



Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!
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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!

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NEWSLETTER 2017 No. 1 (Term 1, 2017) Thursday 2 February 2017

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Beck (Imani), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire & Ben), Jenny (Aimee & Daniel), Katy (Adele, Hamish & Maddison), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Parker and Mr Bright

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

Reminders! These payments are due for all students:

- Student Book Pack
- Gymnastics Program - cost \$37 - ***PROGRAM starts Tuesday 7 Feb***
- Prep -2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription

Ms Campo's News...

What a lovely first day and week!

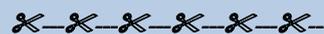
It was smiles all round on our first day on Tuesday! It was so good to have our kids back at school and to welcome all our new students and our new families. Our Prep children began at 10 am, with lots of family and friends who came to share in the joy of the first day of school. We joked that the Prep classrooms needed expandable walls just for the day!

Mr Bright and I visited all the classrooms throughout the morning and they were all beautifully settled in and enjoying being part of their new classes and getting to know each other. I want to acknowledge the work of our staff in their preparation for the children's arrival, our staff are so dedicated and committed to supporting our kids in every way.

Parent Information Evening

We would like to invite all our families to a Parent Information evening on **Thursday 9 February from 5:30 - 7:30 pm**. There will be an information session at 5:30 pm, and then a repeat session at 6 pm. A BBQ tea will be available to purchase afterwards and then the children usually enjoy having an extra play with their friends and their families! We will cover the topics of Homework, Seesaw, Project Based Learning and you will have the opportunity to ask all the questions you have.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2017 Dates Term 1 Dates

Wednesdays in February

No school for Preps - except for their Prep assessment time

Tuesday 7 February

Gymnastics program begins (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 8 week program)

Thursday 9 February

Parent Information Evening

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Info Sessions in classrooms followed by a BBQ tea and play session

Friday 10 February

PA HQ Music Recital for Assembly - 2:30 pm start - all welcome!

Friday 17 February

Assembly at 2:30 pm

2017 Preps, new students, Junior School Councillors (JSCs) and School Captains presented to our community

Monday 27 February

Our Preps begin attending Monday-Friday

Tuesday 14 February

Pupil Free Day No 2

(Monday 13 March is Labour Day Public Holiday)

Wed 15 & Thur 16 March

2:30 - 6:45 pm both afternoons
Parent Student Teacher Conferences (online booking will be made available)

Friday 31 March

End of Term 1!

Team Newsletters

At the beginning of each term, our teaching teams prepare a newsletter outlining the term ahead and all that the classes will be doing. We'd love you to read it so you can be aware of what we'll be up to in the coming weeks. Please be aware that we will include the Specialist Team newsletter when we have appointed our LOTE teacher.

New Permission forms

We have updated our permission forms and these were sent home to each family on Tuesday. We ask that these be sent back ASAP so that we can launch Seesaw - our new online learning portfolios.

The permission forms also cover the range of digital learning that students are now also involved in - for example, learning blogs or developing video clips for the class or school YouTube channel.

SeeSaw - Student Driven Digital Portfolios

During 2016, two of our classes, Year 2 Graham and Year 3/4 Lynch, trialled a new student digital portfolio program. Here is a link to the website for you - <http://web.seesaw.me/>

SeeSaw is a fabulous way for students and teachers to share the learning that is happening in a real-time way.

Students can use SeeSaw to upload:

- Work samples - Art works, a Maths or Science exploration or experiment
- Photos of projects,
- Video grabs of their explanations or reading demonstrations,
- Rubrics which outline the learning- for example, a writing rubric would identify the writing behaviours a child has demonstrated in the displayed piece of writing.
- Learning goals and examples of how they are meeting their learning goals.

We have been so impressed by the power of SeeSaw that in 2017, we are taking SeeSaw school wide! Exciting times, so stay tuned!



Gymnastics Program

Each year, we purchase in a Gymnastics Program to supplement our Phys Ed program. The program, which is held in the Gallery, runs for all of Term 1, beginning on **Tuesday 7 February**. There is a \$37 cost for this supplementary program, which builds each year on the previous year's learning.

