### DIARY DATES

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| Friday 13 May | Yr 3 Moonlit Sanctuary Excursion 9.30am  
|             | Yr 6 students to return their Yr 7 transforms forms today  
|             | Patto’s Got Talent Application Forms due today (see attached for details)  
|             | Second hand uniform sale 3pm - 4pm outside the Yr 6 rooms         |
| Monday 16 May  | EDUCATION WEEK  
|             | Special Lunch Day - No other lunch orders on this day.  
|             | Open Classroom Morning 9am - 11am  
|             | Open Classroom Night 5pm - 7pm  
|             | Whole School Assembly 2.55pm  
|             | Prepaid Disco tickets due today                                      |
| Tuesday 17 May | Yrs 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park Frankston 9am           |
| Wednesday 18 May | Literacy Day - Book Fair / Family Picnic                                   |
| Thursday 19 May | Numeracy Day - see attached  
|             | Education Week flyer for details                                      |
| Friday 20 May  | Yrs 3 - 6 District Cross Country 9.00am - 1.30pm (selected students)  
|             | Wellbeing Day - Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. Wear a splash of yellow and bring a gold coin donation  
|             | Patto’s Got Talent - Gladesville Gladiators Auditions 12pm in the hall  
|             | Kids Disco - see attached for details                                   |
| Monday 23 May  | Junior School Assembly 2.55pm                                         |
| Wednesday 25 May | Patto’s Got Talent - McLeod Mustangs Auditions 12pm in the school hall |
| Thursday 26 May | Yr 2 Billycart Primary School                                         |
| Friday 27 May  | Yr 6 Interschool Sport - Winter Lightning Prem 9.00am - 3.00pm  
|             | Yrs 3 - 6 ICAS English and Maths Competition - Forms returned along with $8 today  |
| Monday 30 May  | Senior School Assembly 2.55pm                                         |
| Tuesday 31 May | Yrs 3 - 6 students ICAS Sitting Date: Science Competition            |
| Wednesday 1 June | Division Cross Country (Selected Yrs 3 - 6 student only)               |
| Friday 3 June  | CSEF Forms/Applications close today  
|             | Patto’s Got Talent - Thompson Tornadoes Auditions 12pm in the school hall |

### ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

#### EDUCATION WEEK

Thanks to Sam Marston and her team of helpers who have put together a variety of exciting activities to celebrate Education Week at Patto next week. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details.

#### STAFFING

Abbie Krieger who has been teaching 4D this year will be taking Family Leave as of tomorrow. We wish Abbie and Joe our best wishes with the arrival of their first baby next month.

I would like to welcome Mrs Kelly Lewis who has been appointed to replace Abbie in 4D for the remainder of the year. Kelly has been a regular replacement teacher at Patto over the past eighteen months.

#### NAPLAN TESTING

This week, as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), national tests have been held for all students in Australia at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday the testing of Language Conventions and Writing took place. Reading was tested on Wednesday and Numeracy today. We are expecting that the results should be delivered to the school towards the end of Term 3.

#### SCHOOL GROUP LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

Orders for students wishing to purchase the group photos displayed outside 6C (Room 10) close next Wednesday, 18th May.

#### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for the fifth week of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the great work everyone!

- **Prep A** – Linkin T for being a keen learner during our Independent Reading lessons and using a range of strategies when decoding words.
- **Prep B** – Stella S for doing such an AMAZING job with her home reading. Keep up the amazing work Stella.
- **Prep D** – Will J for working so hard with your Magic Words and writing at home. Your hard work is paying off.
- **1A** – Harry W for making a great effort to improve his handwriting.
- **1B** – Amber S for showing respect, excellence and integrity in everything that she undertakes.
- **1C** – Audrey D for showing excellence in her recount. Well done for remembering your full stops and capital letters and making your recount interesting to read.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS cont.

2A – Yianni G for being a considerate friend and working quietly on all tasks.

2C – Riley W for always showing integrity in everything you do.

3A – Diing D for being a happy and motivated student with a positive attitude and a fun sense of humour. You always try to do your best and that is a really important ingredient to have.….Motivation!

3B – Darcy L for remembering to edit all his work once completed.

3C – Isaac S for showing excellence in his persuasive writing. His development as a writer is inspirational and he should be very proud of his work ethic and his organisational skills. You are a wonderful 3C team member!

