organisations offering social support.

Youth support services

Information, resources and support services for young people.



REMINDER

Allied HealthVisitsDuringSchoolHours from 2027

From2027, allied health professionals visiting studentsonsite will only be permitted to access students from 1:00pm onwards, once core literacy and numeracy instruction has been completed. This is to be communicated by parents to their individual service providers.

Withtheincreasingnumberofstudentsattendingappointments during learningtime,thishasbecomesignificantly disruptive to:

Classroom instruction and student tasks

Group work

Paired learning activities

Student routines and engagement

We hope this timeframe provides families with sufficient time to communicate and organise schedules with providers. We appreciate your ongoing partnership and understanding as we continue working together to support students in a fair, sustainable and inclusive way.



A Poem From Jodie Cameron

Aren't We Glad

Aren't we glad,
We'reall at this school,
This school with its heart at the centre.

This school in The Patch,
With beauty at every corner,
This school with its heart at the door.

We walk in through flowers,
Through towering trees,
Our eyes sweep the smooth of green grass.

We walk in to a smile,
A smile straight to our heart.
We all feel welcome at that door.

We see children of all sizes,
With voices equal in importance,
Buzzing happily to their task and on their way.

We see art celebrated,
Rows of pictures burst their colour,
Every name sings their story for us to hear.

The children are content,
They grow here like flowers,
Each one of them sewn into the weaving.

They each know their value,
They each hold their space,
They lift every child to the same shelf.

They teach them in nature,
They teach them with love,
They teach them their voices are worth hearing.

They lift them along,
Like flowers up a vine,
They ask them to step into their growing.

They teach them to listen,
To the sounds of their feelings,
And how to come back to their centre.

I see children line the office,
As important as the work,
They listen to the lilt of every feeling.

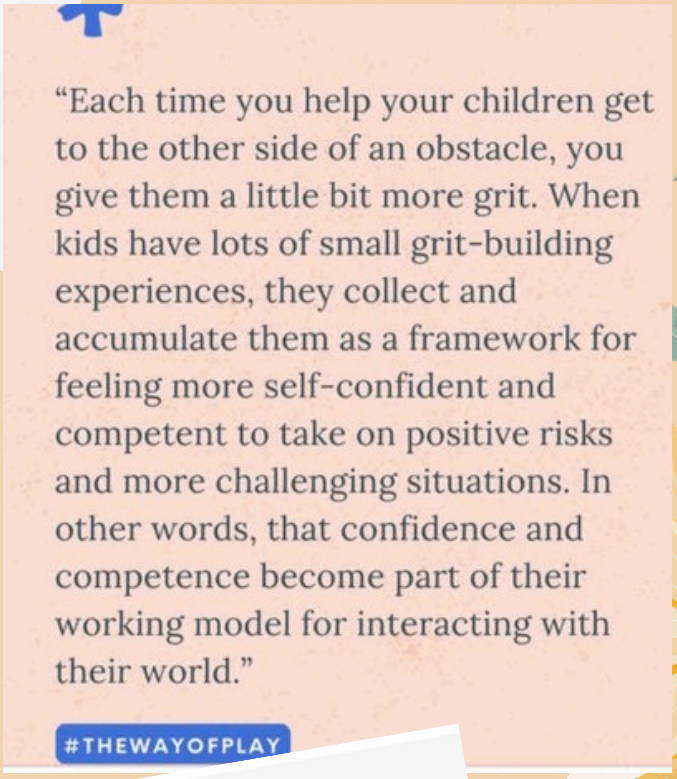
They nurture each child,
To bloom their very best,
Tomorrow's leaders walk these halls with happy step.

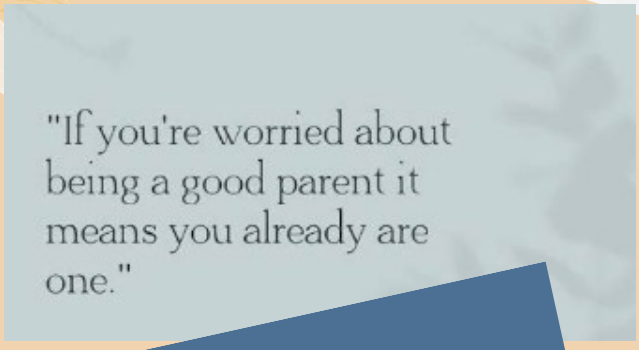
The school and its heart,
It is woven with love.
Aren't we so glad for it all.