Arts Program

Mrs Quayle asks that children have their Art smocks at school - particularly the Preps who will be doing some finger painting next week!

Our Oval

I sent out a Tiq Biz message during January outlining the need for a geotechnical evaluation of the oval. This has occurred today (yeah!), with eight core samples taken across the oval - to depths of over 2.5 metres, with samples removed for analysis. This assessment will determine the depth of the base underneath the synthetic oval, given the condition of the existing oval. I will continue to press to have the timelines for construction met.



Uniform

As you may remember, we reviewed our School Uniform Policy last year and it is available on the website for you to see, including visual items of permitted uniform wear. It is a very attractive uniform with many options and we ask our families to ensure that the children are wearing our uniform with pride.

However, from the start of this year, it will be more strictly enforced (as requested by staff and parent feedback in the surveys we carried out as part of the review).

These items are not part of our uniform - navy windcheaters, windcheater jackets (with or without hoods) or any polar fleece items.

Staff will ask students about non-uniform items on the first day (because wet washing happens!), but will issue out-of-uniform notes after that, or refer the non-uniform wearing issue to Mr Bright and myself so that we can arrange a parent meeting.

Farewell to Mr Finn

We have already said our formal goodbyes to Mr Finn at the end of last year, but today is Mr Finn's formal retirement day. On behalf of our community, staff and students, we want to thank Mr Finn for his very long career as a teacher and as a member of the Exford community.

Car Park

Thanks for the community assistance with the mystery car in our car park - all good!

Please be aware that the car park land belongs to our farmer neighbour, Graham Miles, who kindly lets us use the land (can you even imagine just having the front car park, as we used to do - ugh!). We need to lock the car park daily (usually 4:30 pm), to protect Graham's livestock, his fencing and to ensure we don't get rubbish dumped at our bins.

Baby News!

Mr King is on leave at the moment, after the birth of his little girl. He and Mrs King have named their little one Matilda Joan, and mum and baby are doing very well.



Mr Bright will also be taking some leave when baby Bright decides to make an appearance!

Ms Waites is now on maternity leave as she awaits the safe arrival of her baby.

Project Based Learning (PBL)

A new term will be floating around at Exford this year, **Project Based Learning** or **PBL**. Project Based Learning is a fantastic way for kids to get engaged in hands-on, active learning. We will be using PBL to teach parts of the curriculum in all year levels from Prep to Year 6.

You may wonder what it means when your child's teachers say they teach with projects. In a nutshell, Project Based Learning involves the students learning important content by investigating questions, generating original ideas, and working collaboratively to produce products that demonstrate what they have learned. This research-based method of teaching and learning is quickly gaining popularity in schools that are focused on preparing students for future challenges. David King, the school's Leading Teacher, will be supporting all our teachers to implement this exciting, new teaching and learning opportunity at Exford.

Parent Helpers needed

Once we are settled in to school and classroom routines are in place, we will call for Parent Helpers for the classroom.

Tasks will include:

- Hearing reading
- Supporting small group learning
- Admin tasks for teachers

We will have our usual Parent Helpers Info session to support you to be a classroom helper.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Taleah and Ty and their mum, Carly and on the safe arrival of baby brother, Ashton.



Canteen - online ordering is here!

I have included the information from 'Ultimate Schools', the company the Canteen has been working with. The company will drop off brochures to be sent home next week. I will also save it to the website for your future reference. The Canteen attachment will show you how to order from the Canteen online. We're hoping that makes life a bit easier for our busy families.

Tiq Biz

Thanks to the parents who have alerted us that the new teacher names are not listing in Tiq Biz - the DET has not yet released all their emails and as soon as they do, we will have them included in Tiq Biz. I also attach the Tiq Biz instructions for you.

2017 School Dates:

We ask you to enter these in your calendar, and will also send you reminders through our TiqBiz app.

