DIARY DATES

Fri 21 June
Prep Planning Day
Yr 5 & 6 Interschool Sport PLPS Vs St Josephs at Home Cancelled
Yr 5 & 6 Lightning Premiership
Junior School Assembly – School Hall 2.45pm
Family Accounts - 2nd Instalment Due
Maths Competition Entries Due Today

Mon 24 June
Whole School Assembly 9.00am (Now 26 June)
School Reports sent home

Wed 26 June
Yr 6 Parliament Excursion Depart 8.30am – Return 2.00pm
Parent-Teacher Interviews 2pm -7.30 pm
Whole School Assembly 2.45pm School Hall

Fri 28 Jun
Interschool Sport – PLPS Vs Aspendale Gardens Cancelled
End of Term 2 – 2.30pm Finish

Mon 15 July
Term 3 Begins 9.00 am
Canteen Closed

Thu 18 July
Canteen Re-Opens

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS - Wednesday, 26th June
Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on Wednesday, 26th June from 2.00p.m. – 7.30p.m. Bookings for these meetings can be made on the school’s website with your login name (surname) and pin number which was sent home with the youngest member of the family last Friday. If you have not received or misplaced your login pin number, please contact the office to have it re-issued. Bookings opened last night at 6pm and most classes have been filling fast. In the first 4 hours almost 40% of bookings had been made. There is the flexibility for parents to change times if required. This can be done by simply logging back in and changing your booking if there is a more suitable time that has been made available through a cancellation or if another parent has changed to a more suitable time. If you need assistance with this please contact the office.
In line with previous years, Year 3 to 6 Parent -Teacher Meetings will provide the opportunity for student involvement, either for all or part of the meeting. Your teacher will inform you whether your child is required to attend the meeting.
All students will be in the school hall for a Whole School Assembly during session 6 whilst Parent - Teacher Meetings are being conducted, Students will return to their rooms at 3.30pm to be dismissed.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Whole School Assembly will be held at 2.40pm Wednesday 26 June instead of Monday 24 June. Student Awards will also be distributed during this assembly.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL TIMES
It has been a very long, busy and productive Term Two. Towards the end of term, we have experienced an unusually larger number of students and staff being unwell. I hope the school break will provide much needed recuperation.
School will finish at 2.30pm Friday 28 June 2013. Children will be dismissed from their classrooms to go home. Children will commence school at 9.00am on Monday 15 July 2013. On behalf of staff, I wish all families a safe and happy school vacation period.

STAFFING NEWS
Sarah Alford will be taking Maternity Leave at the commencement of Term 3. Jennifer Bortolin has been appointed to replace Sarah whilst on leave. Jennifer comes to Patterson Lakes from Roville Primary School. The school wishes Sarah and Daniel every happiness for the arrival of their first baby.

WE HAVE NEARLY 250 PARENTS REGISTERED SINCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR SCHOOL’S tiqbiz APP.

USE OF SCHOOL CARPARK
I have included a map of the school car park indicating the traffic flow and where students should be dropped off in the mornings. A small number of parents have asked why there cannot be a walkway across the future Performing Arts Centre site for their students to use after being dropped off in the morning. The answer is simple, it is the future Performing Arts Centre site and we have already established walkways at the rear of the hall where the drops off zones are. It is essential that you direct your children to use the pathways provided as indicated on the carpark map for their safety.
Congratulations to the owner of the BMW 4WD who parked their car in the rear driveway entrance to the school, preventing other cars from entering. This picture is courtesy of a parent who got annoyed by this situation. Schools will always have a small number of parents who believe that rules apply to everyone else.

**CANTEEN OPENING IN TERM 3**
The first canteen day for Term 3 2013 is Thursday 18 July.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following students who won our ‘Student of the Week’ awards for Week 9 of this term. Students will receive their certificates at their next assembly. Keep up the super work everyone!

