

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 11 – Term 3, 2022

Thursday 14 July 2022



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Ms Campo's News....

We're nearly there!



We are so close to moving into our new buildings, the removalists start on Thursday 21 July and it's all systems go from there! Our precious Mosaic Wall is now finished off and is in Pride of Place on the side of the new Office foyer. Here's a photo of Ms Littlewood dancing for joy in one of our new classrooms yesterday!



The Greater Western Water works should be completely finished by Wednesday 20 July and then we are looking for Melton Council to re-grade the car park and finish it off with compacted crushed rock.

A reminder that our Pupil Free Day was postponed until Monday 25 July, and we will spend that day unpacking all the boxes and setting our new Admin and Junior Learning Buildings up, ready for the children to move in on Tuesday 26 July. Whilst there is no school for the children on this day OSH Club will offer a day care program.

Stage One Opening Ceremony

Our Stage One buildings will be officially opened on Tuesday 9 August by Steve McGhie, our local Member of Parliament. Our School Captains and Student Ambassadors have been planning the Ceremony with me and we'd love all our families to come and take part.

We are seeking guidance about when our families can tour the new buildings for themselves, we know you will love to see them in actuality!

Coming up

- Monday 25 July – Pupil Free Day No 4

Due to the Office

- Friday 15 July - Year 2 Lady Northcote: non-refundable deposit due \$75
- Friday 22 July – Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs: 1st Instalment due \$110
- 2023 Enrolment forms – for 2023 Preps and other year levels**

*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

Take Home Reading

Now that we are back at school, it is really important that all our children get back into the habit of reading every single night. Reading nightly builds children's reading stamina, exposes them to new vocabulary, new ways of expressing thoughts and ideas, awakens curiosity and thought and also broadens their knowledge of the world in which they live. Being exposed to great literature also impacts on students' ability to write using richer vocabulary and expression.

I was visiting with Year 3-4 Gundry and they were writing 'Concrete Poems' where their choice of words fill a shape – Addison's poem about a shark filled the shape of a shark and Noah M wrote the first of his series of novels about his character. I also spent time with Year 5-6 Talevski where they were writing about drought –

- Ryan B-P - 'Dry, drier than dust'
- Shazain - 'Creatures thin to the bone'
- Raisa - 'I shudder thinking of our future. The dry, crusty land'
- Charlie - 'Not a cloud in the sky as the dead land runs dry. Still no water to use but many fires to defuse.'
- Jeremy - 'Smoke filling the evening sky, smoke blinding everyone's eyes. We run outside to see the wall of fire and flames, a blazing ball.'

Reading is part of Homework for all year levels and is a critical support for children's literacy development. We ask our parents to support their children's reading by listening to them read or talking about what they have to assist them with comprehension.

Gotcha prize winners

Children from Mrs Ambrose's Year 1-2 class were excited to see the progress on their Gotcha toys. Thanks as always to Val, Mr Campo's mum, for helping me with the creation of the knitted toys.



Tatham has ordered the Super Hero.



Seana ordered the Daisy-May doll.



Lakotah ordered the sloth.

Gotcha toys presented late last term.



Adele chose Smokey the cat as her Gotcha prize.



Ruby-Rose chose the piglet.



Ryan chose Smokey the cat and Bruno the pug.

We have set ourselves another target and we are aiming to redeem 3000 Gotchas by the end of Term 3 for a whole-school reward.

2022 Dates to Remember

Term 3

Monday 25 July

- Pupil Free Day No 4 – OSH Club program available

Friday 5 August

- Prep celebrate **100 Days of School!**

Tuesday 9 August

- Steve McGhie visits to officially open Stage One – special Assembly – all invited!

