



**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 No.1** (Term 1, 2021)  
**Thursday 4 February 2021**

**You are represented on School Council by:**

**Parents:** Amanda (Caitlyn), Michael (Eamonn), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Naomi (Kallan and Ashlyn).

**Community Representatives:** Graham and Jacki (SC President)

**Staff:** Ms Campo, Mr Jenner and Mr Wilson (visitor)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

**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...**

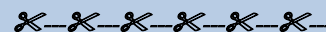
### **What a lovely first few days of school!**

It is so good to have all of our kids at school now, with our Preps having their first day today. We welcome all our new students and our new families to our school. Mr Wilson and I have been visiting all the classrooms and they are all beautifully settled. The children are enjoying being part of their new classes and getting to know each other and enjoying a less crowded oval and play space. A big thank you to our dedicated staff, who have done so much preparation either at home or by coming into school in their holidays to prepare for the children's arrival. A huge thank you to our Office team who have been very busy over the past couple of days processing student payments and uniform orders.

### **Weather alert tomorrow**

The weather forecast is predicting another seriously rainy Friday (as if last Friday wasn't wet enough!). The rain tanks will be full to the brim! If it is raining in the morning, we will go to Plan B again – which is that the classes will line up in the Assembly area before going to class.

*Cut out & stick me to the fridge!*



## **Dates to Remember:**

*Please add them to your calendar!*

## **2021 Dates**

### **Term 1**

#### **Friday 5 February**

Year Prep students 8:50 am into classrooms  
(9:00 am - 2:30 pm)

#### **Friday 5 February**

3:10 pm Assembly in the Basketball Court area - Our **Year 1-6** new EPS Kids will receive their 'Welcome to Exford' certificates

#### **From Monday 8 February**

Year Prep students begin full days  
(8:50 am - 3:30 pm)

#### **Friday 12 February**

3:10 pm Assembly in the Basketball Court area - **Our Prep children** will receive their 'Welcome to Exford' certificates

#### **Tuesday 16 February**

'Meet & Greet' Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx- 2 pm onwards

#### **Wednesday 17 February**

6:30 pm School Council Meeting

#### **Thursday 18 February**

'Meet & Greet' Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx- 1:30 pm onwards

#### **Monday 8 March**

Labour Day Public Holiday

#### **Wednesday 10 March**

**Pupil Free Day No 3** - staff professional learning

#### **Tuesday 23 March**

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

#### **Thursday 25 March**

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

#### **Friday 26 March**

School Photos

## Arriving at school

As we have communicated, children are welcome to arrive at school from 8:45 am, which is the time the vehicle gates open.

Please note that our teaching staff, including Mr Wilson and I, commence our work day and happily commence our responsibility for looking after students at 8:45 am.

## 2021 'Meet and Greet' Interviews

We invite all our families to come to our 'Meet & Greet' Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 16 from 2 pm and Thursday 18 February from 1.30 pm (Year 1 - 6) / 2:00 pm (Preps). Please book your time slot by using the booking code at

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) Code: **2pa9w**

## FlexiSchools and the Bus

Please ensure you send us a FlexiSchools message on the day of your child's absence or non-use of the bus. You can cancel a period of time in one notification or have permanent days of non-use.

Please note that the buses cannot leave until every child on the list is accounted for. This is unfair for the other kids, parents waiting at bus stops and also for staff doing the buses as they have meetings to attend and preparation to do before they leave for the day - not to mention waiting in the weather for longer than necessary.

Repeated un-explained absences from the bus will result in your child losing their bus place.

Please choose the Bus field in FlexiSchools, as we will post bus information only to this field from this week onwards.

## Bus Zone

Please note the Bus Zone is not a general parking space - it must be free morning and afternoon for the arrival of the four buses.

## Car Park Safety

All school car parks are very busy places and ours is no exception. We rely on every driver to drive safely - slowly and courteously - to keep all of our children safe.

We ask that parents park so the children can get out of the car safely and without needing to rush. Please don't 'stop and drop' - it is not a safe practice.

Please remember our car park has one way traffic - we have one entry and one exit point (which are clearly marked). Please do not enter the car park closest to the side car park.

## Newsletters

Our Newsletters are sent out each fortnight through our FlexiSchools app and through Seesaw (school announcement section of your inbox). I include a FlexiSchools 'how to' page in this newsletter. At the start of each term, the teaching teams put together an overview page for the term's learning - it is with this newsletter.

