



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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You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Emma (Ella & Maddie), Laura (Olivar & Ruby), Mark (Harriet), Michael (Eamonn), Naomi (Kallan & Ashlyn), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Harry)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki

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

Ms Campo's News...

Return to Remote Learning

Term 3 has seen us return to Remote Learning, with the majority of our students working from home.

For the students and staff attending school, our revised Return to School Plan is in place until we are advised by the Department that it is no longer needed. Face masks must be worn by every adult coming onto the EPS school grounds.

A reminder to us all, please do not send unwell children to school - if they are sniffly, have a sore throat or are coughing, please keep the children at home until they have recovered. Equally, staff who don't feel well are also asked to stay home.

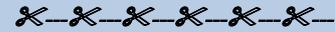
Our detailed Exford PS Return to School Plan aims to people safe from community transmission of Covid-19 and encourages all adults to continue to practise social distancing.



Student Absences

We ask parents to use the Absence forms through our FlexiSchools app to inform the Office about student absences. Equally, if children who are booked to come to school are going to a) work from home or b) be absent - parents need to advise us through FlexiSchools.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2020 Dates

STAGGERED ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES CONTINUE

8:50 am / 3:20 pm - Year Prep-2 children (and any Year 3-6 siblings)

9 am / 3:30 pm - Year 3-6 children (with no Year Prep-2 siblings)

Term 3 2020

Monday 13 July 2020

Term 3 begins for students and staff

Welcome back to Ms Kappler

Monday 20 July 2020

Remote Learning begins again

Friday 24 July 2020

Year 3-4 PYJAMA DAY!

Farewell to Mrs Szelest as she begins her maternity leave

Wednesday 29 July 2020

Our 2020 Prep students have their '100 Days of School' Celebration

Wednesday 19 August 2020

6:30 pm - School Council

Tuesday 16 September 2020

School Photos

Friday 18 September 2020

Term 3 ends for students

Remote Learning 2.0

These times are certainly worrying and challenging and they will affect us all differently - we understand that managing working from home and supporting your children's learning and everything else families need to do is a big ask of everyone!

Here's a few links for you:

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au>
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

As requested during our last Remote Learning

We have launched into using new technologies and recording videos and video-conferencing to support the children in their Remote Learning. Our families and staff are letting each other into each other's homes and we ask that we all recognise each other's privacy.

No digital image of any student or staff member may be copied, reproduced or shared on social media.

WebEx

We are using WebEx with all classes during Remote Learning 2.0 - with classes having learning time, small group work, story time, catch-ups, games and other fun activities together.

Return to School Plan

Until further notice, we continue to ask parents to:

- Not visit the Office or the classrooms
- Not come early / stay late for a play
- Not congregate or linger on the school grounds or around the school gates
- Follow the bollards in place to direct pedestrian traffic
- Use FlexiSchools and or Seesaw to contact staff
- Phone the school with any queries / request a call back
- Make any payments electronically

As always, if you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher.

Welcome

Welcome to Ms Alanna Kappler who will be the teacher for Prep Szelest, now that Mrs Szelest will commence her maternity leave tomorrow (she has worked an additional week to have a handover with Ms Kappler).

FlexiSchools

FlexiSchools is now operating and it is the app we use to send out information to our families.

2021 Enrolment Tours

We are developing a virtual school tour to put on our school website and to use with our 2021 Enrolment Tours. We will Enrolment Tours via WebEx until further notice.

Existing families who wish to enrol other children for 2021 are welcome to contact the Office and we'll send home enrolment forms for you.

As outlined in earlier newsletters, students who live in Eynesbury are able to remain at Exford PS and their younger siblings may also enrol. The Eynesbury Bus service will continue until the 2020 Preps have finished Year 6. The Bus service will continue to be free of charge for currently enrolled students, however, younger siblings who begin from 2021 would have a cost associated with bus travel.

We ask families to communicate with us when they have decided about remaining at Exford PS, or transferring to Eynesbury Station PS (interim name) once your decision has been made.

We will support the transfer of the children's electronic enrolment files for those who will move to ES PS when their enrolment system opens.

The opening of ES PS may have an effect on our school's enrolments and, subsequently, our staffing requirements and so we ask you to communicate your decision with us so that we can begin our 2021 planning accurately.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 2 - 22 July 2020

Ella K, Zane A, Aritrika, Jesse W, Nathaniel H, Aryan, Jonah, Charlotte Da, Charlotte L, Elissia, Sachkirat, Chloe-Louise, Izayahh, Ziyah, Nicholas, Anrolreet D, Thomas K, Rommy and Olivia M



Happy Birthday to you!!
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear kids,
Happy Birthday to you!

I am slowly catching up with the children who had their birthdays during the holidays and the start of Remote Learning period to give them a birthday shout-out.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo