

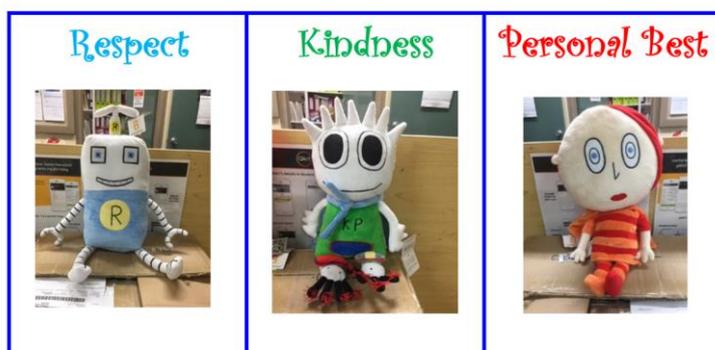


# Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!  
[www.exfordps.vic.edu.au](http://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.18 (Term 4, 2019) Thursday 24 October 2019

You are represented on School Council by:

**Parents:** Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas), Emma (Ella and Maddie), 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

### Assemblies -

- Mondays at 8:50 am - Welcome to the week - Acknowledgement of Country and the National Anthem
- Fridays at 3:10 pm - Celebrations - including Students of the Week

## Ms Campo's News...

### Our Office

We welcome Mrs Lisa Humplik from St Albans Heights PS, who w began with us yesterday. We will share her with St Albans Heights PS until the end of the year, so that both schools have the benefit of her expertise and are not be without a Business Manager. Mrs Humplik will be with us on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Ms Killeen will transfer to Belmont High School from Monday 4 November until 26 July 2020 and Mrs Harper will join us in the Office team for the duration. Please be aware that it will take some time for our Office to 'catch up' on some of our tasks that we put on the back-burner during Ms Bennett's long absence. We'd appreciate non-urgent inquiries via email - using the FlexiBuzz tab for the Office team, Mr Wilson or Ms Campo - and we also appreciate everyone's patience during this time. 😊

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



## Dates to Remember:

*Please add them to your calendar!*

### 2019 Dates

#### Term 4

##### Monday 28 October

Police in Schools sessions for Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 students

##### Friday 1 November

Yr 5-6 Rugby League Gala Day

##### Tuesday 5 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (school is open on Monday 4 Nov)

##### Wednesday 13 November

Year 1 'Dinner and a Show' event

##### Week of Monday 18 November

Book Fair No 2

##### Thursday 21 November

Year Prep Camp Day

##### Monday 25 November

Western Region Cricket Finals

##### Tuesday 10 December

Yr 7 Secondary School Transition Day  
2020 Prep Transition visit (final)

##### Thursday 12 December

Year 6 Sleepover at school

##### Monday 16 December

Year 6 Graduation event

##### Tuesday 17 December

2020 Step Up Day for Yr 1-5 students  
2020 Class advice sheets sent home  
Final

##### Wednesday 18 December

Christmas and Year 6 Graduation  
Concert from 6:30 pm

##### Thursday 19 December

Semester 2 Reports sent home

##### Friday 20 December

End of 2019 School year!  
Assembly at 1:10 pm  
Dismissal at 1:30 pm

## Thinking about 2020

This term sees us provide transition for our 2020 Prep and other new students, for our Year 6 to Year 7 kids, as well as providing between years transition for children throughout the school. We have a 2019 Prep to Year 1 Transitions session planned in November to help the children adjust to being in a different part of the school. We finalise our class model (with the emphasis being on the smallest class sizes we can afford), staff selection, our class lists and our sub-program budgets for the 2020 school year.

If you have a little one starting school next year, please collect an enrolment form from our school Office and return it promptly, along with the birth certificate (we can copy it for you).