3/4Z – Oscar B for writing a persuasive piece on why we should protect endangered animals.

4A – Ruby W for consistency and effort in all school activities.

4B – Meea H for constantly upholding the Patterson Lakes Primary School values of Integrity, Excellence and Respect.

5D – Isabella D for her enthusiasm and helpfulness with our Mother’s Day gifts and for her positive attitude in all tasks.

SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS for last week were: Music – 5B and Italian – 3C. Congratulations to these classes on their super efforts with our specialist teachers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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SPORT NEWS

Parent Helpers Needed

We require a number of parent helpers with WWCC for our upcoming Athletics Carnival.

Ballam Park Athletics Track
Tuesday 17th May
9.15am-2.15pm

Roles may include setting up/packing up equipment, assisting at events or recording results.

Please email conway.michelle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au if you can help.

KIDS DISCO

Patterson Lakes Primary School Disco will be held in the school hall on Friday 20th May. Prep - Yr 2 commences at 5.30pm - 6.45pm and Yr 3 - Yr 6 commences at 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

We ask for your co-operation in that children are promptly dropped off and picked up in the foyer area of the hall ONLY and ask that parents do no enter the disco/school hall area. If you could simply drop your child off and leave, it would also help alleviate congestion and allow ease of moving the students though into the disco. In the event that your child becomes distressed, you will be notified.

We have a duty of care to our students here at Patterson Lakes Primary that requires us to be diligent in their safety and well being and given the popularity of our school discos, it becomes extremely difficult for us to ensure the safety of our students is being met, when parents/carers enter through the foyer and into the actual disco area.

Attached to this newsletter is the disco flyer with the option to order prepaid tickets to avoid long queues on the night.
Kids Matter @ Patto

Issue 12: Cultural Competence and children’s wellbeing

It takes time and effort for families and individuals to work out how to keep their own cultural traditions and, at the same time, understand and find a place within the wider Australian culture.

Cultural competence begins from the understanding that we are all influenced by the different social, educational and organisational cultures in which we live and participate. Recognising that our beliefs and values are not the only way of seeing or doing things opens us up to learning about other perspectives. Exploring similarities and differences in our cultural expectations improves our capacity to understand and relate to others, and helps to build a sense of belonging amongst children and their families. One cultural expectation that may be new to many CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) parents and carers is the idea that parents, carers and school staff can work together to support children’s learning and development. Some cultures (and some families) emphasise relying on family rather than outsiders to resolve difficulties. This can make parents and carers reluctant to discuss their concerns about children with school staff. Families may also be structured differently. For example, in some families grandparents, aunts or uncles may be centrally involved in decisions affecting children.

Act of Kindness
Congratulations is extended to Elle R of Year 5A for being award with the Act of Kindness. Elle received this award for helping a Prep child when they were hurt and had no one to play with. If you would like to nominate anyone (child, teacher, parent, community member) for displaying an ‘act of kindness’, please email Samantha Marston at Cooke samantha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or any of the student Wellbeing Leaders.

INSPIRE
Last Friday, 6th May, the whole school came together to participate in INSPIRE. The activity was a ‘Coin Toss’. In their houses, children competed in a coin toss competition. Two winners from each house competed in the final. Congratulations to Connor B, Axel C and Mrs Morgan all of McLeod house, who won the Junior, Senior and Staff coin toss. They are a very lucky house!!
Fun with the Staff

Shania and Maddie enjoyed interviewing Mrs Ashburn.

Mrs Ashburn (Year 2 teacher)

*When did you start teaching?*

2008.

*Did you do anything before you were a teacher?*

I was a Tourist Manager.

*Do you have any brothers or sisters?*

1 brother named Tim.

*Do you have any pets?*

No.

*What is your favourite TV show?*

Madam Secretary and Quantico.

*What is your favourite food?*

Pasta.

*What is your favourite sport?*

Basketball.

*What football team do you barrack for?*

Melbourne Demons.

*What do you like doing in your spare time?*

Reading.

