

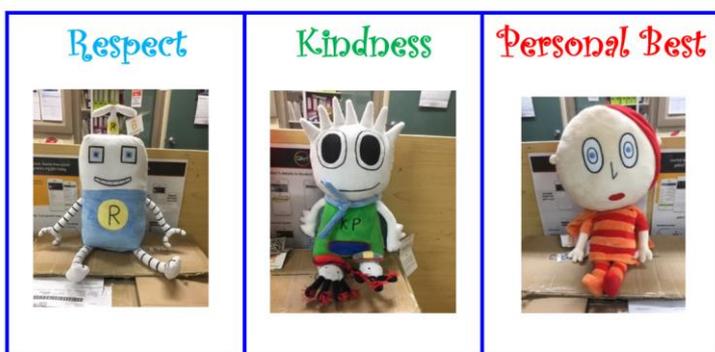


Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!
www.exfordps.vic.edu.au



At Exford, these qualities are really important:



... and it's up to all of us to show them every day in every thing we say and every thing we do!

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NEWSLETTER 2019 No.9 (Term 2, 2019) Thursday 23 May 2019

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Arpita (Aadi), Belinda (Nicholas), Jackie (Claire), Michael (Eamonn), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Harry, Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot

Visitors: Mr Wilson and Mrs Bennett (minutes-taker)

Ms Campo's News...

Life Education Program

Our students are looking forward to taking part in the Life Education program - this is partly subsidised by the State Government, with families paying \$10 per child. The dates of the program are Wednesday 29 May to Thursday 6 June. Classes will attend, with the timetable arranged around the students' specialist classes and the Year 6 Swimming program.

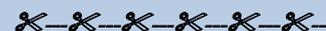
There is a parent info session at 9 am on Wednesday 29 May and this will take place in the Life Education Van.

Year 6 Swimming

Our Year 6 students have the opportunity to take part in a swimming program - this is partly subsidised by the State Government, with families paying \$56 for the transport and entry costs. The dates of the program are:

- Tuesday 4 June, Wednesday 5 June, Thursday 6 June and Friday 7 June
- Tuesday 11 June, Wednesday 12 June, Thursday 13 June and Friday 14 June

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2019 Dates

Term 2

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Terms 2 and 3 - closes early
November

Friday 24 May

Dolly's Dream - children wear their favourite hats to school and bring a gold coin donation.

Saturday 25 May

Trivia Night

Wednesday 29 May - Thursday 6 June

Life Education Van Program at EPS
9 am Wed 29 May - Parent session in the Life Ed Van - please return your attendance note

Tuesday 4 - Friday 7 June

Days 1-4 - Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety Certificate program

Wednesday 5 June

Western Water program for our Prep classes

Monday 10 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 June

Days 5-8 - Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety Certificate program

Wednesday 12 June

Year 5-6 classes - Joel McKerrrow (Visiting author)

Wed 12 & Wed 19 - Yr 5-6 Tucker - Parent Student Teacher Conferences - 2 - 6 pm

Thursday 13 June

9 am - School Council Finance Mtg

Mrs Adams

I would like to share the news that after much thought, Mrs Adams has made the decision to change careers, potentially still working with children, but to leave teaching. We will miss her greatly and wish her much happiness in finding a new career. I have advertised a teacher vacancy this afternoon for the remainder of 2019 so that we can select a replacement worthy of filling Mrs Adams's very talented shoes. In the interim, Mrs Talbot (our Leading Teacher who already works with the Year 3-4 team in their planning and preparation work) will step into Year 3-4 Adams. Mrs Adams will finish on Friday 31 May, and we will give her a send-off at our Assembly.

Dolly's Dream – Friday 24 May

We've been asked to join a Melton schools' fundraising effort to support Dolly's Dream.

We will ask the kids to come to school tomorrow, Friday 24 May, in their favourite hat (Dolly was the teenage face of the Akubra hat) and to bring a gold coin.

From the website: <https://dollysdream.org.au/do-it-for-dolly-day>

Do It For Dolly Day is an initiative which hopes to extend the Dolly's Dream message within the community and build on the support available for those impacted by bullying.

We want to continue to raise awareness about the issue of bullying, provide support and deliver educational resources for parents whose kids may be bullied or bullying.

Dolly's Day aims to commemorate and celebrate Amy 'Dolly' Everett in the following ways:

- Express your 'True Blue' spirit by wearing or decorating in blue
- Participate in a fundraising activity (e.g. sausage sizzle, walkathon, quiz night, etc)
- Encourage and show kindness at school, in your neighbourhood or at work.

Here are some ideas:

At school

- Invite someone playing alone to join in your game
- Ask an adult on the playground how their day has been
- Make a friend with somebody new at your school
- Make a kindness note or letter for a friend

At home

- Tell your family how much you love them
- Clean your room without being asked
- Tell a joke
- Watch someone else's favourite TV show

There are many ways to be kind to others, you are only limited by your imagination.