### 2020 Prep Transition dates:

Date	Visit
Tuesday 29 Oct	Transition Visit 1:
Tuesday 12 Nov	Transition Visit 2:
Tuesday 26 Nov	Transition Visit 3:
Tuesday 10 Dec	Transition Visit 4: Final Visit

## Book Pack - payment portal

We will be doing our Book Packs differently this year, instead of paying at the school, you will be asked to pay the supplier (PaperChase Office National) directly - they will have a parent payment portal where you can pay in a lump sum, or establish a payment plan which suits your family budgeting needs using their 'Zip Pay' service. (<https://www.finder.com.au/zippay>)

We will send the 2019 Parent Payment Policy and Book Pack note home next week. Families will continue to pay for Gymnastics, Reading Eggs and Athletics at the school office. Forms for these will be included with the Book Pack info next week.

## New buildings

We have been informed that we will be receiving another Mod 5 double classroom and also a Mod 1 Student Toilet block to tide us over as look towards our school upgrade. The Mod 5 classroom will be sited long ways down the fence line at the end of Ms Leonard's classroom and the Art room buildings. The Toilet building will go in behind Ms McFarlane's Prep classroom. These two buildings are brand new ones and so will be arriving any time in the next few weeks. The contractors have already been and measured up the site and are planning the buildings' delivery.

## Class Lists

We will begin our preparation for next year's class groups so that we are ready to go, once we decide on our class structure. Class groups are finalised before I will match our staff to their 2020 roles.

As always, we take great time to develop balanced class groups, which take many factors into account - including the children's educational, interpersonal and social needs and based on the needs of the whole school program.

## Class Lists continued

Parents are always welcome to contact me in writing to share their thoughts about their child's educational needs with me - you can use the FlexiBuzz 'Contact' tab to send me an email, as a starting point. Ask you to do so by Friday 15 November.

If your child / children will not be at Exford PS for 2020, please confirm this in writing to me, using the FlexiBuzz contact tab.

## 2020 School Dates

At our School Council meeting last week, we confirmed our school term and Pupil Free dates for 2020.

### 2020 DET term dates

	Start of term	End of Term
T1	Tuesday 28 January (staff) Wednesday 29 January (students)	Friday 27 March
T2	Tuesday 14 April	Friday 26 June
T3	Monday 13 July	Friday 18 September
T4	Monday 5 October	Friday 18 December

	Start of term
T1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 January - Pupil Free Days No 1 and 2</li><li><b>Thursday 30 Jan - Year 1-6 students begin</b></li><li><u>Prep assessments</u> - Thursday 30 Jan, Friday 31 Jan, Monday 3 Feb and Tuesday 4 Feb -</li><li>Wednesday 5 Feb - 2020 Preps begin - 10 am - 2:30 pm</li><li>Thursday 6 and Friday 7 Feb - 2020 Preps - 9 am - 2:30 pm</li><li>Monday 10 Feb - Preps begin full time</li><li>Tuesday 11 and Thursday 12 Feb - Parent Teacher interviews - Focus is 'Tell us about your child' (we will still hold our Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences in early Term 2 and end of Term 3)</li><li>Monday 11 March - <u>Labour Day Public Holiday</u></li></ul>
T2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Tuesday 14 April - Term 2 begins for students</b></li><li>Saturday 25 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday</li><li>Friday 5 June - Pupil Free Day No 3</li><li>Monday 8 June - <u>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</u></li></ul>
T3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday 13 July - (Day 1 of Term 3) <u>Pupil Free Day No 4</u></li><li><b>Tuesday 14 July - Students begin</b></li></ul>
T4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Monday 5 October - Term 4 begins for students</b></li><li>Tuesday 3 November - <u>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</u></li></ul>

Please note Pupil Free days No 3 and 4 may change, depending on availability of Professional Learning presenters. We will give you as much notice as possible.

## Staffing for 2020

Congratulations to Mr Jack Wurf who has picked up a 12 months position at Mandama PS for 2020 - it is 5 minutes from Mr Wurf's home, a nicer prospect than the hour's drive he has each way currently! I have advertised the 12 month vacancy.

## Welcome to

Welcome to Ms Sharryn Farrar and Ms Kersha Cutajar who begin at Exford next Monday as Education Support staff.

