



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 2019 No.1 (Term 1, 2019) Thursday 31 January 2019

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire & Ben), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot 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
- Gymnastics Program - **starts Tuesday 5 Feb**
- Prep -2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription

Ms Campo's News...

What a lovely first day and week!

It was so good to have our kids back at school yesterday and to welcome all our new students and our new families.

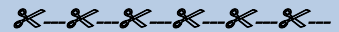
Mr Wilson and I visited all the classrooms throughout the morning and they were all beautifully settled in and enjoying being part of their new classes and getting to know each other. Our staff are so dedicated, they do so much preparation either at home or by coming in to school to prepare for the children's arrival. A huge thank you to our Office team who have been very busy over the past couple of days processing student payments, uniform orders and other payments.

Preps start - Monday 4 February 2019

Our Year 1-6 students started so well this week and we look forward to our Preps beginning on Monday morning.

Our Preps begin at 10 am and we ask our Prep families to delay their arrival to 9:30 am at the earliest. That way the car park can clear of regular morning traffic, to make space for the family members who will come to share in the very special first day of school experience. We will then come into the classrooms from 10 am and families are welcome to stay for a while before reassuring their little ones that they will be back at 2:30 pm. School days will be 8:50 am - 2:30 pm on Tuesday 5 Feb and from 8:50 am - 3:30 pm every day from Thursday 7 Feb onwards.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2019 Dates

Term 1

Monday 4 February

Year Prep students begin
10 am into classrooms (10 am - 2:30 pm)

Tuesday 5 February

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

Tuesday 5 February

Gymnastics program begins

Wednesday 30 Jan - Friday 1 Feb and Wednesday 6 Feb

Prep children learning assessments - only by appointment

From Thursday 7 February onwards

Year Prep students begin
8:50 am into classrooms (8:50 am - 3:30 pm)

Friday 15 February

9 am - PAHQ Music Recital - all welcome!

Tuesday 12 February

Parent Information Evening - 5:30 - 7:30 pm - BBQ tea for sale

Friday 8 March

Pupil Free Day No 2

Monday 11 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 2 April

Parent- Student-Teacher Conferences - Session 1

Thursday 4 April

Parent- Student-Teacher Conferences - Session 2

Friday 5 April

End of Term 1
2 pm - Assembly

2:30 pm - Dismissal
(Eynesbury Buses arriving from 2:30 pm)

Newsletters

Our Newsletters are sent out each fortnight through our FlexiBuzz app. I include a FlexiBuzz 'how to' page in this newsletter. **This is the only copy of the newsletter that will be printed.** The normal newsletter cycle will begin next week on Thursday 7 February and will be sent out through FlexiBuzz.

Gymnastics starts Tuesday 5 Feb

Each year, we purchase in a Gymnastics Program to supplement our Phys Ed program. There is a \$44.50 cost for this supplementary program, which builds each year on the previous year's learning.

This year's Gymnastics program, which happens in our Gallery space, begins on Tuesday 5 Feb and every class will have a 40 minute lesson each week for 8 weeks. Students not participating will remain with the class but will have something else to do.

FlexiBuzz and the Bus

Please ensure you send us a FlexiBuzz on the day of your child's absence or non-use of the bus.

This week, buses have been held up every day so far due to parents not informing us that they have collected their children already. I cannot let the buses leave until every child on the list is accounted for. When Bus 2 and Bus 4 leave late, it makes the return trip for Bus 1 and Bus 3 late as well. This is unfair for the other kids and also for staff doing the buses as they have meetings to attend and preparation to do before they leave for the day. Repeated un-explained absences from the bus will result in your child losing their bus place.

Mornings:

- Bus 1 and Bus 3 children are collected first round
- Bus 2 and Bus 4 children are collected second round

Afternoons:

- Bus 2 and Bus 4 children depart first round
- Bus 1 and Bus 3 children depart second round

Parent providing us with information about their child/ children not using the bus is critical in order for the buses to run on time. Yesterday, the second bus runs left 25 minutes late due to families not informing us about their children not using the bus - but that meant we had to make many phone calls to account for these children.