Each fortnight, several classes prepare a page for the newsletter, showcasing what's happening in their classrooms. A paper copy of the newsletter is on display in the cabinet outside the Office each fortnight and is also saved to our website.

## Uniform

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the website for you to see, including photos of permitted uniform wear. I have also added the Uniform photo page to the newsletter for you.

### These items are not part of our uniform -

- navy windcheaters
- Windcheater zip-up jackets (with or without hoods)
- School dresses other than the EPS school dress
- Skirts of any kind (except the skirt part of the Winter pinafore) - only skorts can be worn
- 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 Wilson or me so that we can arrange a parent meeting.

### Some uniform items are only available through the EPS uniform shop:

- Exford PS school dress
- Exford PS school hat
- Exford PS bomber jacket
- Exford PS Library bag

The Exford PS uniform is a very attractive uniform with many options and we ask our families to ensure that the children are wearing our uniform with pride.

## Emergency Practice

We will have our first Emergency Practice in the coming weeks, having a practice evacuation drill. We will continue to practise a range of different scenarios throughout the year ... and hope we never have to do it for real!

We have begun our Reptile Drill training with our classes, refreshing information for our returning students and teaching new students. We will always advise you if we have needed to enact our Reptile Drill. If it turns out to be a false alarm (e.g. it was one of our Blue Tongued lizard family or it was a stick etc), we won't send out a message.

## Gotchas

As part of our school practice, we give the children 'Gotcha' tickets when we see them demonstrating our school values - Respect, Kindness and Personal Best.

The children each have a Gotchas savings bag as part of their class display and they put their Gotchas in their bags as they receive them. The Gotchas are redeemed at our frequent Gotcha stalls, and can redeem them frequently or they can save up for the bigger ticket items. Mr Campo's mum knits most of the toys (see the Gotcha Prize list later in this newsletter) - if we have any other talented people in our community who could help us knit them or sew the toys together, we'd love to hear from you!

Here are some of our kids and their Gotcha prizes from the final 2020 Gotcha Stall



Sophie and her sloth



Paige and her tiger cat



Emma and her flamingo



Ollie and his sloth



Rylan and his 3 sloths



Casie and her kitten



Mary and her elf



Caitlyn and her sloths



Cailin and her bunny



Mahayla and Daisy May

## Canteen

Our Canteen is open every day for lunches and over the counter sales at recess and lunch time. Lunches can be ordered via the app (see flier later in this newsletter) or via the traditional lunch bag and money in the classroom lunch order tub. On extreme weather days, we send the children to the Canteen in year levels so they are not out in the weather for too long.

## 2021 School Council

After our February School Council meeting, a number of parent and staff vacancies will become available. I will include more information in the newsletter on Thursday 18 February.

## 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.

## Parent Helpers - Working With Children's Checks

All Classroom Helpers require a Working With Children Check (volunteer status) when helping in Exford classrooms. We also ask you to complete a confidentiality agreement and a Child Safe Code of Conduct form.

At this stage, we are not able to have parent helpers in the classrooms, we will advise you when we are able to invite parent helpers.