Term 1

- Thursday 9 February - Parent Information Evening
- Tuesday 14 March - Pupil Free Day No 2
- Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March - Parent Student Teacher Conferences - we will advise you when the online booking system is available for bookings
- Friday 31 March - Easter Bonnet Parade a 9 am - End of Term 1 - 2:30pm dismissal

Term 2

- Tuesday 18 April - Term 2 begins - Pupil Free Day No 3
- Tuesday 25 April - ANZAC Day - Exford PS at Melton Parade and Ceremony - all welcome
- Friday 30 June - End Term 2

Term 3

- Monday 17 July - Pupil Free Day No 4
- Friday 22 Sept - End Term 3

Term 4:

- Monday 9 Oct
- Friday 22 Dec - End Term 4

Bus Monitors

I had a meeting today with the Year 5 & 6 students who were interested in volunteering to be Bus Monitors this year. Thank you to these students who are keen to take on this student leadership role. Their 'Bus Monitor' badges have been ordered.

Bus 1 - Leah, Emilia, Stella, Jeremy and Tatyana,

Bus 2 - Scarlett, Genevieve, Shanae, Joel, Elouise, Mitchell L, Tasman and Ben

Bus 3 - Aiden, Alannah, Ethan, Madison and Helaena

Bus 4 - Taleah

Their role includes:

- Collecting Prep children (who don't have siblings at school) to bring them to the bus - Elouise to collect Aysha, Stella to collect Rena
- Supporting (under Ms Campo's guidance) the other children waiting for the bus, getting on the bus and putting their seat belts on
- Need to help the children to line up politely
- Checking that the little ones have got their bags (and don't bring leaves, sticks and bugs (etc) on the bus!)
- Remain at the bus stop with little children who haven't been picked up yet
- Bus Monitors take last available seats - so they have full view of all the children
- Tell Steve / Brian and Ms Campo / Mr Bright / Mrs Cassar about any issues
- Use the PA system to call missing children / ask Mrs Kun or Mrs Kelly to call the missing children's parents

These are the qualities they believe all Bus Monitors should demonstrate at all times

- Fair to everyone - same expectations for everyone (and for yourself too)
- Part of being a leader means looking after everyone else
- Always be polite, use your manners but also be firm
- Be prompt to the front of the school in the afternoon to help Ms Campo and the children
- Bus Monitors are role models - setting the Exford examples - that means being aware of the other children and acting as a role model at the same time
- Bus Monitors have influence through expecting everyone to meet the school standards (Respect, Kindness and Personal Best)
- Bus monitors' personal behaviour needs to be of a high standard always
- Same bus rules apply to the Bus Monitors

These are the Exford PS Bus rules and we have been discussing with all the children who use the bus each afternoon this week:

Safety

- Everyone needs to wear their seat belt at all times while on the bus
- Everyone needs to remain seated until the bus stops - no changing seats or moving about the bus
- No throwing things on the bus
- Prep and Year 1 children get on the bus first at the Eynesbury bus stops
- We don't play ball games or 'muck around' at the front of the school / and at the bus stops in Eynesbury while waiting for the bus
- We don't play on the road
- No shouting on the bus - e.g. Yelling out to the bus driver

Behaviour

- Everyone needs to behave like a great Exford kid - chat quietly to their seat buddy
- Everyone needs to be considerate of others on the bus and to Steve and Brian as our bus-drivers
- Fill up from the front of the bus
- No eating, drinking on the bus - or squirting drink bottles
- We don't save seats, or block others from sitting next to us

Student consequences - 2 strikes = a phone call home and 3 strikes means students are not permitted to use the bus for a period of time

Parents - please use TiqBiz or make a phone call if your child is not going to be on the bus. The buses cannot leave until all children are accounted for - hunting up missing children (who turn out to have been already collected or absent) takes time which then delays both bus runs. Parents who continue to not advise us of their children not being on the bus may lose their bus place, as per the Public Transport Victoria guidelines.