School Photos

We sent the school photos home yesterday.

Early arrivals at school (and late pick-ups)

Department of Education policy, with respect to student supervision, states that **parents** are responsible for the care and supervision of students:

- travelling to and from school
- outside the times of school supervision before and after school

This policy is available at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/Pages/supervision.aspx>

The policy also requires Principals to ensure that:

- School supervision is provided for a minimum of 10 minutes before and after school
- Parents/guardians are regularly informed about supervision available before and after school
- Sufficient teachers are available to supervise the departure of students at the end of the school day

Our school day commences at 9 am, with children coming into the classrooms from 8:50 am - which is the **start** of our school's supervision requirements. Whilst Principal class and teaching staff may arrive earlier than this, they are here preparing for their work day **in their own time** and do not have the responsibility or capacity to supervise children.

Our Office staff commence from 8:15 am but they are **not** responsible for supervising children, nor are they able to legally under the Victorian Government Schools Agreement.

Due to our bus supervision requirements, Mr Wilson and I begin morning supervision at 8:30 am, as the buses begin to arrive and other children may also arrive at this time - **BUT this is the earliest children can be left at school**. Whilst we do this supervision for the good of the school program, we are doing it in **our own time**, before we have officially commenced our work hours and we ask our parents to respect this.

In the afternoons, we also provide supervision beyond the official after school supervision period to enable the bus service to run.

We appreciate parents have their own commitments for the day, however parents are responsible for the care and supervision of their children before 8:30 am and after 3:45 pm, not staff, and we ask parents to make other arrangements for their children before 8:30 am and after 3:45 pm. Parents can book their students into OSH Club for before or after school care or may make their own arrangements.

I reiterate that school staff are not available to provide supervision for students before 8.30am. Therefore children **cannot be on school grounds, nor can they be left on their own in the front car park before 8.30 am.**

Reading Nights

It's great to see the children's reading nights certificates in Seesaw. We aim for 50 nights of reading per term - each school night as a minimum. We know



that the more reading practice children have, the better at reading they become!



Reading Night targets:

End of Term 1 - 50 nights
End of Term 2 - 100 nights
End of Term 3 - 150 nights
End of Term 4 - 200 nights

Athletics Day & BBQ

We held our Year 3-6 Athletics Day Carnival on Friday 17 May and were joined by Rockbank PS. Our children were great sports and enjoyed participating in all the activities. Thanks to Mr Young on his planning and preparation for the Sports Day and to the staff and parents who assisted.

Thanks to Jacki, our School Council President, for organising both BBQs and thank you to these parents who cheerfully volunteered to help out on the day.

Thank you to:

- Adele (Olivia)
- Jacki (Claire)
- Kate (Lochlan and Isabelle)
- Kieran (Logan)
- Natalie (Omari and Izayah)
- Rachael (Addisson and Phoebe)
- Susan (Jessica)

Election Day BBQs

Thanks to these parents for their help at the BBQ on Saturday

- Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava and Hayley)
- Belinda (Nicholas)
- Harry and Manori (Hasali and Neuthula)
- Kate (Lochlan and Isabelle)
- Kelly (Poppy)
- Joel (Ada, Gus and Leo)
- Sara (Sophie and Thomas)
- Sharon (Harry, Charlie and Archie)
- Mr Wilson and Mr Bowden

Victorian Poly Technic launch at EPS

The Victorian State Government is subsidising a range of courses through the Victorian Poly Technic, including Certificate in Education IV courses. We host many trainee Education Support (and Pre-Service Teachers too) of course, and have linked to the Poly Technic course trainees. Therefore our school was chosen for the launch on Friday 3 May and Prep McFarlane hosted the visit by Steve McGhie, local member of Parliament, and other dignitaries - including Mr Wilson, our Assistant Principal who looks after the ES trainees and Jacki, our School Council President.

Upcoming events for our kids

Term 2

- Monday 29 April - Premier's Reading Challenge launches at EPS (runs through til September)
- Wednesday 29 May - Thursday 6 June - Life Education Van for all children Year Prep - 6
- Tuesday 4 - Friday 7 June and Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 June - Year 6 Swimming and Water Safety program
- Wednesday 5 June - Western Water program for our Prep classes

Term 3

- Wednesday 21 August - Year Prep-2 Sports Day and BBQ (the Canteen will be closed this day
 - Can you help on the day?
- Monday 26 - Tuesday 27 Aug - Year 2 Camp
- Friday 6 Sept - Book Week performance - Prep-Year 2 performance and Year 3-6 performance

Term 4

- Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 Sept - Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp
- Wednesday 18 Dec - Christmas Concert

Parent Student Teacher Conferences - Year 5-6 Tucker

We will hold Parent Student Teacher Conferences for Ms Tucker's class on Wednesday 12 and 19 June from 2 - 6 pm. Our students join in these conferences and they present their learning goals and work samples which show their progress. This is a great opportunity to hear about your child's progress.

