

Exford Primary School

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Ms Campo's News....

Welcome to the 2023 school year!

Term 1, here we come! We hope that all our families have had a lovely festive season and have celebrated with family and friends. Here's hoping that 2023 is a very settled year for us all. We wish all our 2022 Year 6 kids and those moving to new areas and schools all the best.

To our children beginning or returning to Exford for 2023, we will see you all very soon!

2023 School Dates - We provided this information through our newsletter and our 2023 Prep Transition sessions last year – here it is again for your information.

2023 Term 1 dates - Friday 27 January - Thursday 6 April (11 week term)

Week 1	Friday 27 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2022 Term 1 begins for all staffSchool Office open for businessPupil Free Day No 1 for students
Week 2	Monday 30 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pupil Free Day No 2 for students
	Tuesday 31 Jan – Friday 3 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 1-6 students begin (4 day week this week)4 days of 2023 Prep assessments - Prep children attend by appointment3:10 pm Friday - 2023 new students presented at our Friday Assembly
Week 3	Monday 6 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2023 Preps begin – 10 am – 2:30 pm (families are welcome to come from 9:30 am for a play and to take family photos in the school grounds) – we will open the side gate at 9:30 am for you.
	Tuesday 7 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2023 Preps begin full time
	Friday 10 February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2023 Preps presented to our community at Assembly @ 3 pm
Week 8	Wed 15 – Mon 27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2023 NAPLAN period for our Year 3 and 5 students
	Friday 31 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Photos Day
Week 11	Thursday 6 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of Term 1 2023 – 2:30 pm Dismissal

Coming up

- Tuesday 31 January – 2023 Year 1-6 students begin school
- Tuesday 31 January – Friday 3 February – 2023 Prep learning assessment appointments – please check your child's Seesaw for the appointment reminder.
- Monday 6 February – 2023 Prep children begin school

Due to the Office

- Tuesday 31 January – family information forms (given out in 2022) – if not yet returned

Book Pack orders due

- Friday 3 February – Book Pack orders (round 2) due – please order on line – will be delivered in the coming weeks
 - Book Pack lists posted again to Seesaw

*At Exford these qualities are really important:
and it's up to all of us to show them every day in everything
we say and everything we do!*



RESPECT



KINDNESS



PERSONAL BEST

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Arriving and leaving school

At 8:50 am each morning, a member of staff (usually Mr Wilson or me) will open the gates on the side of the oval from the side car park. Families are welcome to come into the school with their children. We ask that little ones (Prep – Year 2 children) are walked into the school by a family member to ensure their safety. Students (and families) then make their way to the Assembly area and line up with their class group and teacher before moving into the classroom.

At 3:25 pm each afternoon, a member of staff (usually Mr Wilson) will open the gates on the side of the oval from the side car park for our families to enter the school grounds. At 3:28 pm each afternoon, our staff will bring the children out to the oval for their families to collect them. We ask that little ones (Prep – Year 2 children) are collected by a family member to ensure their safety.

Please note that afternoon supervision finishes at 3:40 pm, and Mr Wilson will bring any children not yet collected to the Office. Please note that staff have after school commitments most afternoons, so we ask that families are prompt in collecting their children so that staff are not late to their meetings.

2023 Prep children

From Tuesday 31 January – Friday 3 February, the Prep children will come to school for an hour for us to complete their assessment tasks, so our teachers have a clear understanding of their pre-literacy and numeracy learning needs in order to inform their class program. We have posted a reminder of your appointment time to your child's Seesaw journal.

Our Prep children will start school on Monday 6 February at 10 am. We welcome families to come from 9:30 am in order to take photos with family members in the school grounds (including our special Mosaic Wall, located on the side of the Admin building.)

We will move into the classrooms from 10 am and families can join us in the classroom to help settle the children. Once they are settled, we ask families to reassure their little ones that they will be back after lunch to collect them and to leave the classroom (after one last hug!) The Prep children will finish at 2:30 pm on Monday only and we will bring them to the oval and open the gates for families.

From Tuesday 7 February, the Prep children will attend 8:50 am – 3:30 pm, along with all the other children.

2023 – Reminders

2023 Book Packs

- 2023 Book Packs ordered by Tuesday 20 December will be delivered on Friday 27 / Monday 30 January
- 2023 Book Packs ordered by **Friday 3 February** will be delivered mid February
 - We will provide the children with a work book until their Book Pack arrives
- Families who have sourced their own Book Pack supplies, would you send them all with your child on Tuesday 31 January (for Year 1-6 children) or Monday 6 February (for Prep children)

A reminder that we won't have a Canteen in 2023.