Specialist Program Timetable

	The Arts with Mrs Quayle	Physical Education with Ms Kappler	LOTE (teacher still to be selected)	Library - including borrowing time
Prep Christensen	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Prep Jenner	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday
Prep King	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Friday

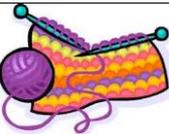
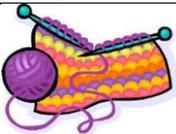
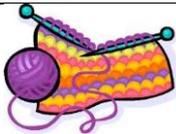
	The Arts with Mrs Quayle	Physical Education with Ms Kappler	LOTE (teacher still to be selected)	Library - including borrowing time
Year 1/2 Ambrose	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 1/2 Gashi	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 1/2 Monagle	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1/2 Roe	Monday	Friday	Thursday	Monday
Year 1/2 Wurf	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday

	The Arts with Mrs Quayle	Physical Education with Ms Kappler	LOTE (teacher still to be selected)	Library - including borrowing time
Year 3 Anderson	Thursday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 3 Littlewood	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Friday
Year 3 Parker	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday

	The Arts with Mrs Quayle	Physical Education with Ms Kappler	LOTE (teacher still to be selected)	Library - including borrowing time
Year 4 Humphries	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 4 Lynch	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4 McFarlane	Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Tuesday

	The Arts with Mrs Quayle	Physical Education with Ms Kappler	LOTE (teacher still to be selected)	Library - including borrowing time
Year 5 Ciantar	Tuesday	Friday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 5 Pengelly	Friday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
Year 6 Graham	Friday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday
Year 6 Gundry	Tuesday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday

Term 1 Lunch time Club (More days will become available once Mr King returns to school.)

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art Club with Mrs Quayle						
Art Club with Mrs Gashi						
Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the Conference Room						
Library space	1:30 - 2		Ms Graham	Mr Jenner	Mr Jenner	
	Prep-Yr 2					
	2 - 2:30			Ms Graham	Ms Lynch	Ms Graham
	Yr 3-6					
Gardening Club with Ms Lynch						

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.

Congratulations to these classes for having perfectly punctual classes -

Each week at Assembly, we recognise the classes who have the most punctual students and we also acknowledge the classes who have the greatest student attendance. This information is then shared in our fortnightly newsletter...beginning next newsletter.

Week of Monday 6 February

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Week of Monday 20 February

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Exford's BEST Attendance Award trophy goes to ...

Week of Monday 6 February

Week of Monday February

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 2017 target is...

\$18,000 ~ \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies. Last year we also achieved our Gallery screen set-up. 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. More info coming!

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from January 1 - February 1

Ashlee S, Logan J, Sam T, Ewan K-C, Thomas C, Joshua C, Tristan, Raima, Jordan T, Raisa, Oscar S, Emily T, Isabelle D, Mia F, Antonio, Brydie, Indi, Summer, Ryan H, Riley P, Mitchell Si, Caden, Theofania, Gracie N, Zachary G, Zaylen, Lilly S, Maneth, Oakleigh, Brock, Riley S, Lily E, Georgia S, Sienna K, Casie F, Ashtyn, Jake T, Charlotte H, Cassie B, Zack T-B and Max H



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 see the Team Newsletter attached to this newsletter.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo

First Week photos!



Blake



Harrison





Mia



Using Tiq Biz - Exford's school app!!

Please come and see us if you need help with setting your Tiq Biz up.

STEP 1 – Download Tiqbiz app from the App Store

STEP 2 – Search for Exford Primary School

STEP 3 – Tap School logo on home page to bring up Diagram 1

Please note: To access Eynesbury bus, uniforms and interviews buttons, slide area (to left) under logo where Absence, Canteen and Contact are visible (next to Calendar).

STEP 4 – Tap dashes (top right corner) as shown in Diagram 1 to show boxes as Diagram 2.

(When you can see the word 'Add', you need to add your choices.)

STEP 5 – Select your child/ren's classes and Eynesbury if your child/ren catch the bus as shown in Diagram 3.

(When you can see the word 'Remove', you have made your choices.)