On those tough days when kids are struggling remember.....















gratitude shout outs

Jodie Cameron- I think I speak on behalf of many of the staff who would say a huge thank you to you for ALWAYS showing us, as staff, such gratitude and kindness. Whenever there is a school event of any kind, we can be sure that the next day there will be a beautiful email of thanks and gratitude from you. We are so thankful for all your beautiful poems you have put in our Wellbeing Newsletter over the past 10 years and the beautiful emails you send of thanks to Indi and myself after we send a newsletter out. It really means a lot.
Thank you

Jayde for igniting such a passion for learning in our kiddos in Prep J. Our child comes home excited to teach us ASL, math, show us his writing and loves reading. So thank you for everything this year, you are incredible!!

Jude. I'm so grateful for everything you do to support our class members and me. Your dedication, care and support of Ollie is beautiful to watch. You are always supportive of me in the classroom and have been wonderful in welcoming me into The Patch commmunity this year. Thank you.

Shout out to the wonderful Ange! Thanks for making learning so fun, engaging and for being so warm hearted and kind to your students. I am so grateful to have you as a part of our Patch family

gratitude shout outs

Kate W - for doing such an amazing job with her class this year and taking on the DI role. She is doing amazing things

Huge shout out to Ange and Nicola for being absolute legends! ❤️ We appreciate everything you've done for our kids. You've got the balance just right with a bit of push when they need it, lots of love and support, and look at them thriving! 🥹 We're so grateful to have you both in their corner. Thank you for everything you do! 💛

To Paula for always offering supportive in times of need.

Gratitude Shout-Out: Michelle A huge shout-out to Michelle, our wonderful Prep S integration aide, who joins us each morning and goes above and beyond to make our grade such a special place to be. Michelle has a beautiful way of making every child feel supported, valued and cared for. Her kindness, patience and dedication help create a warm, welcoming environment where our little learners feel safe and supported. We are so grateful for all the little and big things she does to make a difference in our Prep S community!

gratitude shout outs

A huge thank you to Every Single Member of Staff. You all do the most incredible job, every single day, and we are so grateful to you. ❤️
Jodie Cameron xxx

Thank you to Kiri for supporting an overwhelmed mum last term who just needed someone to remind her to stop, breathe, and take a moment. Your kindness and calm meant so much! - Catherine

To our SRC this year- you are all amazing, full of ideas, respectful and active!
It is a joy to work with each and everyon of you!!

A big thanks to all that put their hand up to help from lost property to fundraising we apprciate you!!!



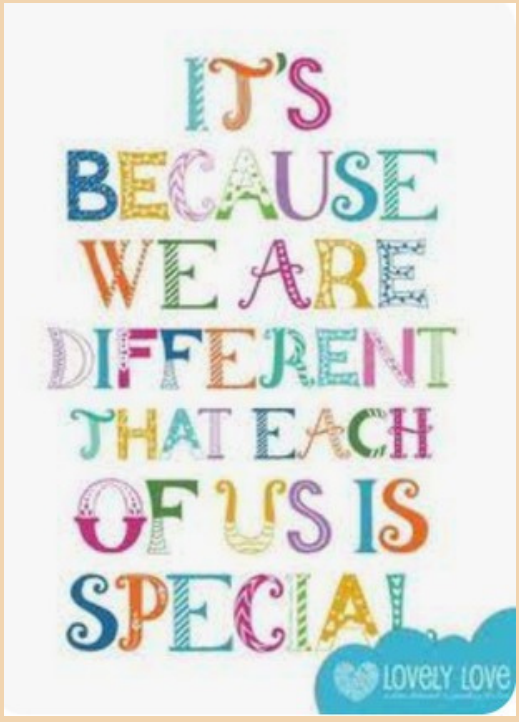
The world can feel so scary
as you watch them leave your door
your heart within your mouth
your stomach on the floor

If you love a child who's different
and the world can't understand
you'll know the joyous moments
when they truly learn to stand

Your pride is off the scale
your love a wondrous thing
I'm glad you know the special light
that special children bring.

DONNA ASHWORTH





REMEMBER, IT IS OK TO NOT BE OK...