*If you had a superpower, what would it be?*

Make everyone show respect.
Dear Year 3 and 4 Parents,

To celebrate the 1:1 program, we will be kick starting Education Week with the 1:1 launch. PLPS would like to invite you to attend the official launch of the 1:1 Program for Yrs 3 and 4 students on **Monday 16th May at 9:15am**. This will be held in between the Yr 3 (Room 30) and Yr 4 (Room 31) portables.

Acting Principal, Paul Clohesy will open the launch and our School Council President, Scott Dargan will cut the ribbon.

To help celebrate we will have a sausage sizzle and cake for the kids.

The program began in Week 3 this term and has proven to be very successful. There are 235 Year 3 and 4 students and we have a participation rate of 94%. This is an outstanding response.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Year 3 and 4 families for their support with the program. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards
Year 3 and 4 Teachers
Patto’s Patch Garden News

We have had a fabulous start to the year with many students joining Garden Club for the first time. Students in Yrs 2 - 6 are welcome to join Garden Club, which is held every Tuesday lunchtime.

Parent Support

Any parents / grandparents who are interested in establishing a parent gardening group to help support our vegie garden, please contact Melissa Shipham. I am also looking for a parent to lead this group.

Pasta Lunch

Last term, members of garden club enjoyed a beautiful pasta lunch with fresh tomato sauce made from our own produce. Thanks to Sarah Taylor for her cooking skills.

Donations Required

We are looking for donations of:-

* Washed plastic bottle tops / lids (any colour, any size) with the paper insert removed. (Please no lids from nut containers).
* Margarine container lids
* Plastic pots (various sizes)
* Old cutlery (no plastic please)
* Wire coat hangers

Donations can be left inside the garden gate in the containers provided.

Melissa Shipham shipham.melissa.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Summer dresses $4.00
All other items $5.00
ALL ITEMS in VGC and washed prior to sale

FRIDAY 13th of May 3.00pm - 4.00pm
OUTSIDE THE YR 6 ROOMS
EDUCATION WEEK @ PATTO: 15th – 21st May

For Victoria, the key to a prosperous future lies in a highly-skilled workforce, including strong capability in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

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<td>Participate and observe in your child's classroom, or wander around the school and see what is happening in another year level or specialist area. Specialist areas are also ‘open’ for visiting and seeing the fantastic programs being enjoyed by children. Prep and Year 1: Science</td>
<td>Families are invited to bring along a special picnic lunch to share with their children. At 11.50am, can families please make their way to their child’s class (and respective siblings) to collect their children. Book Fair: 12.00-1.00pm</td>
<td>Students will go on a Maths adventure around the school and complete a Maths Trail. Enjoy the variety of books available to purchase in the school hall foyer.</td>
<td>Buddy grades will join together and participate in a fun bonding activity. <strong>Biggest Morning Tea:</strong> 11.30-11.50am</td>
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<td>All Year 3 and 4 students, along with their parents are invited to join us in the official launch of the 1:1 program. This will be held in between the Year 3 and 4 portables. Special guest School Council President Scott Dargan.</td>
<td>Buddy classes to create poetry and read stories together.</td>
<td>Prep to Yr 2: 5.30pm - 6.45pm Yr 3 - Yr 6: 7.30pm - 9.00pm</td>
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<td>Show an interest in your child’s classroom and wander around the school visiting different rooms and enjoy completing the Science based Education Trail. Trail answer sheets can be found in classrooms. Hand your completed answer sheets to Mrs Marston!</td>
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Children are asked to wear a ‘splash of yellow’ and bring a gold coin donation.

All donations will be given to Cancer Council Victoria as part of the Biggest Morning Tea.
PATTO’S GOT TALENT

If you can dance, sing, play an instrument or perform a drama or comedy act, we would love to see you enter the “Patto’s Got Talent” House competition.

Application forms must be placed in your House’s colour box outside Ms Lamaro’s room (Rm 9) by Friday 13th May.

More details regarding the competition can be found on the application form

FINAL: Friday 17th June 2016

Follow these steps:

Step 1: Collect and fill out an application form

Step 2: Place your competed form in your House’s coloured box in the corridor outside Rm 9 (Ms Lamaro’s room)

Step 3: Practise your act, ready to perform in your House’s Heat (see dates below)

DATES FOR HEATS: - Heats will be held in the school hall at 12pm

Gladesville

McLeod

Thompson

Wells

Friday 20th May

Wednesday 25th May

Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June
KIDS DISCO

WHEN:       Friday 20th May 2016
WHERE:     School Hall
TIME:       Prep to Yr 2: 5.30pm - 6.45pm
       Yr 3 - Yr 6: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Cost includes: Entry to disco, bottle of water, packet of chips and a python snake.

