

Exford Primary School

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Ms Campo's News....

And there goes Term 2!

Isn't it incredible to think that half the 2022 school year is now almost behind us? It has been so lovely to have the children at school every day (barring absences) and helping them to return to their normal school routines. Our student have all had the chance to go on an excursion – our Year Preps and Year 1-2s went to Werribee Zoo, our Year 3-4s went to Science Works and our Year 5-6s went to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference and have had a Swimming Program. Our planning for the 2022 School Camps is well underway – our Preps will have a day Camp at school (stay tuned), our Year 1s will have their after school and evening activity (stay tuned), our Year 2s are going to Lady Northcote Camp in September, Year 3-4s are going to their Campaspe Downs Camp in August and our Year 5-6s are going to Lorne early in Term 4. We are planning a Swimming program for our Year 1-2s and Year 3-4s, using the DET swimming \$ that were not able to be used over the past two years.

In the two terms we have been at school, our number one priority was to shield our classrooms and our Tutor program from the impact of there being no casual relief staff to cover absences. Our Exford staff have been amazingly flexible as our planning and organisation needed to change on a daily basis to manage teacher and ES absences. Keeping our classrooms as stable and consistent as humanly possible was our priority and I really need to acknowledge how united and focused are staff are on supporting our kids.

I also want to thank our parents for their understanding and support when classes have needed to be divided across the cohort (e.g. our Year 1-2s had a regular class split destination, so even though they were in another class, it was the same class they were going to, following the team's planning) or they had one of our other staff take the class for one or more days.

Tomorrow is the end of Term 2 and we will have our end of term Assembly at 2:10 pm and the children will be dismissed (and buses depart) at 2:30 pm.

Happy holidays, everyone! 😊

Coming up

- Monday 20 – Friday 24 June – Term 3 Planning Week – the children will have one of our specialist teachers for the day
 - Thursday 23 – Year 5-6 Team
 - Friday 24 – Ms Watt, Mr Patty, Ms Anderson, Ms Littlewood and Mr Jenner
- Friday 24 June – end of Term 2 - 2:30 pm Dismissal
- Monday 11 July - Pupil Free Day (no students)**
- Tuesday 12 July - Term 3 begins for the students

*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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Moving Day delayed

(Repeated message from FlexiSchools and Seesaw)

Unfortunately, after such a smooth construction period, our final handover has been delayed by two weeks. There has been an unforeseen delay with the final commissioning of some of the essential services that we've constructed as part of the Stage 1 works.

After consultation with the Victorian Schools Building Authority, our builders and our Architects, we think it is better to delay so that we will have a smooth transition to the new Admin and Junior Learning Building for our kids and staff.

After discussion with our School Council President and Vice School Council President, we will defer the Pupil Free Day (which we plan to use to unpack everything) from Monday 11 July to Monday 25 July, with Day 1 in the JLB occurring on Tuesday 26 July. I will speak with our OSH Club team to ask them to reschedule the Pupil Free Day to Monday 25 July.

I believe Steve McGhie, our local Member of Parliament, will now come out on Tuesday 26, and the VSBA have advised me that the Photo permission form that we have already sent home will suffice for Tuesday 26 July.

We have rescheduled the removalists and they will begin moving our Admin from Friday 22 July and then work through the weekend.

We will have a Staff meeting this afternoon to work out what we need, given mostly everything is packed!

Whilst we are all feeling disappointed, it's a tiny hiccup in the total rebuild of our school. I have run an Assembly this afternoon with our kids and reiterated and modelled that coping with disappointment is part of life - if moving in two weeks later than planned is the worst thing that happens today, life is good!

I hope you enjoyed looking at the video I posted of the JLB classroom in Seesaw yesterday – it's looking fabulous!

Staff News

Ms Gashi, who was returning to Exford for three days a week from Term 3, has been offered a position at Melton Secondary College's CALM program where she is currently, and she has accepted the offer. We wish her all the best with her continuing role.

I am working on a replacement teacher for our Arts program. Ms Bramich, our new CRT will take two of the three days of the program.

Ms Watt and Mrs Szelest return for the first week of Term 3 and then begin their maternity leave. We look forward to meeting their little ones sometime next term!