Diagram 1

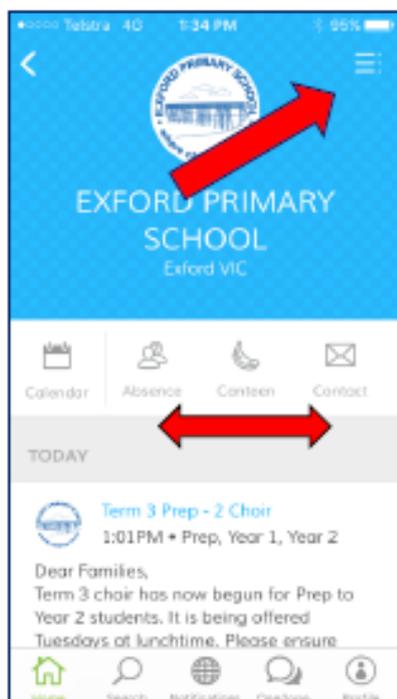


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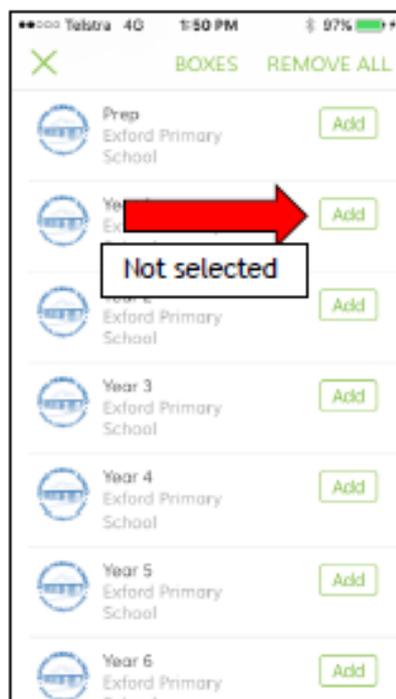
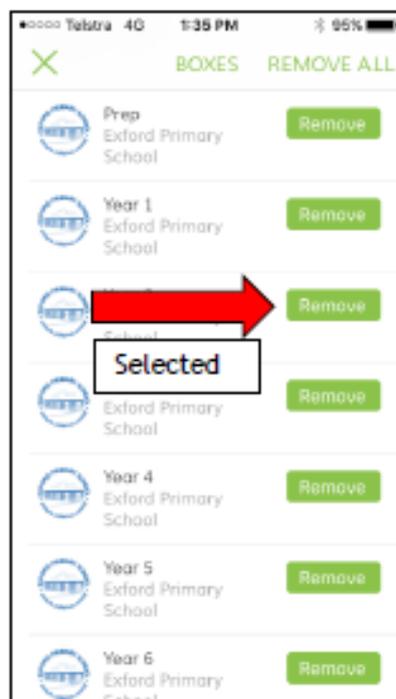


Diagram 3



Parent Information Sheet

Congratulations!
Your school canteen is now online



Ultimate Schools is an extremely safe, secure and convenient online ordering system for all your school requirements.

Getting Started is easy!

- Visit ultimateschools.com.au via any internet enabled device.
- Create an Account.
- Confirm your registration via the activation link that we will email you.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email, please check your junk mail otherwise contact Ultimate Schools support.
- Log into the website.
- Top up your account via bank transfer or credit card.
- Add your student/s.
- Begin Ordering!

Ordering is even easier!

1. Simply select your child.
2. Select the date in which you wish the order to be delivered.
3. Add the meal items to your shopping cart.
4. Confirm the order.



Parent Information Sheet

Is the website safe?

Yes! Ultimate School has SSL certification and is fully PCI compliant which is used for all financial transactions conducted through our website. So what is PCI Compliant you may ask? PCI (The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) is a set of requirements designed to ensure that ALL companies that process credit card payments must maintain a secure environment.



Adding money to your account



1. Select the "Add Money" icon.
2. Select your payment method such as bank transfer (3 Business Days) or credit card (Instant).
3. Enter the required information.
4. Enter the amount you wish to add.
5. Select "Pay now".
6. Confirm your payment.



Benefits

- * Save time by ordering anywhere any time.
- * Peace of mind knowing that your child's order has been received by the canteen.
- * Our cashless system means no more searching for coins.
- * We are a locally owned and operated business, so we understand the needs and requirements of our customers.
- * Access to an up-to-date Canteen Menu.

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