Ms Killeen will send you the booking code for you to book at www.schoolinterviews.com.au early next week.

Father's Day Stall Planning

We are looking for someone / a group of people to organise our Father's Day Stall. If you are interested in finding out about whether this is something you'd like to find out more about / do, please come and have a chat or contact Jacki, our School Council President through her FlexiBuzz contact link.

NAPLAN & Attitudes to School Survey

Our Year 3 and 5 students have completed the NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy tests last week.

The Year 4-6 students have also taken part in the Department's Attitudes to School survey. Schools will receive the results of the NAPLAN and ATS survey in Term 3.

Child Safety Update:

Child safety is a high priority at EPS and we have zero tolerance for child abuse. With this in mind, we have processes in place to ensure the safety of our students with all adults they interact with through the course of their schooling. This includes processes for volunteers, recruitment and visitors.

Volunteers are an important part of our school community and we encourage our parents and carers to volunteer their time to participate in a variety of activities. All volunteers and visitors will be required to provide a current Working with Children Check and complete a volunteer induction. If you would like to volunteer and need some more information about Child Safety, you can view the Child Safety Policy and Volunteers policy on the EPS website. <http://www.exfordps.vic.edu.au/about-our-school/policies>

eSAFETY

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. <https://esafety.gov.au/> is an Australian Government approved website in helping and educating parents/carers in how to keep children safe online. It provides resources and advice in dealing with the big issues in online safety, such as cyberbullying, time spent online, gaming and unwanted contact.

The following link will take you directly to the Parent/Carer section where there are more information sheets, like the one above, available for you to read <https://esafety.gov.au/parents>

eSafetyparents

Does your preschool child have access to connected devices?

81% of parents say their preschool child uses the internet.
37% think their child spends too much time online.¹

Being online at this age can offer your child opportunities to learn through exploration, play and social interaction. But there may also be some risks if your child uses connected devices without supervision or for extended periods of time.



This might include coming across harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity.

Here are our tips for a safe and balanced online experience for your preschool child:

Set ground rules

-  **Establish clear rules and be consistent**
Be clear on things like when and where devices can be used and when they need to be switched off. A good time to switch off is during family dinner time and when your child is alone in a room.
-  **Use a timer**
Limit the amount of time your child spends online to ensure a good balance with physical activity. It can be easy to lose track of time, so setting a timer can help.
-  **Resist any push back**
Getting your child off a device can be hard and it can be tempting to give in to their demands. Sticking to the rules at this age will help instil good online habits for your child now and in the future.

¹Survey of 3,520 Australian parents of children aged 2-17

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esafety.gov.au/parents

Attendance ... Every Day Counts

Did you know that:

If your child has missed 5 days or less this school year.

This will support your child to achieve their best at school - academically and personally.

If your child has missed more than 10 days this school year.

The amount of time your child is missing will impact on their learning and their friendships.

If your child has missed more than 15 days this school year.

Your child is missing so much time from school that it will be extremely difficult for them to keep up with their learning, their friendships and to feel connected to school.

A reminder that all holiday absences require an Absence Learning Plan, developed with your child's teacher and signed by the Principal or Assistant Principal to cover your child's absence.

Fundraising News



Our 2019 target is...

\$18,000 - \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$2,500.00

(Tally does not include BBQ amounts)

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.

We will hold a range of fun fundraising activities throughout the year, some small and some, like our 'Athon' activity and our end of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ, our major efforts.

Exford PS Trivia Night

We will be holding a Trivia Night fundraising activity on Saturday 25 May at the Mt Cottrell Bowls Club (7 - 11 pm).

There are lots of prizes to be won and we thank Jacki and our Fundraising Team for their organisation of the evening. Mr Wilson is the MC and he has been creating a great set of questions and activities for a fun night out for our community,

Please contact our School Council President through FlexiBuzz or on mcdonald.jacki.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you are able to help with donations.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from May 9 - 22

Connor W, Heath, Nathaniel, Madelyn D, Josef, Kristel, Paenea, Jasmine C, Nethula, Leroy, Parker, Talan, Charlotte F, Mia Ga, Callan, Lewis, Toby and Gemma.



Happy Birthday to you!!
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear kids,
Happy Birthday to you!



We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and birthday cup-cakes are always welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song.

Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.

Please enjoy pages from some of our classes.

- Year 1-2 Parker
- Year 3-4 Leonard

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo

Addition in 112 Parker

In 112 Parker, we have been learning about addition strategies such as counting on, friends of 10, building to the next 10 and adding 10.

We have used games, tens frames, blocks, pictures, number lines and addition stories to develop our skills.