## 2021 School term dates - please add to your calendars

2021 School terms at Exford PS	
<b>Term 1</b>	<p><b>Term 1 begins on Wednesday 27 January 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupil Free Day No 1 - Wednesday 27 January 2021</li> <li>Pupil Free Day No 2 - Thursday 28 January 2021</li> </ul> <p>(We are repeating our 2020 model, which provided our teaching teams with their planning time at the beginning of the school year prior to the children starting.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 1-6 students begin on Friday 29 January 2021</b></li> </ul> <p><u>2021 Prep assessment days</u> - Prep children attend by appointment to do the Prep assessment tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 29 January - Wednesday 3 February</li> </ul> <p><u>2021 Preps begin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 4 February 2021 -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 am start (so that their extended families <u>hopefully</u> can come and share in this special day)</li> <li>2:30 pm dismissal</li> </ul> </li> <li>Friday 5 February             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 am start</li> <li>2:30 pm dismissal</li> </ul> </li> <li>From Monday 8 February - Preps join other classes - 5 day weeks from 8:50 am -3:30 pm</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 8 March - Labour Day Public Holiday</li> <li><b>Pupil Free Day No 3 - Wednesday 10 March</b> - <i>Writing Focus (Presenter - Misty Adoniou)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Term 1 ends on Thursday 1 April 2021 at 2:30 pm</b></p> <p>(Friday 2 April - Good Friday Public Holiday (holidays))</p> <p><b><i>Term 1 Activities - Fri 29 Jan - Thurs 1 April</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 12 February - our Year Prep children will be presented at our Sharing Assembly - they will share their official 'Starting School at EPS' certificate!</li> <li>Monday 8 March - Labour Day Public Holiday</li> <li>Fridays (dates TBC) - Summer Sports for Year2 5-6 students</li> <li>Thursday 1 April - Easter Bonnet Parade - 9 am Assembly (children design and create their Easter Bonnets as part of their Homework tasks in the previous weeks)</li> </ul>
<b>Term 2</b>	<p><b>Term 2 begins on Monday 19 April 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday 25 April - ANZAC Day (no additional Public Holiday)</li> </ul> <p><b>Term 2 ends on Friday 25 June 2021 at 2:30 pm</b></p>
<b>Term 3</b>	<p><b>Term 3 begins on Monday 12 July 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 14 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</li> <li>Pupil Free Day No 4 TBC - in response to School Review</li> <li><b>Term 3 ends on Friday 17 September 2021 at 2:30 pm</b></li> </ul> <p>(Friday 24 September - Grand Final Public Holiday (in the holidays))</p>
<b>Term 4</b>	<p><b>Term 4 begins on Monday 4 October 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 2 November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday</li> </ul> <p><b>Term 4 ends on Friday 17 December 2021 at 1:30 pm</b></p>



## *Term 1 Specialist program*

Here is the Specialist program days for your information. Children need to bring their blue EPS Library bag and their Library book on their Library days.

- Please note the Language program will begin mid February when we select our new teacher (Mr Welshe has a 12 month position at Armstrong Creek school) - Mrs Lambouris (one of our regular replacement teachers) is taking his classes in the interim, and is continuing with our start of year activities.
- Ms Watt takes our Arts classes and Mr Young takes our Physical Education classes (Phys Ed)

Due to ongoing professional learning that our staff are engaged with in their planning meetings, we have an alternating Tuesday and Wednesday timetable. If you are not sure, please check with your child's teacher.

	The Arts with Ms Watt	Physical Education with Mr Young	Language Other than English with TBC
<b>Mondays (all Mondays)</b>	No classes today	Year Prep Smyth  Year 5-6 Mastrop	Year Prep Monagle  Year 1-2 Ambrose Year 1-2 Parker  Year 4-5 Mounsey
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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.**

### **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 2020 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
- TBC - 'A-thon' activity
- Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

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!!



**To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 1 January - 4 February 2021**

Ebadat, Sokaina, Roqia, Sam T, Thomas C, Joshua C, Waniya, Raisa, Annabel, Gabrielle K, Brydie, Logan, Indi D, Summer L, Jacob P, Makenna, Siri, Talisha, Amneet, Tanvi, Ned F, Koen G, Caleb S, Rableen K, Isabella G, Ollie M,



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.***

**Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!**

 **Ms Campo**

# 2021 First Week photos!

Happy kids back in the classroom





## Exford PS Uniform

**School Uniform is compulsory for all children at our school** and there is a range of clothing options for children to wear/ Please label **all** clothing - we recommend writing your child's name and surname (in large writing in black texta or permanent marker) on the inside of the collars rather than writing on the little tags

The EPS broad-brimmed hat (with EPS logo) is compulsory from September to April every year - during recess and lunch times and also during all outdoor activities.

All items purchased elsewhere need an iron-on logo applied to the left side. A reminder, however, that all items purchased elsewhere need to be identical in colour, fabric and style. Here are close-up photos of each of our uniform items.



Our **royal blue** school hat must be this size, colour and must have the white logo on the front.



The **sky-blue (pictured) or navy-blue** polo shirt is available in both short and long sleeves. Long sleeved tops cannot be worn under the short-sleeved polos.



Polo shirts purchased elsewhere need a **navy blue / white** logo.

There is also a plain sky-blue round neck short-sleeved t-shirt available to order. T- shirts purchased elsewhere need a **navy blue** logo.

The **navy-blue** polo shirt is available in both short and long sleeves. Long sleeved tops cannot be worn under the short-sleeved polos.