Important Term 1 dates

Term 1: Tuesday 29 January - Friday 5 April 2019

- Monday 4 February- Prep students begin
- Friday 9 February - Prep children are presented at our Sharing Assembly on Friday afternoon (3 pm) - they will share their official 'Starting School at EPS' certificate!
- Friday 8 March - Pupil Free Day No 2
- Monday 11 March - Labour Day Public Holiday

2019 Information Evening

We invite all our families to come to our annual Information Evening on Tuesday 12 February. We will hold information sessions for each team in the classrooms, repeating each session three times to account for our families. The teachers will be talking about the curriculum, Homework, take home Reading program, upcoming units of work, potential excursions and Camps.

We will also have a Fundraising BBQ for families to purchase their dinner and encourage our families to stay to play and meet other families. Our BBQ meals offer vegetarian and Halal options., just ask!

Emergency Practice

We will have our first Emergency Practice tomorrow, having a mock 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!

Uniform

Our School Uniform Policy 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.

These items are not part of our uniform - navy windcheaters, windcheater zip-up 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 me so that we can arrange a parent meeting.

Canteen

Our new Canteen company began yesterday and the interim menu is in place until they finish adding to it. The company have informed me that they have a contract with another online ordering company and will provide these details shortly.

Please contact Ultimate Schools if you have family credit you would like refunded. These are the details from their website.

Head Office: 1/18 Glenville Drive, Melton 3337

Phone: 03 9020 1473

Email: info@ultimateschools.com.au

Post: PO Box 624 Melton

Using FlexiBuzz - Exford's school app!!

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

STEP 1 – Download FlexiBuzz 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

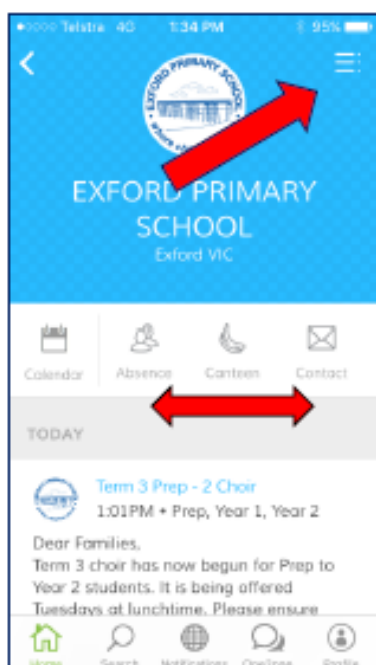


Diagram 2

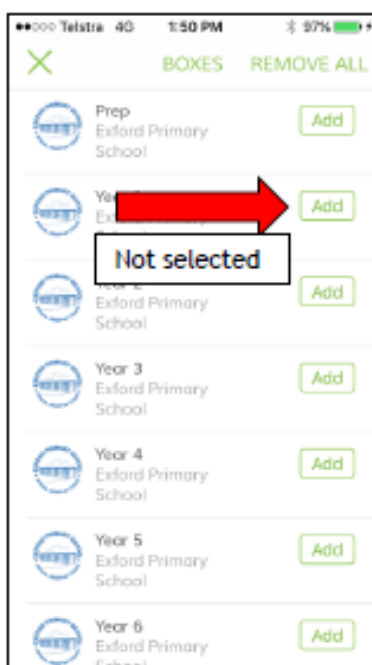
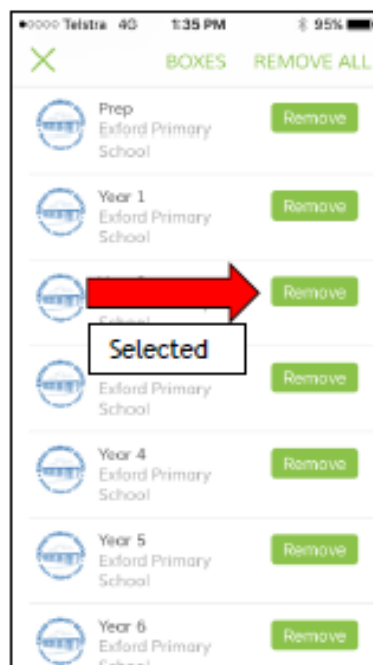


Diagram 3





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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 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