Monday 15 August

- Year 5-6 Life Education Puberty session
- Father's Day gift ordering opens in QKR

Wednesday 17 August

- Year 3-6 MPSSA Athletics Day

Friday 19 August

- Book Week activities

Wednesday 24 to Friday 26 August

- Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs Camp

Monday 29 August

- Father's Day Stall

Friday 2 September

- Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Sunday 4 September

- Father's Day

Monday 5 and Thursday 8 September

- Parent Student Teacher Conferences – Session 1 and 2

Tuesday 6 September

- MPSSA Basketball Clinic

Tuesday 13 to Wednesday 14 September

- Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

Friday 16 September

- Last Day of Term 3
 - 2.10 pm – Assembly
 - 2.30 pm - Dismissal

Term 4

Monday 3 October

- Term 4 commences for students and staff

Tuesday 1 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 13 December

- 2023 Step Up Day

Wednesday 14 December

- Exford Christmas Concert (we hope!)

Thursday 15 December

- Year 6 Graduation Evening

Staffing News

Ms Anderson is still unwell, but hopes to return later next week or the week after. Our Tutor program in Reading will then resume with the children who began with Ms Anderson in Term 2.

We farewell Ms Gashi who now has a permanent transfer to the CALM program at Melton Secondary College. We also farewell Ms Watt and Mrs Szelest who begin their maternity leave as they both await the births of their second child each. We also welcome Ms Bramich who will provide our Arts program for our Year Prep – Year 4 students. Ms Littlewood will take on our Arts program for the Year 5-6 students.

Birthday visitors

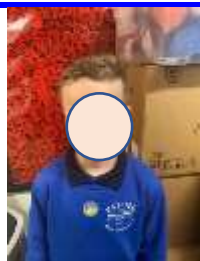
It was lovely to have lots of visits from students who have had their birthday – whether their birthdays happened this week or over the holidays, it was great to sing them 'Happy Birthday' and to give them their birthday stickers.



Sienna



Layla



Lincoln



Sach



Aleesha



Aritrika

Having fun at lunch times

It was great to see our kids enjoying their play times together – from playing on the playground equipment, to playing footy or soccer or enjoying Knitting Club (or one of our other Clubs).



Abani and Rableen waiting for the flying fox.



Lucas...just hanging around!



Marli and Amber enjoying each other's company.



Jaskirat, Charnjot and Tanya sitting on the roller.



I had some lovely letters today from Minnie, Emity, Harper and Natalia.



Marlee and Ameliah have joined Knitting Club.



Welcome back to Aviraj and he has also joined his friends at Knitting Club.

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
 - 2 gifts ordering through QKR from Monday 15 - Wednesday 24 August (no cash sales)
 - Father's Day Stall on Monday 29 August
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



Our 2022 target is...
\$5,000 - \$10,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$2,137.50

Victorian premier's 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

Specialist Timetable

CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)
Prep Micallef	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
Prep Smyth	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Monday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 1-2 Higgins	Tuesday	Monday	Monday
Year 1-2 Monagle	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Roe	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Fyfe	Monday	Monday	Tuesday
Year 3-4 Gundry	Monday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Tekin	Monday	Monday	Monday
Year 5-6 Mounsey	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 5-6 Mastrop	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5-6 Talevski	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday

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 1 - 14 July

Kyle, Aritrika, Aryan, Layla, Charlotte, Lincoln, Sienna.B, Elissia and Sach.

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 9

	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Willow	<i>Kindness</i>
Year Prep Smyth	Nate	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Annabel	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Jordan	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Shanveer	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Bailey	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Zarwa	<i>Respect</i>
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Mohammad	<i>Respect</i>
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Harry	<i>Respect</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Adele	<i>Respect</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Maci-Leigh	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Elodie	<i>Personal Best</i>
The Arts	Dawood	<i>Personal Best</i>
Physical Education	Gurnaaz	<i>Personal Best</i>
French	Ariah	<i>Personal Best</i>
OSH Club	Blake	<i>Respect</i>

**Congratulations to the following students who received
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 9**



Wellbeing in 3/4G

OUR GROWTH MINDSET

Keeping positive, believing in our own abilities, and trying in our learning is a focus in our classroom.