- Children need to bring their fruit break (for Munch and Crunch at 10 am), a healthy morning tea and a healthy lunch.
- All children need to bring their named water bottle every day. We ask that our families think about healthy food options for the children, best for young brains and bodies!
- If your child has forgotten their food, we will call you and ask you to bring food supplies for them.
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2023 dates to remember

Term 1

Tuesday 31 January

- Year 1-6 students begin Term 1

Tuesday 31 January – Friday 3 February

- Prep students have their appointment to do the learning assessment tasks

Friday 3 February

- 3:10 pm – Assembly
- Present new EPS students at Assembly

Monday 6 February

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

Tuesday 7 February

- 8:50 am – 3:30 pm school day for all students (Year Prep – Year 6)

Friday 10 February

- 9:10 am – School Council Finance Mtg No 1

Wednesday 15 February

- 5:30 pm – School Council Mtg No 1 (in the Staffroom)

Tuesday 28 February

- MPSSA Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 March

- Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 10 March

- MPSSA Summer Lightning Cup (Year 5-6 students)

Monday 13 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 15 March

- NAPLAN testing begins for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Friday 31 March

- SCHOOL PHOTOS Day

Thursday 6 April

- 9 am – Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly
- 2:30 pm Dismissal – end of Term 1

Monday 10 - Friday 21 April

- Term 1 School Holidays

Monday 24 April

- Pupil Free Day No 3 – staff only

Tuesday 24 April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no school)

Wednesday 26 April

- Term 2 begins for our students

2023 – Reminders (continued)

Sun Smart

- All children need to wear the Exford PS broad-brimmed sunhat (only available at school) when outside at recess, lunch, PE lessons etc from September to April each year.

As we say, 'No Hat means No Play (in the sun).'

2023 Teaching staff

Our staff and classrooms are getting ready for the children's return. Our teachers and ES staff will working together to prepare the classrooms so that they are looking inviting for the children to begin the 2023 school year.

Teaching Teams	Teachers	Location	Our ES Team
Prep Team	• Prep Akamatis – Ms Christina Akamatis	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 2	Mrs Michelle Cassar Mrs Nicole Clare Ms Joanne Comer Mrs Sharyn Farrar Mrs Susanne Greenslade Ms Bernice Hudson Ms Seemab Javed Ms Jagdeep Kaur Ms Kathryn Killeen Mrs Rachel MacLeod Ms Hayley Rundell Mrs Kim Scalzo Mrs Lisa Van Gemert Ms Susan Villari Mrs Loren Ward
	• Prep Smyth – Ms Hannah Smyth	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 4	
Year 1-2 Team	• Year 1-2 Ambrose – Mrs Karen Ambrose	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 6	
	• Year 1-2 Roe – Mrs Simone Roe	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 5	
	• Year 1-2 Romanski – Ms Lisa Romanski	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 8	
	• Year 1-2 Talevski – Ms Rebeka Talevski	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 7	
Year 3-4 Team	• Year 3-4 – Ms Rhiannon Jones	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 3	
	• Year 3-4 Micallef – Mrs Alyssa Micallef	Gallery Building – Classroom 8	
	• Year 3-4 Monagle – Ms Kellie Monagle	Junior Learning Building - Classroom 1	
Year 5-6 Team	• Year 5-6 Fyfe – Ms Rachel Fyfe	Gallery Building – Classroom 7	
	• Year 5-6 Higgins – Ms Melissa Higgins	Gallery Building – Classroom 6	
	• Year 5-6 Mounsey – Mr Blake Mounsey	Gallery Building – Classroom 9	
Specialist Team	• The Arts and Tutoring – Ms Zaffie Mastrop	Art room (old Admin Building)	
	• French (LOTE) – Monsieur Aziz Mouhamad	Front Mod 5 classroom	
	• Phys Ed – Mr Jordan Patty	Oval / Basketball courts	
	• Science – Mr Jordan Patty and Mr Craig Wilson	Front Mod 5 classroom	
	• Ms Meg Gleeson		
	• Returning in Term 4 – Tutoring - Ms Katherine Anderson		

We say farewell to Mr Damian Major who will be moving interstate – Friday 27 January will be his last day at Exford.

We are looking forward to seeing our children begin and return to school. To our children moving on to secondary school and new schools (for children who have moved) – GOOD LUCK!

The start of school will be here before you know it!

Ms Campo 😊