## Upcoming events for our school

### Term 4

- Tuesday 29 October - 2020 Preps Transition Visit No 1
- Tuesday 12 Nov - 2020 Preps - Transition Visit No 2
- Wed 13 Nov - Year 1 'Dinner and a Show' Evening
- Monday 18 - Friday 22 November - Book Fair No 2
- Thursday 21 November - Prep Camp activity
- Tuesday 26 November
  - 2020 Preps Transition Visit No 3
  - New Year 1-6 New kids - Transition Visit No 1
- Tuesday 10 December
  - Year 6 secondary school Transition Day
  - 2020 Preps - meet their 2020 class and teacher
  - New Year 1-6 New kids - Transition Visit No 2
- Thursday 12 December - Year 6 Sleepover
- Monday 16 December - 2020 classrooms moving day if needed
- Monday 16 Dec - Year 6 Graduation Evening (change of date - new venue Bacchus Marsh Public Hall)
- Tuesday 17 December - 'Step-Up Day' - where the children meet 2020 class and teacher (including new Year 1-6 kids)
  - New Year 1-6 New kids - Transition Visit No 3
- Wednesday 18 December - Christmas Concert
- Thursday 19 December - Semester 2 reports sent home
- Friday 20 December - end of 2019 school year!

## Staff Selection

Mr Wilson and I have planned out our staff selection timelines and my, we are going to be busy! Each selection process takes approximately two weeks from the time the advertised vacancy closes. When a vacancy closes:

- We form a Selection Panel
- All members of the panel read all of the applications
- We meet to shortlist applicants to interview
- We interview shortlisted applicants (this takes at least one full school day)
- We do all the referee and Child Safe checks
- We deliberate and make a selection from the interviewed applicants (or make a 'no-appointment' recommendation)

At this stage, we have seven selection processes in the upcoming month - so we may not be as visible or available as we usually are - you can always contact us using the FlexiBuzz contact tabs. (We did joke about putting a couple of caravans in the back corner of the school and moving in!)

## Year Prep-2 Sports Day

Our Year Prep-2 Sports Day was held yesterday and we had a lovely day, thanks to Mr Young's perfect planning, the enthusiasm of our kids, staff and families... and the perfect weather. Some of our Year 6 students led the student activities and they were amazing. A great day all round! We will include a photos page in our next newsletter.

## 2020 Year 6 Commemorative clothing

Our Year 5 students have all received the information about the 2020 Year 6 windcheater and polo shirt. We have sample garments in our office so that they can be tried on for size.

## Mobile Phones

A reminder that mobile phones are not to be brought to school by students unless parents have had a conversation about the circumstances where a mobile phone may be needed (e.g. after school sporting activities). In these circumstances, the phone must be left at the office and collected at the end of the day. Under no circumstances can children have mobile phones in the playground, nor may they take photos or videos of their peers. We have had conversations with our Year 5-6 students particularly to support their understanding of cyber safety and their digital presence (internet content can **never** be deleted!).

We have a 'Police in Schools' cyber-safety session booked for our Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 students on Monday 28 October. They will spend time focusing on digital footprints, cyber safety and privacy considerations of social media.

## 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...**

**\$11,064.73**

(Our Fundraising figure does not yet include Tony's Pies, Beans and Scarves or Prep-2 Sports Day BBQ.)

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 Readathon

Our Student Leaders have planned our 'Athon' fundraising activity for Term 4 - and it's going to be a Readathon.

Stay tuned!



## Happy Birthdays!!



*To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 11 - 24 October*

Tika, Cooper Mc, Rylan, Eva B, Aanya, Haylie S, Jessie-Lee, Ruby Mc, Jenson, Arya, Ryan C, Jack M, Liam M, Alex L, Sheza and Addison.