Mindful colouring using positive phrases to support positive learning is available after our learning tasks are completed. Our positivity is on display in our classroom!

"Trying your hardest is important in friendship, in playing, in learning and to be kind"- Rodney



"If you are kind you can be nice to others and make them feel kind"- Jacob

"Let your light shine means to be happy with yourself and just be yourself."- Candy



"Mistakes do help me to learn. I get lots of new information!"-Addisson

"Never stop trying is important because we should never give up, we should keep on going to try our very best!"- Amber



Writing in 5/6 MASTROP



Towards the end of Term 2, the Year 5 and 6s worked on writing procedural texts. Each student wrote up a recipe of their favourite foods - we now have a collection of delicious recipes to try! Within our writing, our aim was to include new vocabulary and adverbs so our recipes could be as descriptive as possible.

To celebrate our hard work, we followed a procedure to make some mini pizzas on the last day of Term. Yum!!

Writing in 5/6 MASTROP

Here are some of our amazing recipes

Lachi's Crazy Delicious Mini Chocolate Filled Donuts

Written by: Lachlan I

Aim:

To make the worlds best donuts to ever EXIST!

Ingredients:

- 1 package active dry yeast, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 cup warm water (40° degrees to 46° degrees), 3 1/2 all-purpose flour, 1/2 cup warm milk (40° degrees to 46° degrees), 1 egg, 1 egg yolk, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 3 tablespoons butter or pareve margarine-cup up and softened, cooking oil for deep frying, 1/3 cup sugar, Any chocolatey spread or melted chocolate

Method:

1. Grab a small bowl and place it on the table, then grab your dry yeast and open the packet, pick up the yeast and place it inside the bowl. Grab your whisker and start whisking the yeast, then add 1 tablespoon of sugar and place it in the bowl with the whisked yeast. Keep whisking whilst you grab a cup of warm water and carefully pour it into the bowl, with the yeast keep whisking until yeast has dissolved. Leave it on bench for 10 mins.
2. Open your cupboard and grab your food processor then place it on the table. Grab the flour, milk, egg, egg yolk, salt, yeast mixture and the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar, then carefully place and/or pour ingredients into the food processor. Process until combined. Add butter then cover and process again until combined (dough should be sticky).
3. Remove dough and place it in a lightly greased bowl. Cover the top and place it in the refrigerator overnight for 8 to 12 hours for it to chill.
4. Get some flour and sprinkle it on your smooth and clean bench. Grab your dough out of the fridge and place it on your floured surface and roll dough until it is 12-inches thick. With your hands flatten dough then use 4cm round dough cutter and cut as many slices as you can, then grab a square pan and grab a baking sheet. Lightly dust baking sheet with flour. Place and arrange your dough on the baking sheet in the pan. Cover top and place in oven at 176° for 30 mins, or until it has doubled in size. Grab it out the oven and place on bench.
5. Grab a saucepan and make sure the oil is 2 inches deep at 185° for 2 to 3 mins and carefully place donuts in saucepan (make sure it's golden brown and 2 to 3 at a time). Whilst it's frying grab a bowl, place 1/3 cup of sugar and place in bowl then let it set aside.
6. Grab some paper towels and place the donuts there, while the donuts are dry and warm dip them each into the bowl of sugar and place on plate. Using a syringe place the chocolatey spread or melted chocolate in syringe and squeeze the syringe in each and every donut 3 times so each one is filled with chocolate. Now enjoy all your DONUTS!!

White chocolate cookies!

Written by: Rhianna-May

Aim: To make some delicious white chocolate cookies follow this recipe!

