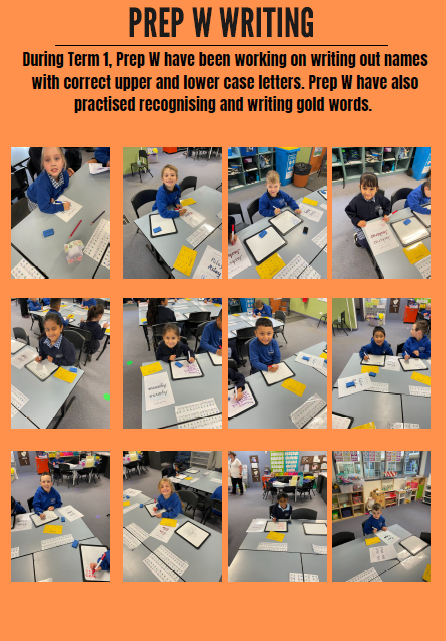
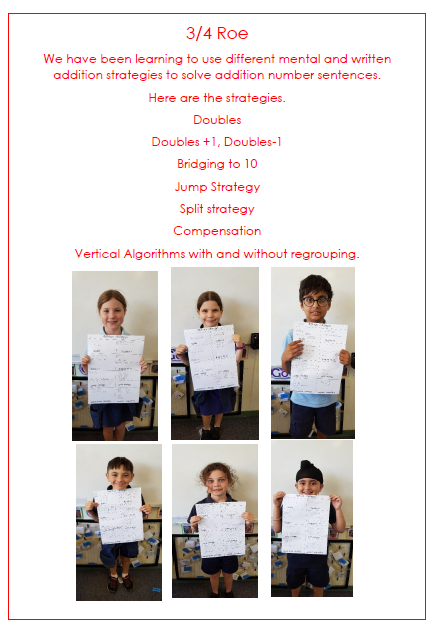
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| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | ***At Exford, these qualities are really important:*** | | | | | |  | **Respect** | **Kindness** | **Personal Best** |  | | ***… and it’s up to all of us to show them every day in every thing we say and every thing we do!*** | | | | |   **Principal: Ms Lisa Campo** Phone: 9743 5025 [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  **NEWSLETTER No.5 (Term 1, 2021)**  **Thursday 1 April 2021**  **You are represented on School Council by:**  **Parents:** Amanda (Caitlyn), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Laura (Ollie), Naiomi (Kallan and Ashlyn), Rebecca (Hannah, Joshua and Thomas), Sadia (Inaaya) Sharon (Charlie & Archie)  **Community Representatives:** Graham and Jacki (SC President)  **Staff:**  Ms Campo, Mrs Cassar, Mr Wilson and TBC  **Reminders!** These payments are due for all students:  🞎 Student Book Packs (Paperchase)  🞎 Prep - 2 children only – Reading Eggs subscription  🞎 Year Prep - 4 children only – Mathletics subscription  ***Ms Campo’s News...***  ***Student Attendance and Tutoring***  Given the challenges of 2020’s Remote Learning, we strongly encourage students to be at school EVERY SINGLE DAY, unless they are unwell. | | *Cut out & stick me to the fridge!**✄---✄---✄---✄---✄---✄---**Dates to Remember:* *Please add them to your calendar!* **2021 Dates**  **Term 1**  **Thursday 1 April**  Easter Bonnet Parade at 8:50 am – all welcome!  (on the oval)  End of Term 1  2:30 pm dismissal  **Term 2**  **Monday 19 April**  Term 2 Begins for students and staff  **Tuesday 27 April**  Parent Student Teacher Conferences  **Thursday 29 April**  Parent Student Teacher Conferences  **Sunday 25 April**  ANZAC Day  **Wednesday 5 May**  MPSSA Cross Country  **Friday 21 May**  EPS Athletics Carnival – Bridge Road  **Tuesday 26 May**  Western Region Divisional Cross Country  **Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June**  Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety Program  **Friday 4 June**  MPSSA Winter Sport Lightening Premiership  **Monday 14 June**  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday  **Wednesday 16 June**  School Council Mtg – 6.30 pm  **Wednesday 16 June**  MPSSA Yr 5-6 Soccer  **Tuesday 22 June**  MPSSA AFL Girls Day |