I liked playing 'Friends of 10 – Go Fish' card game.

Kailen



If I had $7 + 8$, I don't need to count all the numbers anymore. I can use other strategies such as 'Build to 10'.

Rose

I've enjoyed learning the 'Build to 10' strategy when adding 2 digit numbers.

Annabella

I know that $2 + 2 = 4$.

Billie

I liked playing addition games.

Olivar

I've enjoyed learning the 'Counting On' strategy.

Xavier

I've enjoyed learning about 'Friends of 10'.

Blake



I've enjoyed playing the 'Friends of 10' card game because it teaches me what two numbers make 10.

Ella



I like playing the card game where we have to find friends of 10 pairs because it teaches me what two numbers when add together will make 10.

Nathan



I've enjoyed playing the 'Friends of 10' card game because it teaches me all the different ways we can make 10.

Sophie

I've loved learning the 'Friends of 10' strategy.

Ada



I've learnt the strategy 'Count On' which means you have the biggest number in your head and then you just count on to get the final answer. I don't have to count all numbers by themselves.

Lachlan

I liked playing the 'Friends of 10' card game because it teaches me what two numbers make 10 when they're added together.

Hudson

When adding a sum like $17 + 8$, I like to make it $17 + 10$ which equals 27, then take away 2 so the answer will be 25.

Kayleb



I've enjoyed playing all of the warm up games, it helps me learn many addition strategies.

Sienna



I liked learning about 'Friends of 10'.

Elise

I like adding numbers.

Leviticus

I liked the activity 'Part, Part, Whole - Investigation' because I enjoyed learning all of the many ways that two parts can make a whole. For example, $2 + 3 = 5$ and $4 + 1 = 5$.

Addisson

I've enjoyed learning the 'Friends of 10' strategy.

Selena

I like learning about addition.

Catherine

I've learnt that addition is when we add two numbers together.

Eddie

I've enjoyed learning about 'Part, Part & Whole'.

Lily



What's been happening in Year 3-4 Leonard

As part of our program-based learning this term, students are learning about sustainability. This term the Grade 3-4s were lucky enough to have Western Water visit our school for an incursion. The students learned about the water filtration process and were able to create their own water filters.





What's been happening in Year 3-4 Leonard

Year 3/4 Leonard had an exciting start to Term 2 with a week filled with engaging hands on ANZAC day activities. The students participated in creating wreaths to put on display outside the Library. They also showed their creative sides and headed into the staffroom where they baked ANZAC Day biscuits. They turned out great and students loved them!



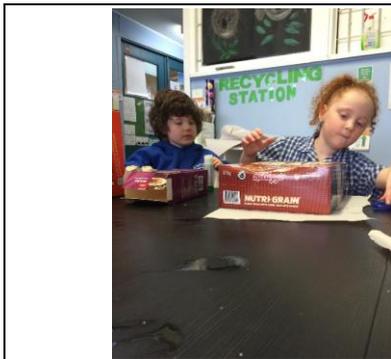
OSH Club News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

This week at OSH Club, we have been focusing on expanding the children's creative thinking and working on group cooperation using our planned activities. This week saw the children participate in a recycled construction competition. This was a great opportunity to see the children's creative streaks at work as they were given a table of materials and encouraged to freely create. We also had some relaxing time as we free painted to music, this allowed us to see what the children feel through colours and substance. The children have continued to explore outside games, such as Golden Child, Cricket and Pac Man that boost their teamwork skills, as well as working on their communication skills.



If you have any suggestions please use the suggestion/communication book on the sign in/out table or our planning wall in our room. We are looking forward to your suggestions, so we can our program even greater.

We are trying to gather some more resources for our recycling station so if you have any of the following could you please bring them in - plastic bottles, cardboard tubes, can tabs and bottle caps

Friendly reminders:

We know it can be hard to book in online sometimes, but we are nearing capacity each session and we would hate for your child to miss out on all the fun as the staff to child ratio is 1:15

Please be aware bookings made less than 24hrs before start of your requested session will incur a \$4 late fee per child

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. If your child does not know / remember to go to OSH Club, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.

If your child is due to be absent or needs to be booked in on late notice (less than 24 hours) please ensure you call and leave a message to ensure we have adequate staffing - although this is only for emergencies. Please make the bookings online as much as possible.

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

Thankyou from the OSH Club Team!

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Rebecca Assistant: Sharyn OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Co-ordinator direct at the program.



FOSTER CARE INFORMATION NIGHT

Ever thought about fostering children or young people?

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Anglicare Victoria is looking for people who have a place in their heart for a child in need of a safe home. Care can be short term or long term.

INFORMATION SESSION:

Thursday 11th July | 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Anglicare North West Region

Come along to find out more & have your questions answered.
To book or to receive an information package please contact

The Volunteer and Recruitment Worker on 9396 7400
or carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au

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