Ingredients:

- unsalted butter at room temperature (two sticks one cup)
- Granulated sugar two hundred grams one cup
- light brown sugar 200g 1 cup
- Two large eggs
- pure vanilla essence two teaspoons
- All - purpose flour 3 cups
- baking soda 1 teaspoon
- cornstarch 2 teaspoons
- Salt
- 1 and a half cups white Choc chips lose, white chocolate callets

MATERIALS

- spoon
- bowl
- hand held mixer
- oven

Method:

1: Like most recipe start by preheating your oven to 180 degrees. you could line a baking sheet with parchment paper, or not line the sheet at all, but i find that the best cookies are baked on a split pat liner. in a medium size bowl, gently whisk together the flour, baking soda, cornstarch and salt.

2 : You can prepare the butter-sugar mixture with a wooden spoon and some elbow grease or a large bowl with a handheld mixture or the preferred choice in the bowl of an electric mixer (either method will work).Combine the butter and sugars for 2-3 minutes. You want the mixture to be light and fluffy.

3 : Stir in the vanilla an an egg. Mix for a minute. Add the last egg and mix again for another minute. You want the mixture fully combined and light and fluffy. Gently fold in the dry ingredients, gently stir in the chocolate chips. Scoop 1 tablespoon size cookies onto the sheet. You can use a medium cookie scoop to help ensure more even sized cookies.

4 : Bake for 11-13 minutes. You want the cookies to be lightly golden brown and to look just set. Let the cookies cool for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack. While the cookies are cooling, they will continue to cook, so make sure you take them out when they are lightly brown so they don't burn.

5 : Wait until cooled to serve. Enjoy!

To make the most delicious Chinese honey chicken as a dinner for family and friends.

Ingredients:

- Garlic/2 Tblsp
- Water/1 Tblsp
- Sesame seeds/2 Tblsp
- Chicken thighs/1 Kg
- Chicken broth/1/2 Tblsp
- Brown sugar/1/4 cup
- Soy sauce/2 Tblsp
- Honey/2 Tblsp
- Nutmeg Orange/1/4 Tblsp
- Herb/1 Tblsp
- Sweet chilli/2 Tblsp
- Ginger/3 Tblsp

Method:

1. In a large bowl gently place 1 kg of chicken things.
2. Add 1/2 cup of soy sauce(Make sure you are gently placing it in).
3. Then pour 1/4 cup of brown sugar.
4. Slowly add 3 tablespoons of peeled and finely chopped fresh ginger.
5. Next add 1 tablespoon of garlic, 2 Tablespoons of toasted sesame oil.
6. Then mix gently until it looks red (make sure you wash your hands properly after).
7. In another bowl add 3 tablespoons of chicken broth.
8. After pour 2 tablespoons of honey.
9. Next add the sauce into the marinated chicken and with a mixing spoon, mix the Ingredients together.
10. Add the chicken into the pan with 1/2 cup of oil.(Make sure you're very careful when you add the oil in).
11. Serve with rice or noodles and enjoy with family and friends!.

Delicious Gulab Jamun

Written by: Arbab Chowdhury

Aim: Make the best Gulab Jamun in the world!

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup (100 grams) milk powder
- 1/2 cup (60 grams) plain flour
- 1/2 Tsp baking powder
- 2 Tbsp clarified butter
- Milk (for kneading)
- Oil (for frying)

For sugar syrup:

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups water
- 2 cardamom
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp rose water

Method:

1. First in a big bowl take 3/4 cup milk powder, 1/2 cup plain flour and 1/2 tsp baking powder & carefully mix it.
2. Now slowly add 2 tbsp clarified butter and carefully mix it making the flour moist.
3. Add milk as it is required to start combining.
4. Carefully combine, forming a soft dough. DO NOT! Knead.
5. Cover and rest for 10 minutes.
6. While it's resting, prepare sugar syrup by taking 2 cups sugar, 2 cups water and 2 cardamom.
7. Slowly mix and boil for 5 minutes or when the syrup becomes sticky. DO NOT attain any string consistency.
8. Turn off the flame and add 1 tsp lemon juice and 1 tsp rose water.
9. Cover and keep the syrup aside.
10. After 10 minutes of resting the dough, start to carefully prepare small ball sized jamuns (you can make it any size you want).
11. Make sure there are no cracks. If there are then they will break, whilst frying.
12. Deep fry in medium hot oil or clarified butter.
13. Stir continuously, and fry on low flame until it turns golden brown.
14. Drain off and transfer the jamuns into hot sugar syrup.
15. Cover and rest for 2 hours or until the jamuns doubles in size.

