### DIARY DATES

**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 Jnr School 5.30pm - 6.45pm  
and Snr School 7.30pm - 9pm

**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 Incursion

**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  
Yrs 3/4Z, 4A & 4C Visiting Artist - Michael Duncan

**Tuesday 31 May**  
Yrs 3 - 6 students ICAS Sitting Date: Science Competition  
Yrs 4B, 4C & 2D Visiting Artist - Michael Duncan

**Wednesday 1 June**  
Division Cross Country (Selected Yrs 3 - 6 students only)  
Yrs 2A, 2B & 2C Visiting Artist - Michael Duncan

**Thursday 2 June**  
Yrs 1A, 1B &1D Visiting Artist - Michael Duncan (1C date to be confirmed)

**Friday 3 June**  
CSEF Forms/Applications close today  
Patto’s Got Talent - Thompson Tornadoes Auditions 12pm in the school hall

**Monday 6 June**  
Patto’s Got Talent Wells Wildcats Auditions 12pm in the school hall  
Junior School Assembly 2.55pm

**Tuesday 7 June**  
Yr 6 Excursion to Parliament House (2 grades)

**Wednesday 8 June**  
Yr 2B & 2D Excursion to Como House  
9am  
Yr 3B & 3D Excursion to the Patterson Lakes Library 9.30am

### ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

#### EDUCATION WEEK

Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who supported the Open Morning, Open Night, the 1:1 Launch, Family Picnic and Book Fair this week. These activities were a huge success as part of our school’s Education Week celebrations. Mrs Marston and her team of helpers are to be congratulated on the terrific planning and organisation of the activities this week.

#### HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all staff and parent volunteers for running a very successful athletics carnival for Years 3-6 at Ballam Park on Tuesday. Special thanks to Kelly Laughlin and Michelle Conway for the organisation and management of the day. We were very lucky with the weather and able to complete the events.

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Last Friday afternoon Parents and Friends ran a second hand uniform sale and raised $262. Thanks to Marika Creaser for organising this and to those parents who helped with the sales. Last year the money raised from second hand uniforms was put towards the new line markings in the playground.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday, 16th May, Patrick T (6B) represented our school in a Victorian Primary School’s qualifying tournament at Sandhurst Golf Club. Patrick played extremely well and finished in 9th place. He has qualified for the Regional final to be held at Cranbourne Golf Club later this year.  
Well done Patrick!
ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PATTERSON RIVER SECONDARY COLLEGE

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 6 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the terrific work everyone!

Prep A – Gianni I for showing excellence by working hard during our diary writing sessions. I love your persistence!
Prep C – Erin B for developing her confidence when talking in front of the class. Keep up the wonderful effort Erin.
Prep D – Jobe W you are an absolute superstar! Well done on finishing your Magic Words. Your determination and hard work is an inspiration to us all.
1A – Sienna S for working hard to improve her writing.
1B – Axl M for always demonstrating the school values of Respect and Integrity.
1C – Tyson R for always displaying excellent manners both in and out of the classroom. Tyson, you are a great role model for 1C.
1D – Abbey H for coming to school happy with a smile on her face and ready to learn.
2A – Savannah R for showing integrity in her approach to reading, especially her Premier’s Reading Challenge books
2B – Paige G for always aiming to excel in all she does. Wonderful work Paige!
2C – Jayda E for always trying her best in all areas of learning. Keep up the wonderful work Jayda!
2D – Mietta S for always putting in an excellent effort in everything we do. You are a pleasure to teach.
3A – Lincoln A for his knowledge about several species of animals which he shared with others at the Moonlit Sanctuary excursion. You discussed a number of interesting facts and showed the group how knowledgeable you are. Nice work Lincoln!
3B – Ethan J for sharing his knowledge to all at the Moonlit Sanctuary.
3C – Hanna L for consistently showing an excellent attitude to her learning; showing respect for all teachers and fellow students and always acting with integrity. You are an excellent role model Hannah!
4C – Roisin D for always upholding the school values of Integrity, Respect and Excellent. Well done Roisin!
4B – Yigit Y for consistently demonstrating kindness and integrity in all he does.
4D – Stirling F for his positive attitude and work ethic during Naplan week. Well done Stirling!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NAME | BIRTHDAY
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Poppyl | 19 May
Olivia L | 19 May
Hannah W | 21 May
Liam J | 21 May
Holly B | 21 May
Bailey R | 22 May
Nate V | 23 May
Masha C | 23 May
Nikita D | 23 May
Lachie O | 23 May
Lily M | 24 May
Cohen H | 25 May
Melpomeni P | 25 May

DISTRIBUTION CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to our selected Yrs 3 - 6 students competing in our District Cross Country at Cornish College in Bangholme this Friday 20th May 2016.

Please note there has been a slight change of times, which are now as follows:

**Approximate Times Only**

**Boys 12/ 13**
- 12.20 pm

**Girls 12/13**
- 12.00pm

**Boys 11**
- 11.00 am

**Girls 11**
- 11.30 am

**Boys 9/10**
- 6.45 pm

**Girls 9/10**
- 6.45 pm

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.
ISSUE 13: Developing relationships

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.