Traffic

Thank you all for your considerable patience with the traffic situation caused by the concurrent works scheduled near our school. I believe the Melton Council roadworks will be completed by July 6, so tomorrow is the last day of the stop-go traffic on Exford hill. We will only need to contend with the traffic situation in front of the school. I'm sure that's a great relief for everyone to hear. 🙏

Mobile Phones

We have had a rise in the number of children bringing mobile phones to school over the past few weeks. A reminder that according to the Department's Mobile Phone Policy, mobile phones (or any 'smart' devices) cannot be brought to school without prior consultation with and approval from the Principal. You can find the school's Mobile Phone Policy on our school website at [2021 EPS - Mobile Phones Policy \(Student Use\) – Exford Primary School \(exfordps.vic.edu.au\)](https://www.exfordps.vic.edu.au/2021-EPS-Mobile-Phones-Policy-Student-Use)

Dates to Remember 2022

Term 2

Friday 24 June

- End of Term 2
 - 2:10 pm – Assembly
 - 2.30 pm dismissal (and bus departures)

Term 3

Monday 11 July

- Term 2 commences for staff and students @ 8:50 am

Monday 25 July

- Pupil Free Day No 4 – getting our new classrooms ready!

Tuesday 26 July

- Day 1 in our new Admin and Junior Learning Building

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 August

- Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs Camp

Friday 2 September

- Year 1-2 Excursion to Sovereign Hill (notes coming out soon)

Tuesday 13 to Wednesday 14 September

- Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

Term 4

Monday 3 October

- Term 4 commences for students and staff

Monday 3 – Friday 7 October

- Swimming Program for Year 3-4 students

Tuesday 1 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 7 – Friday 11 November

- Swimming Program for Year 1-2 students

Tuesday 13 December

- 2023 Step Up Day

Wednesday 14 December

- Exford Christmas Concert (we hope!)

Thursday 15 December

- Year 6 Graduation Evening

Tuesday 20 December

- Term 4 ends

Fundraising

Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics and iPads.

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 3 – Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



Our 2022 target is...

\$5,000 - \$10,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$2137.50

Victorian **premiers'** **reading** **challenge**

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Exford Primary School is excited to be participating.

The PRC includes the following features:

- Access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- A modern user-friendly interface
- Rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- The option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

For more information

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

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 and 2021.

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.

CAUTION - 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 – all student absences must be explained in writing.

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthday 10 June - 30 June

Seerat, Racheal, Sam, Ryan, Chloe. M, Zayaan, Mia. A, Tatham, Mia. M, Lily, Aleesha, Eddie, Ryder, Chloe. C, Ruby-Rose, Adelina and Arnavnoor.

We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and (individually wrapped store-bought) birthday treats 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.



Student of the week



Week 7

Week 8

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Adelina	<i>Personal Best</i>	Saraiya	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year Prep Smyth	Kyle	<i>Respect</i>	Hana	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Tyler	<i>Personal Best</i>	Ella	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Vanellope	<i>Kindness</i>	Dawood	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Talisha	<i>Kindness</i>	Minnie	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Ameliah	<i>Personal Best</i>	Aydin	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Japreet	<i>Personal Best</i>	Lani	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Candice	<i>Respect</i>	Rodney	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Gabrielle	<i>Respect</i>	Aarish	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Blake	<i>Personal Best</i>	Julius	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Anmolreet	<i>Respect</i>	Max	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Ryan	<i>Personal Best</i>	Raisa	<i>Personal Best</i>
The Arts	Nate	<i>Respect</i>	Savana	<i>Kindness</i>
Physical Education	Rylan	<i>Respect</i>	Arbab	<i>Respect</i>
French	Leroy	<i>Personal Best</i>	Waniya	<i>Kindness</i>
OSH Club	Kaiden	<i>Personal Best</i>	Axel	<i>Respect</i>

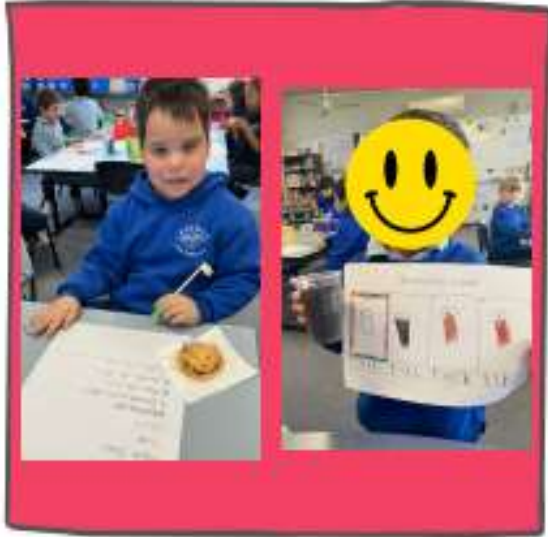
**Congratulations to the following students who received
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 7 & 8**

Writing in

PREP SMYTH

In Prep Smyth we have been busy following and writing procedures. We have had so much fun during our Writing time. Look at some of the cool and yummy things we have made.