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 3-4 Gashi
- Year 3-4 Mounsey
- Year 3-4 Leonard
- Year 3-4 Talbot

*Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!*

☺ Ms Campo

WHAT 3/4 GASHI LIKED ABOUT

# THE ISLAND

CAMP



I LOVED CARRYING  
MY BAG (SARCASM)  
NO, I ACTUALLY  
LOVED THE GIANT  
SWING  
- CADEN



I LIKED THE GIANT  
SWING BECAUSE I  
WENT TO THE TOP  
AND ALMOST HAD  
AN ACCIDENT (IF  
YOU KNOW WHAT I  
MEAN)  
- BLAKE



I LIKED THE GIANT  
SWING BECAUSE I  
GOT TO GO UPSIDE  
DOWN!  
- COOPER



I LIKED THE GIANT  
SWING BECAUSE IT  
WAS SO TALL AND IT  
FEELS WIERD.  
- CALLAN



I ENJOYED BEING  
WITH MY FRIENDS  
MOSTLY.  
- SPENCER

THE FOOD AT CAMP  
WAS DELICIOUS!  
- CAITLYN

I ENJOYED GO  
KARTING AT CAMP  
BECAUSE IT WAS  
REALLY FUN.  
- EBONY

I LOVED SPENDING  
TIME WITH MY CABIN  
MATES, THAT  
ROCKED!  
- ZOE

I ENJOYED THE GO  
KARTING TOO, AS IT  
WAS FUN AND IT  
MAKES YOUR LEGS  
STRONGER AND  
SORE.  
- MADDY



I ENJOYED THE  
GIANT SWING  
BECAUSE I AM  
SCARED OF HEIGHTS  
AND I WILL  
CONQUER THAT  
FEAR ONE DAY.  
- CURNOOR

I ENJOYED THE  
GIANT SWING  
BECAUSE YOU GET  
TO GO SO HIGH AND  
IT IS REALLY FUN!  
- CHARLIE



I ENJOYED GO  
KARTING AT CAMP  
BECAUSE THE RACES  
WERE REALLY FUN,  
ESPECIALLY  
WINNING THEM!  
- THARUL



I LIKED THE GIANT  
SWING BECAUSE I  
DIDN'T GO TOO HIGH  
OR TOO LOW.  
- RUBY





I LIKED GOING TO THE BEACH AND GETTING MY FEET WET IN THE WATER.  
- JESSIE- LEE

I ENJOYED ARCHERY BECAUSE I WAS SO CLOSE TO GETTING A BULLSEYE!  
- HARRISON



I LIKED THE CRATE CLIMB BECAUSE IT WAS REALLY CHALLENGING.  
- MITCHELL



I LIKED SLEEPING IN THE CABIN BECAUSE IT WAS QUIET AT NIGHT.  
- MARSHALL



I LIKED MY CABIN BECAUSE MY FRIENDS WERE IN THERE.  
- RYAN



I ENJOYED THE GIANT SWING BECAUSE IT WAS LIKE FLYING.  
WEEEE!  
- OSCAR

I ENJOYED DOING ARCHERY AS IT IS SOMETHING NEW FOR ME.  
- SERENA



# Year 3/4 E Phillip Island Camp

My favourite part of Camp was the giant swing because it was so fun when you dropped down.

Ryan C

My favourite part of Camp was going to the beach and playing Frisbee. Lucy, Mia

I loved the giant swing; it was so fun! Liam

My favourite part of Camp was the crate climb, it was really wobbly but super fun! Elodie.

I loved the fairy penguins as because they were so adorable! Isabelle.



My favourite part of camp was going to the Penguin Parade as they were so cute. Jensen,

I really enjoyed the crate climb; it was a challenge! Ryan P, Talan, Gus

I enjoyed spending time in the cabins after dinner. Keedan



I was proud of myself for going to the top of the giant swing. Ashlyn.

The best part of Camp was the giant swing, I went to the very top! – Max, Rylan, Harry.







## Phillip Island Camp 2019!



**We liked: Spending time with our friends!**



**We liked: The sunshine!!**





**We liked: Doing fun activities and trying new things!!!**



**We liked: Having so much fun!!!!**

**Year 3 -4 Talbot**

(Year 3-4 Littlewood's page was in the October 10 newsletter.)