- Prep A – Braydan C for working hard to learn his Golden Words.
- Prep B – Brock A for trying very hard to write on the lines.
- Prep C – Jayla G for trying really hard when diary writing. Fantastic effort when sounding out your words Jayla.
- Prep D – Jamieson E for becoming more independent during diary writing.
- Prep E – Rylee S for her great work during diary writing and sounding out words.
- 1A – Noah N for working cooperatively in his group to make a toothbrush and write a procedural text.
- 1B – Heidi C for always coming to school with a smile on her face and having such enthusiasm for learning.
- 1C – Tahj W for working really hard in his Spelling group.
- 1D – Chelsea W for being a cheerful and busy learner, especially in Independent Reading.
- 1E – Camdyn M for always being a polite and helpful class member of 1E.
- 2A – Adam S for showing resilience when bumping his head in the classroom.
- 2B – Jasper C for writing an awesome narrative about ‘Time Travel’.
- 2C – Holly B for making an amazing 3D pyramid.
- 2D – Paige W for demonstrating great inferring skills with her reading.
- 3A – Georgia H for working hard during our Maths activities this week.
- 3B – Nathan A for fantastic problem solving skills during Maths groups and a great attitude towards learning.
- 3C – Luke C for showing enthusiasm when learning new problem solving strategies during Maths groups.
- 3D – Lachie O for settling well into our class and getting along with others. It is a pleasure to have you in our grade.
- 3/4Z – Issy C for her fantastic work ethic.
- 4A – Austin M for being positive, enthusiastic and encouraging others in our Maths rotations.
- 4B – Tameka L for being a wonderful classroom helper.
- 4C – Isabelle N for always displaying beautiful manners and for her wonderful listening skills.
- 4D – Charlotte T for being a star student and a pleasure to teach.
- 5A – Hannah U for a fantastic work ethic in class.
- 5B – Nicholas S for always having a go and being a respectful member of the class.
- 5C – Brodie W for being proactive and seeking challenges to extend his learning.
- 5/6Z – Daniel R for always showing manners, completing work on time and being awesome at Interschool Sport.
- 6A – Niamh D for consistently contributing to class discussions with a positive attitude.
- 6B – Lauren T for beginning to gain more confidence to positively contribute towards our class discussions. We really value what you have to say Lauren.
- 6C – James T for making positive and informative contributions during class discussions.

**SPECIALIST CLASS AWARDS** for last week were: Art – 3D, P.E – 5/6Z, Spanish – 5B and Computers – 3C. Congratulations to these classes on their super efforts with our specialist teachers.

**WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS WINNER**
Last week’s winning House team was McLeod Mustangs (Green). Congratulations to all students in this team.
‘YOU CAN DO IT’ AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who won our You Can Do it awards for last week: Jack P (6A) for ORGANISATION and Dillon H (3/4Z) for GETTING ALONG.

STUDENT REPORTS

Reports will be sent home next Monday, 24th June with your children. They will be packaged in a sealed, addressed envelope. The school encourages parents to make positive comments about their child’s learning on the ‘Parent Comment’ page for the first half of the year and return it to the school. This will be photocopied by the school and returned to you.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Next week the school will host 7 work experience students. Five of the seven are former students at Patto. We welcome Jessica Cook, Nicola Boyle, Maddy Corcoran, Emma Mahoney, Kirra Wilson, Jacob Ballos and Billy Sosbey. We hope you all have a great experience.

DOLPHIN RESEARCH MARINE AMBASSADORS

On Tuesday our four Year 6 ambassadors, Lola N, Natasha B, Holly S and Christine W attended their second workshop for the year which was on Catchments. They learnt a lot about our local drainage systems, the litter trap systems that have been put in place and why it is so important to bin our rubbish. The ambassadors have also been spreading the news to our students at assemblies and conducting lessons with some of our Year 1 classes over the past week. A report will be published in next week’s newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this week. We hope you had/have a lovely day.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Matthew K (5A) competed in the Victoria State Championship at the National Hockey and Netball Centre recently. He received a gold for high bar and was 5th overall. He was chosen to represent Victoria in the State Team. Well done and good luck Matthew.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Band together against Bullying!

On Thursday the 6th of June purple was seen everywhere to promote Anti-Bullying at Patto. Class activities were conducted throughout the day and strategies were discussed with how to deal with bullying. What a fantastic effort by parents, students and teachers.