STEM IN 5/6B

This week in 5/6B we have been exploring the topics of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Using balsa wood and masking tape students were set the task of building the strongest bridge possible. We started the design process, researching possible solutions before launching ourselves into prototype/construction mode. The bridges had to span 60cm across 2 chairs, wide enough for 2 lanes of traffic (toy cars of course). Our bridges were tested under the duress of DICTIONARIES! It was a fantastic time had by all with some great collaboration skills on display!





Coming Up

Jun
24

Last Day of Term 2

This term will end on Friday 24 June. Exford OSHClub will be running an early school finish session today.

Jun
27

Vacation Care Begins

Exford OSHCLUB will be running care between Monday 27 June - Friday 8 July.

Jul
11

Pupil Free Day

Exford Primary have a Pupil Free day this day. Exford OSHClub will be running a whole day program.

Special Announcements

VACATION CARE BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN!

This upcoming holiday period is approaching. Please book in to ensure that you do not receive additional fees for late bookings (5 days notice of the session is required.)

Please see attached the holiday program on the next page.

Check out Tait's coral reef he made out of cardboard. We think it's super cool!



What's been happening...

This fortnight at OSHC we have been enjoying playing sports such as Footy and Soccer. Daniel has been coaching some of the younger children and it's been a blast!



While indoors, the children have been engaged in more sensory activities, we made some Playdough at the beginning of last week, the children have enjoyed making cool sculptures throughout the week with it.



The children are super excited for the school holidays and we can't wait to see everyone. Thank you for an awesome Term 2!



IMPORTANT DATES THESE HOLIDAYS:

- Tuesday 28 June is our Incursion Bugs Alive \$19
- Thursday 30 June is our excursion to MELBOURNE ZOO - \$28
- Tuesday 5 of July is our excursion to Zone Watergardens \$45
- Thursday 7 of July is our Incursion Bop Til You Drop Disco \$19

Please note the listed prices will be on top of the daily fee for a session of care.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING:

- A water bottle
- Enough food for breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.
- A hat.
- Closed toed shoes.

Please do not bring foods with nuts or eggs as we have children with severe allergies to these foods.

Please do not allow the children to bring any electronics, such as phones to the program.



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Monday, 27th June to Friday, 05th July 2022

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

Monday 27 June

SPACE CAPS

IN-SERVICE

Houston, we have a problem! Let's get ready to launch and see how close we can get to the stars!

Enjoy yummy astronaut smoothies, create astronaut helmets, UFO flying contest and bottle rocket experiment.



Tuesday 28 June

IT'S A BUGS LIFE

INCURSION - BUGS ALIVE

Today we bring out the microscope to investigate all things bugs, arachnids and insects. What will you discover?



Wednesday 29 June

AROUND THE WORLD

IN-SERVICE

The world is a big place. Become an explorer today as we explore the world and learn about many different cultures. Where will our passports take us?

Chinese chopstick challenge, Eggart for Murray river, England for high tea and Greece to dance the Zorba!



Thursday 30 June

ZOOLOGISTS IN THE MAKING

INCURSION - MELBOURNE ZOO

Go on an adventure with us as we get up close and personal with the animals at the Melbourne Zoo today!



Friday 01 July

PJS AND PJ DAY

IN-SERVICE

Want to stay in your PJs? Well, there is no need to get dressed today! Keep your PJs on and we will treat you to a delicious pie!

Create DIY eye masks, compete in an epic sleeping bag challenge. Get ready for PJ theme night!



Monday 04 July

ECO WARRIORS

IN-SERVICE

Calling all Eco Warriors, we need you! Let's go on a nature Scavenger Hunt! Decorate and plant mini planter pots and make a wiggly worm puppet!



Tuesday 05 July

STRIVE IT LUCKY

INCURSION - ZONE BOWLING AND LASER TAG WATERGARDENS

Challenge your friends as we head to Zone Bowling for a game of ten pin bowling and laser tag. Please ensure you are wearing socks and enclosed shoes. Let's roll, bowl and tag! Game on!



Wednesday 06 July

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

IN-SERVICE

Santa gets bored in July, so he has asked to visit OSHC. Look forward to everything Christmassy and get that warm and fuzzy feeling.

Join our elves as we create the biggest gingerbread house, along with a handful of Christmas games.