SEE THE PAGE'S BELOW FOR SOME HELPFUL CONTACTS FOR THOSE WHO MAY NEED THEM:

Specifically for men:

No To Violence: Male Family Violence Prevention Association

Peak body for individuals and organisations who want to contribute to male family violence prevention.

03 9487 4500

www.ntv.org.au

Men's Referral Service

Anonymous and confidential telephone service provided by men for men. It offers a central point of contact for men who want to stop violent or abusive behaviour towards their family members.

1300 766 491 (Mon-Fri 8am-10pm, Sat-Sun 10am-4pm)

MensLine Australia

Professional telephone and online support, information and referral service for men, specialising in family and relationship concerns.

1300 789 978

www.mensline.org.au

Specifically for women:

Women's Safety After Separation

Information for women facing separation, particularly where there is violence and abuse.

ncsmc.org.au/wsas/welcome.htm

WIRE (Women's Information and Referral Exchange) is a Victoria-wide free generalist information, support and referral service run by women for women.

1300 134 130 (9am – 5pm)

wire.org.au

Women's Heath Victoria

Free, confidential and statewide health service offering information, support, a library and referral options for women. Run from the Royal Women's Hospital.

thewomens.org.au/WomensHealthInformationCentre

Centres Against Sexual Assault (CASAs)

Centres offer 24 hour crisis support to recent victims of sexual assault, as well as counselling, legal and medical support and information.

www.casa.org.au

1800 806 292 (all callers are automatically transferred to their local CASA within Victoria)

(Eastern CASA is in East Ringwood – 9870 7330)

Adults Surviving Child Abuse (ASCA)

Counselling support line, information, support, referral for survivors, supporters and health professionals.

1300 657 380 (7 days, 9am-5pm)

For LGBTQIA+:

QLife Australia (formerly Switchboard Victoria)
Australia's first nationally-oriented counselling and referral service for people of diverse sex, genders and sexualities. Provides nationwide early intervention, peer supported telephone and web-based services to support LGBTIQ people of all ages.
www.qlife.org.au
1800 184 527 (3pm-midnight, 7 days)

Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria (GLHV)
GLHV is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) health and wellbeing policy and resource unit.
www.glhv.org.au/
03 9479 8760

For Children and Young People:

DHS Child Protection Crisis Line
131 278 (24 hours/7 days) – state wide

Australian Childhood Foundation
www.childhood.org.au
1800 176 453 or 03 9874 3922

Parentline Victoria
www.parentline.vic.gov.au
132 289 (8am-midnight, 7 days)

Kids Helpline
https://kidshelpline.com.au/
1800 551 800 (24 hours/7 days)

Australian Childhood Foundation
Works to protect the rights and ensure the safety of children. Provides trauma counselling, professional training, advocacy, research and parent support.
www.childhood.org.au





Who is The Orange Door for?

The Orange Door is a free service for adults, children and young people who are experiencing or have experienced family violence and families who need extra support with the care of children.

If you or anyone you know needs help:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636
- MensLine Australia on 1300 789 978
- Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467
- Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800
- Headspace on 1800 650 890
- QLife on 1800 184 527
- Relationships Australia on 1300 364 277
- ReachOut Australia

the orange door

Outer Eastern Melbourne
1800 271 150
oema@orangedoor.vic.gov.au
4-16 Devon Street
(Corner Pierson Drive and Railway Grove)
Croydon, 3136

COMMUNITY NEWS

ART CLUB

on Mondays

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

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Yarra Ranges Council

Children's Week in Yarra Ranges 2026

All events are free

Children have the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 30.
Events are suitable for children aged 0-12 years unless otherwise stated.



Design the 2027 Children's Week Poster

Reflecting the 2027 theme 'Children have the right to share what they learn, think and feel'. This is based on Article 13 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
The winning artwork will be professionally adapted and reproduced for the 2027 national poster.