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The **royal blue** windcheater has a white logo.



The **royal blue** hooded windcheater has a white logo.



The **navy-blue** bomber jacket has a white logo.



Our school dress and **navy blue** pinafore. Navy or white coloured stockings can be worn with the school dress or the pinafore, but leggings cannot be worn.



The **navy-blue** track pants is also available in straight leg by order.

The **navy-blue** boot-leg pants - as pictured



The **navy blue** skorts are another option for the girls (not netball or any other kind of skirts).

Shorts, cargo shorts / pants can also be worn but must be **plain navy**, without any decals, stripes etc. A reminder that only leather school shoes, ankle boots or runners can be worn to school. Sandals, mid-calf / long boots or slip on shoes are not safe or supportive footwear for active kids.

**A copy of our Uniform Policy is also on our website if you would like more detail.**

**Only items which match our official Uniform can be worn.**



# 2021 Exford PS Gotcha Prize List

Students are awarded Gotchas when we catch them in the act of being great Exford kids and demonstrating our school values. Gotchas can be carried over from one year to the next (a voucher is exchanged for the left over Gotchas) and the child's Gotcha tally continues. No Gotchas are wasted at Exford! We hold 'Gotcha Stalls' several times a term for the children to redeem their Gotchas for prizes.

PRIZE	GOTCHAS										
Sticker	1										
Choose a book at story time	5										
Lunch with a friend	8										
Teacher's chair for a day	10										
Be the teacher for 10 mins	10										
Special lucky dips (seasonal and while stocks last)	15										
Lunch with a friend in another class	15										
Lunch with your choice of staff member	15										
15 minutes of Free time	15										
Lunch with Ms Campo or Mr Wilson	25										
Choose a class game	25										
Video game time (30 mins)	30										
30 minutes with Ms Campo or Mr Wilson or another member of staff - (for example, reading, knitting, making and flying kites, playing soccer (or other games), drawing etc)	50										
<b>MEGA Gotcha Award</b> - Students can choose from a range of group experiences including... <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Science/STEM</td><td>Cooking</td></tr> <tr> <td>Craft</td><td>Construction</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cards and board games</td><td>Take PE equipment home for the weekend</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mindfulness</td><td>Popcorn and the movies</td></tr> <tr> <td>3 D printing</td><td>Baking</td></tr> </table>	Science/STEM	Cooking	Craft	Construction	Cards and board games	Take PE equipment home for the weekend	Mindfulness	Popcorn and the movies	3 D printing	Baking	100
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<b>End of term Sandpit party</b> with Mr Wilson (capped at 5 students a term)	120										
<b>Seasonal Gotcha 'Auctions'</b> - e.g. Footy tickets, a special experience, meeting a special guest, sporting equipment or other rare items.	Auction										
<b>Knitted toy prize</b> - the student can choose the wool and it will be knitted specially for them with progress 'show and tells' along the way! The toys pictured are a sample of the range available - we're always adding new ones to the collection available.											

## Exford PS - Gotcha toys

100 Gotchas



Sloth



Daisy-May



Super Hero



Flamingo

## 150 Gotchas



Bunny



Bruno the Pug



Clown



Piglet



Smokey the Cat

## 200 Gotchas



Marshmallow  
Bunny



Cat



Elf



Alligator



Caterpillar



Dinosaur

## 250 Gotchas



Cat or Dog



Zebra or Giraffe



Octopus



Turtle

## 300 Gotchas

Teddy Bear Pattern 1



Unicorn

Teddy Bear Pattern 2



Tiger

Lilly Doll



Monkey

Panda Bear



Kitty Kat



Rose Fairy



Alpaca





## Using FlexiSchools - Exford's school app!!

Please come and see us if you need help with setting your FlexiSchools Account.

### How do I register for a Flexischools account?

You can register by following these steps:

- > Download the Flexischools App from the App Store or from Google Play and click "Like to register?" or click on the "Register Now" button below.
- > Submit your email address to create an account.
- > Go to your Inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools.
- > Click on the link provided (or copy and paste the link in a new internet browser window).
- > Follow the registration process, creating a password and completing your personal details.
- > Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App or click on "Log in".

How do I add a student to my account?



#### Flexischools App

Select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select "Student" and "Add a student", search for their school name, select their year level and class, enter their details and select the green "Save" button.