2022 - Exford PS's Term 3 Lunch Time Clubs for our Kids - Monday 11 July 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:30 - 2 pm	 Knitting Club with Ms Campo (not on CC Mondays)	 Yr 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Yr 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 
		 Yr Prep -2 Lego Club With Ms Higgins in her classroom	 Origami Club - Year 3-6 kids with Mrs Roe in her classroom	 Prep - 2 Story Club with Ms Smyth in the Library	 Origami Club - Year 3-6 kids with Mrs Roe in her classroom
2 - 2:30 pm	 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic Club With Mr Patty in the Gallery	 Arts Club with Ms Bramich in the Art room	 Year 3-6 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic with Mr Mounsey in the Gallery	 Yr Prep-2 Lego Club With Ms Higgins in her classroom	 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic Club with Mr Patty in the Gallery
	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Bramich in the Art room	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	
	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Mastrop in the PE room	 Board Games Club - BYO & school games with Ms Talevski in the PE room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Mastrop in the PE room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Talevski in the PE room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Mastrop in the PE room
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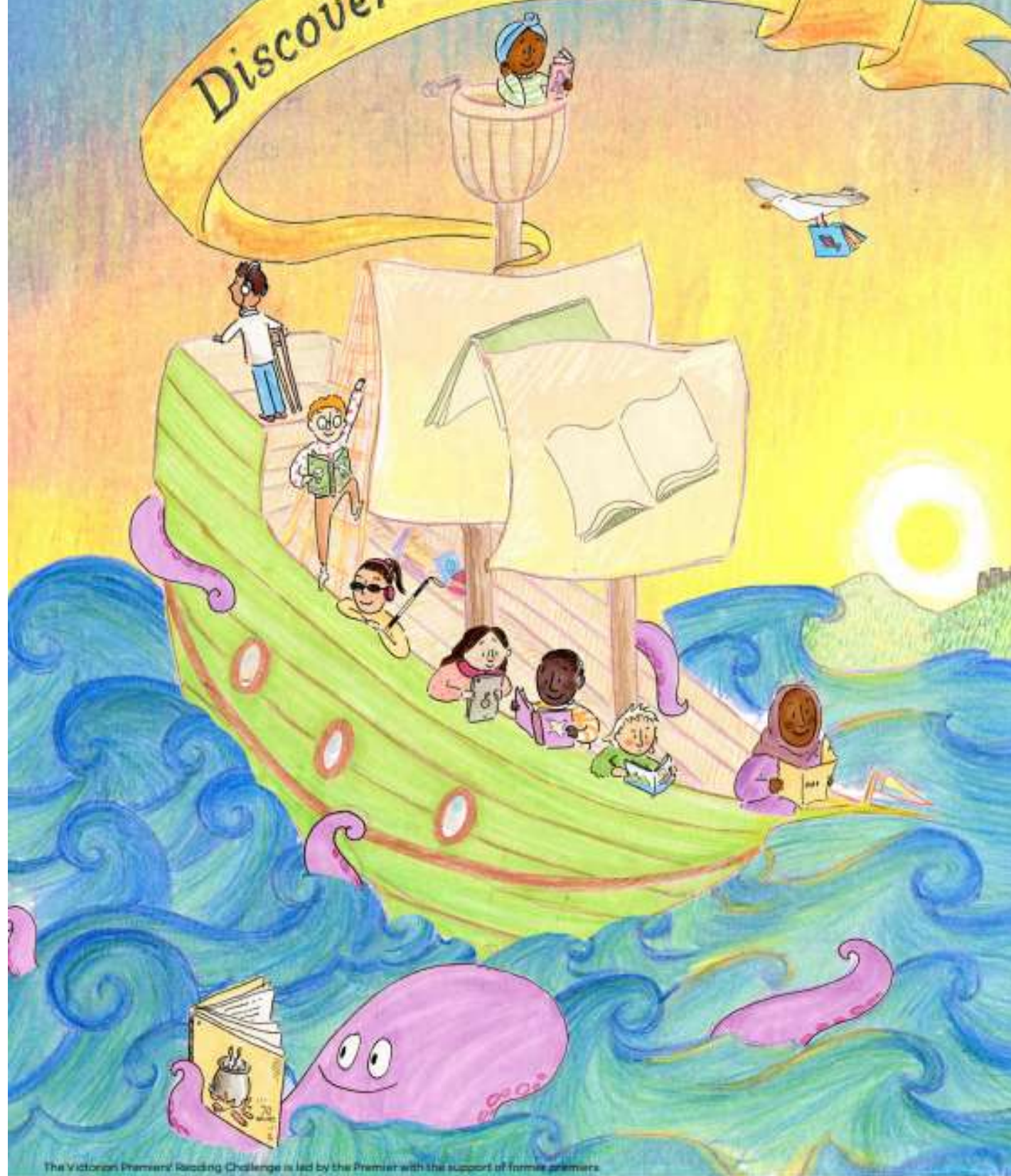
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Coming Up