Thursday 07 July

DISCO FEVER

INCURSION - BOP TIL YOU DROP DISCO

Get your dancing shoes on and get your best singing voice ready for today's disco party! Today we will sing and dance along to some of your favourite disco tunes! Do you have the disco moves? It's time for some disco fever with your friends!



Friday 08 July

FANTASTIC PHYLANES

IN-SERVICE

It's all about your little fingers and toes today as we upskill your challenges!

Make clay snakes, create matchstick constructions and home beads. Check your balance in our obstacle course.



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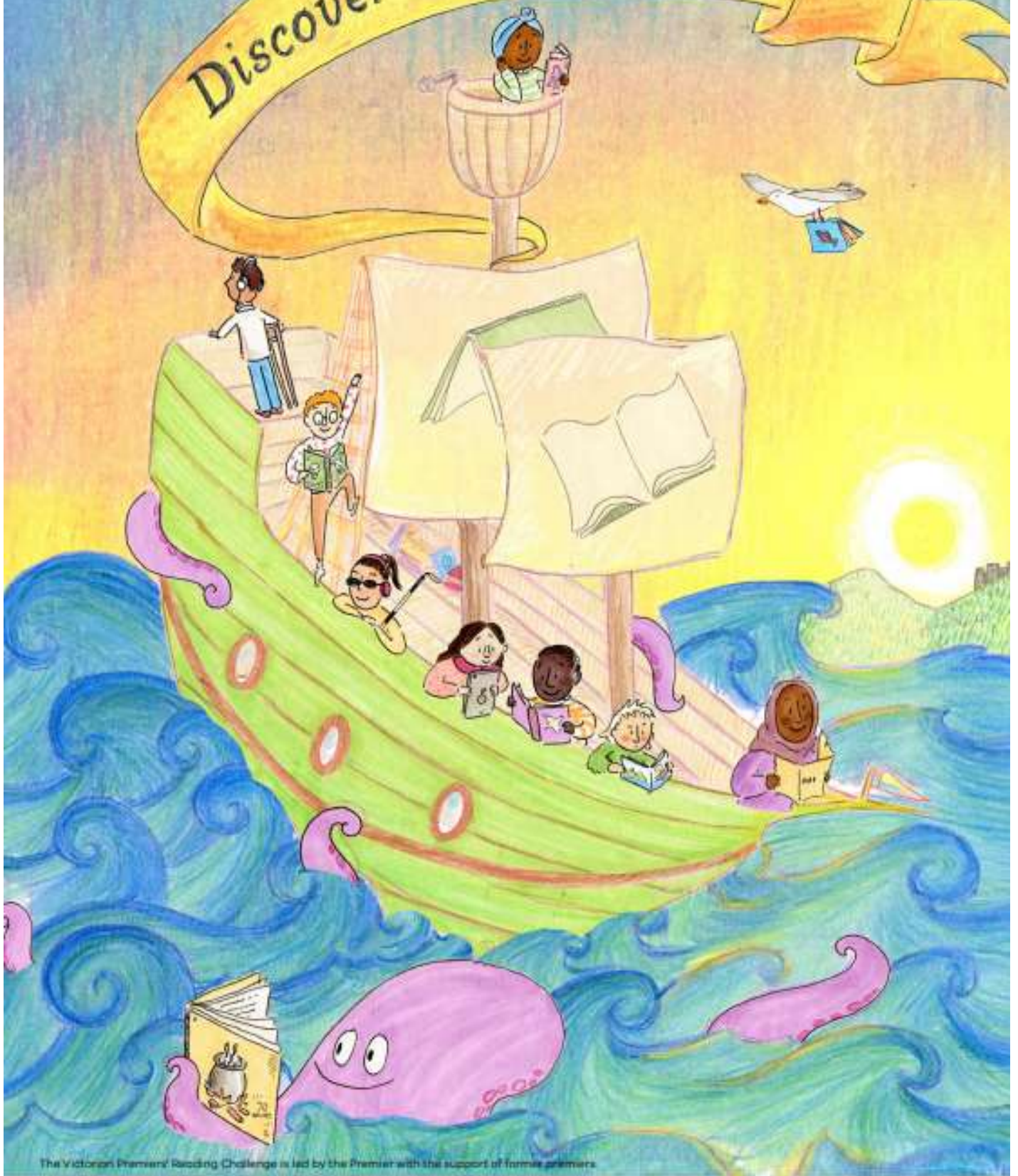
Daily prices \$35.00 | Excursions and excursions are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.

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