#### Mobile Device (not using Flexischools App)

Search for their school name, enter their details and select their year level and student class and select the green "Save" button.

#### Flexischools Website (Desktop Site)

Select "Log in", click "Add student", search for their school name, enter their details and select their year level and student class.





**Main Screen**  
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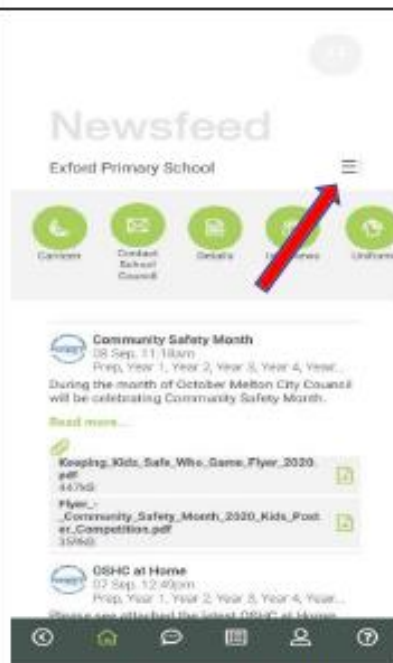


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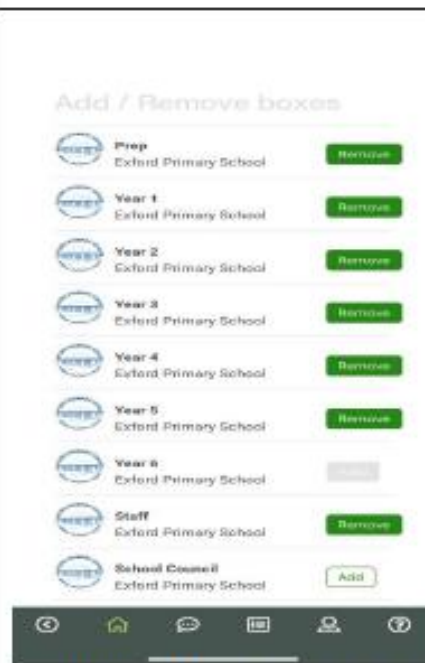


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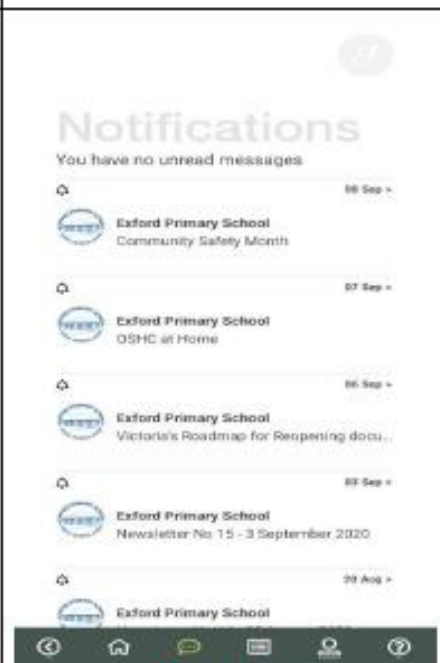
- Absence
- Eynesbury Bus
- Contact us



**Adding Year Levels:**  
Select the Menu Option



Add the relevant Year Level  
\*Be sure to update this yearly\*



Click here for Notifications

## Exford PS - Reptile Action Plan



As the weather warms up, we may find ourselves with unwelcome reptile visitors (blue tongue lizards or brown snakes). We re-visit our Snake Plan with the children regularly through Term 1 and Term 4, but it would be helpful if you could discuss it with your children at home.



The most important thing to do is to REMAIN CALM - usually the snake is just trying to cross the school property to get to the neighbouring paddocks.

We take preventative measures, such as making sure that the grass is always kept short, don't make stockpiles of stuff for snakes to hide under and don't do anything to encourage mice (snakes love mice!).

We talk with the children about being alert and observant during the Summer months and to report any sightings to the closest adult.

We also impress upon the children that snakes are not a joking matter and that we need to trust in anyone making a snake sighting report. Toy snakes are NOT to be brought to school under any circumstances.