Developing relationships across cultures requires good communication and flexibility to support children’s wellbeing. It is particularly important to recognise that there may be very different understandings of mental health and a range of ways of expressing difficulties across cultures. For instance, children’s emotional or behavioural difficulties should be considered within their cultural context and discussed with families in a supportive and non-judgemental manner. Positive relationships between families and school staff convey respect for diversity and strengthen children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Class Rep Meetings
Twice a term, I meet with class representatives from Years 2-6 for a meeting about what is happening in the school from the children’s point of view. This provides children with a student voice. The class reps hold a class meeting and provide the class with information we have discussed, and also bring back concerns/feedback from the class meeting to the rep meeting.

Information discussed at the Year 5/6 class meeting:
• Litter in the school grounds and solutions to lessen the rubbish: TELL THE TEACHER IF YOU SEE A LITTER CREATURE (we will be working on this as a slogan for the school).
• Toilets have been kept cleaner as everybody is taking ownership: TREAT TOILETS AS IF THEY WERE YOUR OWN;
Congratulations to Maisy N on speaking to the Junior and Senior Schools at assembly about this topic.

Information discussed at the Year 2/3/4/ class meeting:
• Students going into Out of Bounds areas is a concern—this will be taken back to class meetings and discussed as a class.
• The bullying around the school is much better as we are looking after each other.
• Happier with the way children are keeping the toilets cleaner.
• Feeling of happiness in the classes.

Act of Kindness
Congratulations to Mrs Dyer who received the Act of Kindness award this week. Mrs Dyer received the award for supporting children in the school.
If you would like to nominate anyone (child, teacher, parent, community member) for displaying an ‘act of kindness, please email Samantha Marston Cooke. samantha.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or speak to one of our Student Wellbeing Leaders.

Wellbeing Day
We are having our Wellbeing Day tomorrow to celebrate the final day of Education Week. Children are asked to wear a splash of yellow and bring a gold coin donation. They will be participating in a buddy activity and we will be finishing the day off with a fun InSPiRE activity.
We welcome Natalia to Patto!

Natalia (Student Counsellor)

A little bit about Natalia:
Natalia is from Adelaide and has been a nurse for 16 years, specialising in Paediatric nursing for the last 10 years. Natalia has moved to Melbourne to complete her Masters of Counselling and is looking forward to working with the children of Patto.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?
2 sisters (1 older and 1 younger).

Do you have any pets?
Yes a dog named Scruff.

What is your favourite TV show?
Criminal Minds.

What is your favourite food?
Anything sweet.

What is your favourite sport?
Basketball.

What football team do you barrack for?
Adelaide Crows.

What do you like doing in your spare time?
Relaxing and going to sporting events.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?
To make time fly.
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

Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Program

The Yr 5 & 6 Swim Program is soon approaching. The 5 day program from the 20\textsuperscript{th} - 24\textsuperscript{th} June will be held at PARC in Frankston.

Although the school cannot make swimming lessons ‘compulsory’, we highly recommend all students participate in the program.

Swimming and Water Safety are both focus areas in the Health and Physical Education curriculum that we cannot offer on the school premises. PARC offers programs that are tailored to meet the curriculum standards with excellent facilities and qualified teachers.

Permission forms have been handed to students and need to be returned as soon as possible. 

\textit{If your child cannot attend the swimming program you need to inform the office staff.}

Students not attending the program will be placed in another class until their class returns.
# 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.

## Technology and Science Day
**Monday 16th May**
- **Open Morning:** 9.00-11am
  - 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
  - Year 2: Literacy and Numeracy
  - Years 3 and 4: 1:1 devices
  - Year 5: 1:2 devices and Science
  - Year 6: Literacy and Numeracy
- **1:1 Launch:** 9.15am
  - 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 portable.
  - Special guest School Council President Scott Dargan.
- **Whole School Assembly:** 2.50-3.25pm
  - Including performances from our 3 aerobics teams.
- **Open Evening:** 5-7pm
  - 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!

## Literacy Day
**Wednesday 18th May**
- **Family Picnic:** 12.00-1.00pm
  - 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
  - Enjoy the variety of books available to purchase in the school hall foyer.

## Numeracy Day
**Thursday 19th May**
- **Numeracy:** Students will go on a Maths adventure around the school and complete a Maths Trail.

## Wellbeing Day
**Friday 20th May**
- **Buddy Activity:** Buddy grades will join together and participate in a fun bonding activity.
- **Biggest Morning Tea:** 11.30-11.50am
  - The whole school will come together on the school oval to have lunch and celebrate the Biggest Morning Tea.
- **InSPIRE:** 2.50-3.20
  - Kids Disco
    - Prep to Yr 2: 5.30pm - 6.45pm
    - Yr 3 - Yr 6: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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.
Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents. Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven’t fully prepared for the day.

✓ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ Model a good routine.

It’s pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!
Patterson Lakes Community Centre
Art+Craft=Fun. Grandparents, parents and carers are invited to come along with their young children 18 mths +. Mondays 9.30am - 11am. For details phone: 9772 8588

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.

Australia’s Biggest Playdate - Silly Seahorse Play Centre
Saturday 28th May 2016, 10am - 3pm. Mini golf, animal farm, fairy floss, popcorn, face painters and much more. For details phone Vanessa on 0402 407 990. All proceeds from entry fees & activity fees go to Monash Children’s Hospital.

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
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.