Cost: 1st Child $10, 2nd Child $10 3rd & 4th child $5

Please note discounts are only offered to FAMILIES, not friendship groups.

To avoid long queues we are pre-selling tickets for the night. Please fill in the form below and return it with your money and the tickets will be sent home to you. If you choose to pay on the night the cost will be $15.00 per child, no discount will be offered.

Glow products will be sold on the night, prices ranging from $1 to $4 but there will be no canteen.

TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

PREPAID TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY 16TH MAY. AFTER THE 16TH MAY TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT AT THE EXTRA COST.

KIDS DISCO TICKET BOOKINGS

Name:................................................................... Grade: ..................
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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Cardholder Name:........................................................................................................
Credit Card No: ........................................................................................................ Exp: .................
Amount: $...............................   Number of Tickets: ........................................
Cardholder Signature:..........................................................  Date..................................
When things go wrong at school

“If your child is having trouble with other kids or a teacher, how you approach the problem can make all the difference. Taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach.”

Every parent wants the best for their children, especially at school. Schools are generally safe places, staffed by teachers who have the best interests of their students at heart.

But things can go wrong. Most kids experience learning difficulties at times. Conflict and peer rejection are a normal part of school life.

There will always be some turbulence during key transition ages, such as the start of adolescence. At these times young people often experience relationship difficulties and a dip in learning and sometimes call on their parents for help.

Your approach makes a huge difference to their resilience and future relationships with teachers and peers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that there’s been a significant increase in aggressive incidents at schools involving parents reacting to their children’s grievances.

Here’s how to react effectively.

1. **Stay calm and rational.** It’s natural as a parent to protect or defend your children, particularly when you think that they’ve been treated unfairly. But acting when you are full of emotion is not smart. Take your time to think about how you can help your child.

2. **Got all the facts.** Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story. They sometimes can’t see that they may have contributed to a dispute or said something that may have upset a teacher. It’s the parent’s job to help kids process what happened so that they understand their role in a situation. Ask good questions to help the full story emerge.

3. **Assess whether to go to school or not.** Kids, like adults, benefit from telling their story to a trusted source. Problems can often be dealt with by talking through an issue, and giving kids some coping tips.

   If your child has a problem that they can’t solve themselves or you think adult intervention may be needed consider meeting with your child’s teacher or year level coordinator.

4. **Go through the right channels.** Approach the school calmly, going through the school office, or directly to your child’s teacher if that is the correct protocol.

5. **Look for solutions rather than blame.** Parent-teacher meetings get nowhere when one party blames the other. State the problem as you see it and view your child’s teacher as an ally, not a foe. Keep the discussion focused on what’s best for your child. Listen to your teacher’s viewpoint and value their perspective.

6. **Stay in touch.** Be realistic and remember that some problems can’t be solved to your satisfaction and won’t be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work with your child’s teacher for the long-term.

Parenting is easy when things are going well, but testing when children experience difficulty. Taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach when your child experiences difficulty at school.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Bonbeach Baseball Club** are looking for U11 & U13 boys and girls to play baseball. For more info visit: bonbeachbluejays.baseball.com.au

**Patterson Lakes Community Centre**
Looking for 8-12yo that want to learn chess. Join Branko on Tuesdays from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Sessions are $8 each and bookings are essential on 9772 8588.

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**CANTEEN**

Lunch Orders are available online on Monday, Thursday and Friday.
How do I set up an account to order online:
Go to: [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
Click LOGIN then REGISTER
Enter School Id: plps and Password: munch3197
Then follow the 4 easy steps to create your account:

**STEP 1:** Create a Parent Profile by entering information about yourself.

**STEP 2:** Add your Students to your account.

**STEP 3:** Transfer money to your account by clicking the Account Top-up button

**STEP 4:** Click MY ORDERS and you’re ready to Order lunches!

Orders can be cancelled on the day as late as 8.30am and should you have any concerns with your lunch order, please call Bellbrook Catering direct on 9796 5888.