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| ***Reading every day***  Our classes are focusing on supporting our kids to strengthen their reading habits – it is CRITICAL that the kids are reading daily or being read to. I love this excerpt from some research into the impact of reading (or being read to) for 20 minutes daily.    This is a lovely read for parents and educators alike and describes how easy it is to support children’s reading development. ‘Reading Magic’ by Mem Fox: Mem Fox is a renowned children’s author (she wrote ‘Possum Magic’).  ***Covid-19 Audit***  All DET schools have been notified that they will undergo a Covid-19 Practices Audit and we had our one last week. The auditor was very impressed with our practices, thank you to Mr Wilson who has been co-ordinating and communicating our school’s practices.  The auditor did recommend that we continue with our social-distancing practices for arrivals and departures, given our small school site.  ***MPSSA Lightening Premiership***  **Girls Cricket – Violet & Sheza**  Hi, I’m Violet and I’m Sheza and today, along with lots of other girls represented EPS at MPSSA Lightening Premiership, Cricket for girls.  It was tons of fun and very exhausting. But, unfortunately, on the last game we lost by 4 runs, which put us in 5th place. The main thing is, we tried our very best and had a lot of fun.  The sportsmanship and the cheering were thrilling to hear when we were playing.  Good job to everyone who participated today.  **Boys Cricket – Zane & Oscar**  Today our boys cricket team went to Arnolds Creek to represent our school in the Lightening Cup. Our boys, came 3rd, winning 2 games and losing 2. We sadly didn’t make the grand final, but we all tried our best. We all had a lot of fun.  **Volleyball – Harrison & Heidi**  Today the 5/6 volleyball team competed in interschool sport at MCC.  We versed 3 Schools. Winning against Bacchus Marsh Grammar and coming close to Aintree P.S and Rockbank P.S  Overall, we placed 5th out of 9 schools, just missing out on the finals.  Well done to all volleyballers. | ***Office News***    ***Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans***  A reminder to return your child’s Asthma and / or Anaphylaxis plans back to the Office. If you have misplaced this document, please call Mrs Kelly in the Office.  ***Reading Eggs & Mathletics***  Payments for Reading Eggs (Year Prep – 2) and Mathletics (Year Prep – 4) are still open. If you have an amount due, payments can be made via QKR, at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, you can visit our Office to make a payment.  ***Sick Bay Spare Clothing***  If your child has borrowed spare clothing from our Sick Bay, can we have those items returned, please.  ***CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund***  The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:   * School camps or trips * Swimming and school-organised sport programs * Outdoor education programs * Excursions and incursions.  Who can apply? Families holding a valid means-tested concession are eligible to apply.  Please visit our Office to collect CSEF forms if you believe you are eligible for the CSEF payment.  Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.  Eligibility will be determined when the parent’s concession card successfully validates with Centrelink. |

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| ***Attendance … Every moment of every day counts***  ***Did you know that:***  When children regularly arrive late, they miss out on so much:   * They miss on the lovely morning meet and greet that connects children to their classmates, staff and classroom environment and is an important part of children feeling that they belong * We schedule literacy and numeracy for our morning lessons – so regular lateness means that children are missing critical learning * The opportunity to prepare for the school day (including changing their Take Home book for reading that night)   Please help your child to arrive on time  for school every day – especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020.  Please make sure that your child is only absent if they are unwell – EVERY day at school counts.  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.  Please make sure that you use the FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing. | | | | *Fundraising News*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | D:\Users\02100768\Desktop\ipad.png | **Our 2021 target is…**  **$15,000 - $20,000.** | | | ***Our Tally so far…*** | | ***$0.00*** |   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 are traditional parts of our fundraising approach and these happen each year.   * Term 1 – Easter Raffle * Term 2 – Mother’s Day Stall (helpers needed) * Term 3 Book Week – Read-A-thon’ activity * Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ   Our Term 1 Fundraising activity is our Easter Raffle and we ask our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make Easter hampers as prizes. We will send home Easter Raffle ticket books next week and we ask our families to sell the tickets to families and friends.  If you are interested in helping out with the Fundraising activities at our school, please contact Ms Campo through the FlexiSchools ‘Contact the Principal’ link.  *Happy Birthdays!!*  D:\Users\02100768\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\03TLW24V\Birthday_Bash_1000[1].jpg***To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 4 March - 18 March 2021***  Jacob, Tanvir, Bailey, Tyler, Kabir, Amelie, Mariah, Billie-Rose, Amber, Mahayla, Adel, Edwin, Ranvir, Sudeepth and Harrison  j0205401  MC900090797[1]  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  **Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!**  **☺ Ms Campo** | | | |
| **STUDENT OF THE WEEK**    **Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for Week 8 and Week 9** | | | | | |
|  | **Week** | | | **Week 7** | |
|  | **Student** | **Exford Value** | | **Student** | Exford Value |
| **Prep Monagle** | **Aurora** | Personal Best | | **Nihal** | Personal Best |
| **Prep Smyth** | **Emmanuel** | **Respect** | | **Avnoor** | Personal Best |
| **Prep Wurf** | **Ehan** | **Respect** | | **Charnjot** | Personal Best |
| **1 / 2 Ambrose** | **Alyce** | Personal Best | | **Seana** | Personal Best |
| **1 / 2 Higgins** | **Heera** | Personal Best | | **Darcy** | Personal Best |
| **1 / 2 Jenner** | **Will** | **Kindness** | | **Mia M** | Kindness |
| **1 / 2 Parker** | **Carter** | Personal Best | | **Kendra** | Personal Best |
| **3 / 4 Gashi** | **Arnavnoor** | **Kindness** | | **Eddie** | Kindness |
| **3 / 4 Patty** | **Grace** | Personal Best | | **Daniel** | Personal Best |
| **3 / 4 Roe** | **Trinity** | Personal Best | | **Charlotte** | Respect |
| **4 / 5 Mounsey** | **Aritrika** | Personal Best | | **Jacob** | Personal Best |
| **5 / 6 Gundry** | **Amy** | **Respect** | | **Kaelan** | - |
| **5 / 6 Mastrop** | **Talan** | **Kindness** | | **Raisa** | Respect |
| **5 / 6 Talevski** | **Mia** | Personal Best | | **Zoe** | Kindness |
| **The Arts** | **Harry** | Personal Best | | **Serena** | Personal Best |
| **Physical Education** | **Kaiden** | **-** | | **William** | Personal Best |
| **French** | **\_** | - | | **-** | - |
| **OSH Club** | **\_** | - | | **Lachlan** | Personal Best |



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