# Year 3/4 M Phillip Island Camp Experience

My favourite part of Camp was arriving home, I missed my own bed! Connor

My favourite part of camp is playing with my friends and also going on the giant swing

- Sophie

My favourite part was the beach because Ethan and I went in the water.

- Liam

My favourite part of Camp was the giant swing because it was fun being high and falling down.

- Jack

My favourite part of Camp was the giant swing, I loved it when I went down.

- Hayley

My favourite thing at Camp was the giant swing, I love heights.

- Max

My favourite thing about camp was the giant swing because it was amazing.

- Jaron

My favourite thing at Camp was the giant swing because it was terrifying.

- Adrian

My favourite thing at Camp was the giant swing because it was awesome.

- Kaleb

My favourite thing from Camp was the giant swing because it went really high.

- Gracie

My favourite thing was the giant swing because I went high.

- Daniel

My favourite part of Camp was the penguins because I was hoping to see one.

- Ethan

My favourite part of Camp was when we went to the beach because the weather was great.

- Cooper

My favourite part of Camp was watching the penguins because I saw penguins for the first time and they were so cute and little.

- Kiranjit

My favourite part was the trampolines because I love jumping.

- Kaelan

I really liked the food because it tasted AWESOME (I also liked the penguins but it was really cold).

- Thomas

My favourite thing about Camp was the pedal racers, Phew! It was tough.

- Allison

My favourite thing about Camp was the giant swing because you could go extremely high.

- Zane A

My favourite part of Camp was going to the beach with my friends.

- Phoebe

My favourite part of the 3/4 Camp was the penguins because they are so cute.

- Caitlyn

My favourite part of Camp was the giant swing, Ahhh! It was high.

- Zane S



# OSH Club News

## Before School / After School Care Program

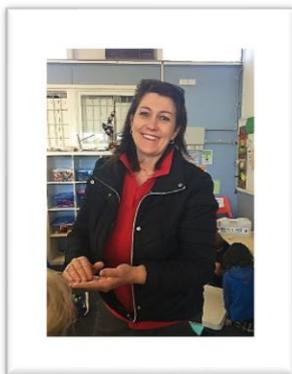


### Program Update

This week at OSH we have been focusing on expanding the children's creative thinking and working on group co-operation 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 allowed 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. Outside the children have continued to explore games, such as Golden Child, Cricket and Pacman that boost their teamwork skills as well as working on their communication.



### Goodbye Sharyn

This week we also said goodbye to our amazing educator Sharyn who has been with us for 2 years. We wish Sharyn the very best as she leaves us to take up a position within the school, Sharyn will be very missed by both children and staff. Goodluck Sharyn.



### 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](http://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.



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# LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL



**18-27  
October  
2019**

**Free activities and  
events for all ages,  
abilities and interests.**

**Cheese and Bread Making  
Robotics Workshops  
Mini Maestros  
Floristry Workshops  
Emergency Management Expo  
Kids Martial Arts  
Essential Oils Workshops  
English Classes  
Learn to Swim Open Days**

**And so much more**

The City of Melton Lifelong Learning Festival is a 10-day celebration of everything that is lifelong, life-deep and life-wide learning. Participate in free events across the entire municipality and discover that learning is not always done in the classroom, it's done everywhere.



Melton City Council is proudly the first Australian accredited UNESCO Learning City.  
Booking required for many events. To secure your place or find out more, visit [meltonlearning.com.au/festival](http://meltonlearning.com.au/festival) or get in touch at 9747 7200



## Tuning Into Kids



*A FREE parenting program full of handy hints and tips to improve communication and understanding between you and your child.*

**When:** Thursday afternoon from  
10 Oct - 14 Nov 2019

**Where:** Melton Health and  
Community Services  
195-209 Barries Road, Melton West

**Time:** 1.30pm-3.30pm

***This program assists parents to:***

- Be aware of and regulate their child's emotions
- Use their children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Help their children to problem solve and build self esteem
- Guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

***To register call Sirisha and Laura on:  
(03)8746 0500***



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