### During Recess / Lunch time

The staff member on Yard Duty who sees a snake or is told there is a snake blows 3 long blows on the whistle (each staff member has their own whistle, plus there are spares in the Yard Duty bags taken outside). *The only time this whistle signal is used is to indicate there is a snake on the school grounds.*

Students are trained to stop and look and quietly walk to the stage / undercover area or to the oval, depending on where the snake has been sighted and wait for further instructions (initially staff on YD and then instructions via the PA /bullhorn about where the children need to move to).

A senior student is sent inside to get further adult support. Staff keep the students at a safe distance and staff also observe the snake's location from a safe distance until the arrival of the snake handler.

If students discover that they are very close to a snake, they need to stop and remain very still, but using their voice to alert others and then back away / move sideways and away in a slow and calm manner.

A Snake handler is called to remove the snake or to give the 'all clear'.

### During class time

If a reptile is sighted on the school grounds during class time, all students are asked to remain in their classrooms until it is safe (via PA system). Toilet / drink visits are only made in the company of an adult. If children think they have seen a reptile (e.g. when moving around the school grounds) they are to enter the closest classroom and calmly tell the teacher that they believe they have sighted a reptile. That adult rings the Office to have a warning issued via the PA system.

A Snake handler is called to remove the snake or to give the 'all clear'.

### First Aid

Our First Aid team have been trained in managing any potential bite.

### Communication

Parents are advised of snake visits via our 'FlexiSchools app, but no message is sent if our family of resident blue tongued lizards make an appearance. We often say it would be nice if we could spray-paint the lizards' tails, so we'd know the difference if we ever see a tail! **Unless we see legs, we assume it is a snake.**

Each year we have had sightings and with good safety training, have never had any 'close calls' - in fact students tell us how they have used their school reptile training when they encounter reptiles on weekends or after school.



For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

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#### Step 1 Download Qkr!

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#### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

#### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name

#### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 km's of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select  
'Add student profile'



Add each  
child's details



Manage each  
child's details in  
Student Profiles



## Purchase school items

Select a menu  
from our school



Select child  
you are  
ordering for



Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay



## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.

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- Sign up by completing the registration form
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- Activate your account and login to the website
- Add a student and nominate their school
- Order whenever you like

### How to order meals:

- 1 Select a student
- 2 Add items
- 3 Select date
- 4 Confirm

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Created by schools and parents, QuickCliq is your one-stop shop for everything your school and students need. What used to take hours to procure can now be done in one place, with a simple click of a button.

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#### Why is my school using an online ordering system?

It enables your school to be more efficient with various school purchases. QuickCliq offers a large range of services with one central support hub. We like to call it hassle-free shopping. You can now say goodbye to running from shop-to-shop to fill your school orders, and hello to getting the job done quickly and easily in one online store.

#### Is the website safe and secure?

QuickCliq is department of education approved and all your information is hosted in Australia. QuickCliq also has an SSL certification and is PCIDSS approved for secure financial transactions. This means that you can rest assured your information is protected.

#### How can I pay for my order or add credit to my account?

You can use Paypal or Credit Card for immediate payment. You can also use Direct Deposit, which is fee free.

#### What if I need help?

Just give us a call on 1300 11 66 37 from 7.30am Monday - Friday, or email us at [info@quickcliq.com.au](mailto:info@quickcliq.com.au)

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# PreSchool Dance



Ages 2-5  
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# Newsletter

**OSHClub**  
Outside School Hours Care



Some of the fun we had here at OSHClub on the holidays....



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

### Welcome to OSHClub 2021...

Welcome back to OSHClub 2021...

We hope everyone had a safe and happy time over the holidays! OSHC has had a few changes over the break! We have moved into our new room, luckily for us it's not too far from our old room! We are now located in Room 2, in Miss Monagle's old classroom. We are loving our new space, with plenty of room for activities and play spaces for our OSHC kids!

We also have some new staff! Maddy is our new coordinator, she's worked in OSHC for 4 years now and is loving being at Exford! We also have Kim, our new OSHC assistant. Kim has worked in OSHC for 7 years and is enjoying meeting all the new faces here at Exford Primary OSH.

We can't wait to see and meet all of our Exford OSHC children and families, including our new preps.

This week we have been focusing on getting to know one another, through games and activities that allow us to get to know the children in our care, particularly their interests, likes, dislikes, wants for the service and their needs.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Happy birthday to...!**

Layla [redacted] and Kian [redacted]



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