A big THANK-YOU from the JSC and Mr Patane.

Donations

We are looking at starting a Lego Club at school. If you have any Lego at home that you are no longer using and would be happy to donate to the school please send it in.

Thanks

Belinda Canavan
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Chelsea Basketball** USA Import Kevin “Butter” Johnson Holiday camp July 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 9th, 10th, and 11th from 10.00am-3.00pm. Bonbeach basketball stadium. Cost - $150 for both weeks, $80 for one week or $30 per day. For more details and entry form email manager@chelseabasketball.com.au

**Patterson Lakes Community Centre** are seeking committee members, the positions are voluntary and meetings are held monthly at 7pm. For more info P.h 9772 8588 or email patlakescc@bigpond.com

**School Holiday Golf Clinics**

Dates: -
Tuesday July 2, Friday July 5
Tuesday July 9, Friday July 12
1/2 day (9.00am - 12.00pm) $40
Full day (9.00am - 3.30pm) $70

** Term 3 Tennis Coaching**

*MLC hot shots 5-12 yrs *Junior group lessons upto 18yrs.*Cardio tennis
*Adult classes* Incl. a free racket 5-8yrs. Rackets provided all other lessons. All group lessons $90 per term. To register call 0439616748 or online @www.chelseahadfieldtennis.com.au

**PHILLIP ISLAND HOLIDAY RENTAL**

The holiday home is in the heart of Cowes, sleeps 8, is close to beach, boat ramp and shops. For enquiries email us at phillipislandrental@gmail.com
The art of sparenting
Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent ... the parent who does it all! Well move over uber-parent and make room for sparents. They have a role to play too.

Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent - the parent who does it all, on their own.

In practice, parenting has never been done well in isolation. In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grandparents, god parents and family friends - spare parents, or sparents - have all played a part in raising kids.

Lately it's been back to the future as an increase in adults without kids (AWOKs) within our community means there are plenty of potential sparents around. These AWOKs are aunts, uncles, mates and friends. They are everywhere, and many are ready, willing and able to take on a sparenting role.

Sparenting is all the rage
A child can never have too many spare parents.

Most of the adults without kids that I know just hanker to do some sparenting. My 25-year-old daughter just loves to babysit her young niece; she phones her brother constantly asking if she can do so. The urge to be around babies, kids and teens can be strong and needs to be satisfied.

But sparents don’t have to be adults without kids. Relatives and friends with kids make great sparents too.

Of course, it’s all care and no responsibility: sparents give the kids back at the end of a day or weekend. But that’s okay; you don’t want to divest all the child-rearing to someone else.

Sparents are good for:
- Filling a gender gap: If you are raising a son in an all-female household then the regular presence of an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be the role model that’s needed. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.
- Filling a talent or interest gap: Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it's hard for parents to be across all their children's hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends can be well-placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.
- Babysitting and child-minding: There is always a need for reliable carers for kids from tots to early teens.
- Mentoring kids who don’t want to listen to their parents: Teenage boys and girls benefit from having a number of trusted relatives or adult friends in their lives to talk with. Sparents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a time when they are seeking independence from their parents.
- Bringing a fresh voice and perspective to kids’ lives: Ever noticed how kids of all ages will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It’s frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.
- Doing fun (and costly) things with kids: Adults without kids usually have more disposable income than parents, placing them a good position spoil your kids. Okay, this may be a little trite but there is nothing too much wrong with the occasional splurge from adults who may have a little excess cash to share, particularly when your purse strings are stretched.

Child-rearing has always been best when it’s a community affair. The recent trend towards uber-parenting – parenting as an individual endeavour – has been to the detriment of both kids and parents.

So move over uber-parent and make room for some sparents, because they too have a lot to offer your kids.

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1. Model good mental health habits
2. Make sure they get enough sleep
3. Encourage kids to exercise
4. Give them creative outlets
5. Provide a space of their own
6. Talk about their troubles
7. Help them to relax
8. Have two routines - weekday and weekend
9. Foster volunteering and helpfulness
10. Bring fun and playfulness into their lives

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