Lizard Wizard
- 10:30am-11:30am
- Healesville
- Bookings required
- For children aged 3-12 years



Spooky Storytime
- 4pm-4.30pm
- Healesville
- No booking required
- For children aged 5-12 years



Baby Play and Connect
- 10am-12pm
- Selby
- Booking required
- For infants aged 0-12 months



Pop Up and Play
- 1.45pm-4.30pm
- Monbulk
- No booking
- For children aged 0-6 years

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- 1.45pm-4.30pm
- Monbulk
- No booking
- For children aged 0-6 years



Pet Rocks
- 4pm-5pm
- Mooroolbark
- No booking required
- For children aged 6-12 years



Lizard Wizard
- 4pm-5pm
- Lilydale
- Bookings required
- For children aged 3-12 years



This is Me - Children of Yarra Ranges poster launch
- 4pm-5pm
- Mooroolbark
- Booking required
- For all ages



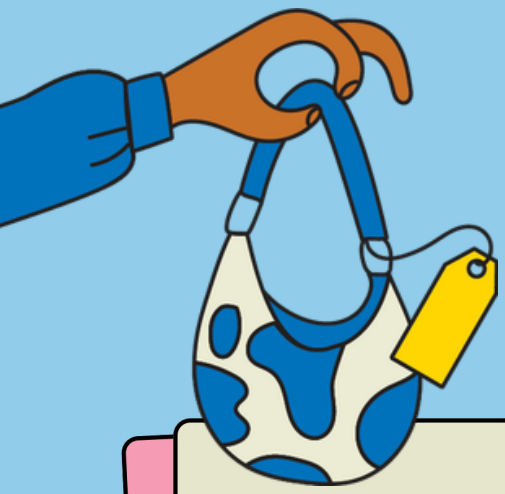
All aboard – Puffing Billy story time
- 4.15pm-5pm
- Mt Evelyn
- Booking required
- For all ages

Yarra Ranges Council supports Children's Week in partnership with the Victorian State Government and community organisations across Yarra Ranges.

For more information or to book for an event scan the QR code or visit yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Childrens-week-2026

1300 368 333 yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family

earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



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SUNDAY 15 NOV 2026

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Selby Community House

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Adults $20

Meals by donation

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Time for you to enjoy your favourite hobby, try a new one, or simply read a book

CREATIVE SPACE

Bring your art, knit, weave a basket or ...

GAMES

Choose a game from our selection of easy to pick up and play games and invite others to join you

PUZZLES

We'll have puzzles on hand, do one on your own, or with others

GENUINE CONNECTION

The opportunity to meet and connect with like-minded locals

COMMUNITY VIBES

Soup/salad, chai & treats available, low key tunes and a welcoming atmosphere

www.hillshoipolloi.com.au

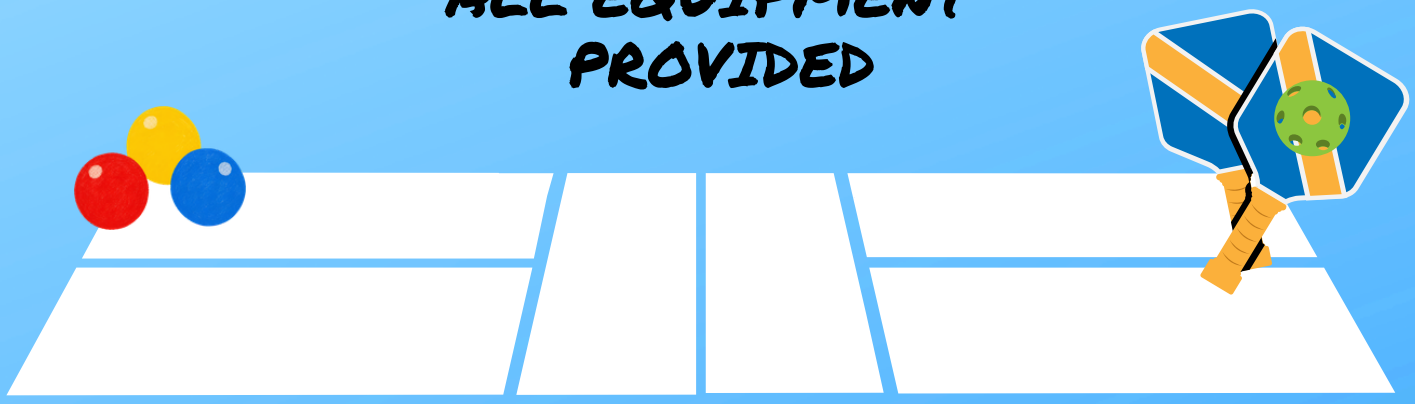
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IN A CASUAL WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

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