Jul
25

Pupil Free Day

Today Exford OSHClub will be running a full day of care to coincide with the Pupil Free Day at Exford Primary School

Aug
01

Mini Roo's Football Clinic

Today we begin our 4 weekly incursions with Football Australia

Sep
16

Last Day of Term

Exford OSHClub will be running an early finish today!

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope everyone that was able to had a relaxing holiday over the vacation care period. We have some exciting activities coming up in the new term that are sure to provide something for everyone.

As we are coming into a new term, can you please take some time to update your bookings via the parent portal (<https://parentlogin.oshclub.com.au/>). This will allow educators to quickly identify who is in attendance at OSHC and to help your families to avoid additional fees.

Mini Roo's Football Clinic

Ready to become a Soccer Star?

Come join us as we engage in fun and exciting soccer activities. Focusing on learning new skills, being active and making life-long friends. On the last week you will have the opportunity to show off your new and improved skills when we take on our friends in a super soccer slam down!

This term at OSHClub we will be offering the children the chance to participate in a soccer incursion. Football Australia will be joining us on Mondays beginning August 1 and it will run for 4 weeks.

*There is no additional cost to participate



Excursions

Melbourne Zoo

During Week 1 of the holidays we went on an excursion to Melbourne Zoo. The group was able to split into 2 to allow for better engagement with the animal exhibits. The children enjoyed seeing the reptile house, elephants and meerkats in particular. The group joined up at lunch break to chat about their experiences so far. By the end of the excursion everyone was ready to leave and rest their feet from exploring all day.



Zone Watergardens

On the second week of holidays, we went to Zone Watergardens where the children had a chance to play a game of bowling and Laser Tag. The children tried their best to knock the pins down. Some of the children used ramps to help them score in bowling while others had educators assist them. The children showed great patience and encouragement while waiting for their turn. During Laser Tag, the children enjoyed when their vests lit up in different colours to identify which teams they were in. The Laser Tag game was able to give the children a chance to develop team skills and work co-operatively together.

Incursions

Bugs Alive!

This week we had visitors from Bugs Alive. They brought with them some special visitors for the children to discover and observe. The children learnt how to use a microscope to get a closer look at the bugs. Even though some of the bugs were scary, the children enjoyed the experience.



Bop Till You Drop Disco!

A dance instructor visited the school to encourage the children to participate in some singing and dancing games. The children took turns belting out their favorite tunes with a microphone and busted out their best moves on the dance floor!

