



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: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jacki (Claire), Jenny (Aimee), Katy (Adele & Hamish), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

EPS Community: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr King and Mr Parker

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

Ms Campo's News...

Our Oval...isn't it fabulous!

Thank you to the families who were able to join us for our 'Round the World' Walkathon, Oval Opening Ceremony and World Principal Day celebrations. It was a lovely day to formally open our oval and to see the kids enjoying its use. See the photo page later in this newsletter.

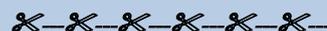
Parent Opinion Survey

As they do every year, the Department of Education puts out a Parent Opinion Survey to provide parents with an opportunity to provide feedback about their children's school. This year, DET has introduced it as an online survey and individual links were sent out to the parents randomly selected by our Cases 21 Admin program. The Parent Opinion Survey is open for parents to complete between Monday 7 August and Sunday 27 August. If you have been chosen, we'd really love for you to complete the survey for us.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

Term 3 PST Conferences are not far away - the dates are Tuesday 29 August from 3:50 pm and Wednesday 30 August from 2 - 5 pm. Appointments are now available for classroom and specialist teachers. Given the introduction of Seesaw, appointments will return to 10 minute time slots. Please see the bookings information page

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2017 Dates

Term 3 Dates

Week of Monday 21 August

It's BOOK WEEK!

Wednesday 23 August

Year 5-6 classes - visiting Author

Friday 25 August

9 am - BOOK WEEK Dress-up Parade - all our families are welcome

10 - 11 am - Book Week activities

Tuesday 29 August

Parent Student Teacher Conferences
3:50 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 30 August

10 am - 1 pm - Year 5/6 excursion to Staughton College for their production

Parent Student Teacher Conferences
2 - 5 pm

Monday 4 - Tuesday 5 September

Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 Sept

Year 3 Phillip Island Camp

Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 Sept

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Red Food Day
4:30 pm - 2018 Open Afternoon
6:30 pm - School Council Meeting

Friday 22 Sept

Footy Colours Day
End of Term 3 - 2:30 pm Dismissal

My Return to Work

It was lovely to return to school this week and to start to find my feet. I would like to acknowledge our great school team, under the leadership of Mr Bright and Mr King, in keeping the 'Exford Ship' on a steady and safe course in my absence!

This week I have been permitted to do 4 hour days, which will increase to 5 hour days next week, 5.5 hour days the week after ...etc. I apologise if I'm not always going to be available if you call the school to chat to me or to arrange a meeting. Until I'm back to full time, you can always ask to speak to Mr King, your child's class teacher, our Office team or you can use the Flexibuzz 'Contact the Principal' tab and include your phone number and I'm happy to give you a call.

Leadership at Exford

Mr King has been selected to fill Mr Bright's vacancy until the end of term. We are now selecting an internal replacement to fill Mr King's Leading Teacher position and this teacher will be replaced until the end of term.

Our Assistant Principal position has now been advertised on the Department's Recruitment website and the selection process will take approximately a month to complete.

Planning for next year

At this stage of the year, schools begin their next year's planning in earnest. We start looking at the student numbers and communicating with the Department about the facilities we believe we will need.

If your child will not be at Exford next year, would you please contact Ms Campo at the school or through the Principal link on FlexiBuzz.

If you know of a family who are intending to enrol but haven't yet, could you encourage them to do so.

2018 Enrolment Forms

Thank you to the families who have returned their enrolment forms for little ones beginning at school next year... **If you are yet to return your child's forms, we would appreciate them ASAP.**

PTV Bus Service

Mrs Kun will be sending home Eynesbury Bus notes for 2018 so that we can get a sense of student numbers. A reminder that PTV provide two buses and it is the school's choice and time investment to have the buses do a double run to provide a bus service for up to 228 children (whilst being under no obligation to do so).

If you are not currently using the Eynesbury bus this year, but plan to next year, could you collect the bus form from Mrs Kun so your children can be included in the count. I plan to begin negotiating with Public Transport Victoria by September 11 - so please have your forms back to us ASAP!

Working With Children Check

The recent changes to the Working With Children Act endorses our current school practice, which was discussed again at our School Council meeting last night.

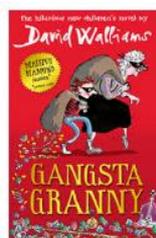
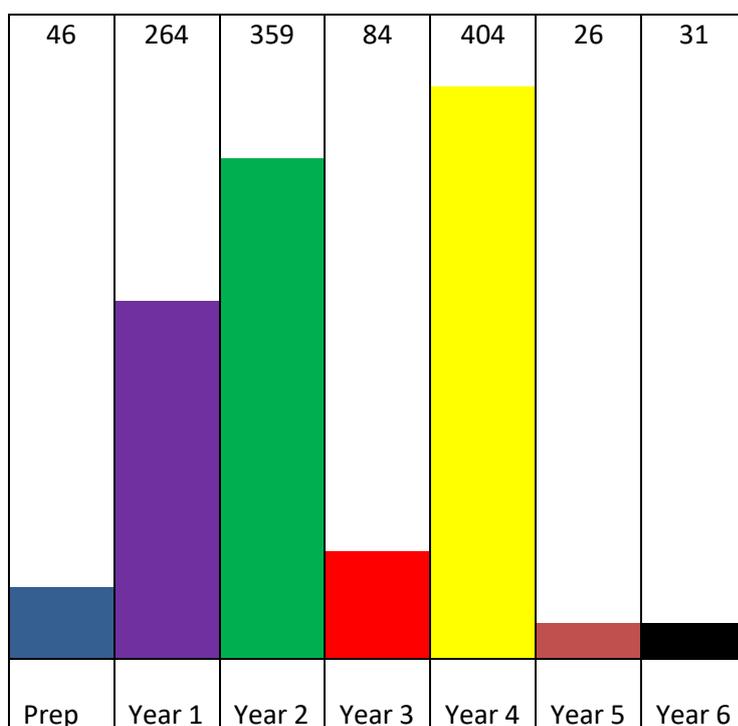
All volunteers at Exford PS, whether they are parents or family members of the students or the staff, are required to hold a current WWCC and have nominated Exford PS with the Department of Justice as a place where they volunteer. We need a colour copy of your WWCC and Exford Helpers also need to sign the Exford Child Safe declaration and also our Confidentiality agreement.

Our Passtab sign in system has been updated by the provider to ask for your WWCC registration number when you sign into the school as a Volunteer, so you will need to have your card with you to enter the number.

The story so far.....

Premier Reading Challenge August 2017

The number of books read per year level



Exford Primary School's Favourite book is 'Gangsta Granny' by David Williams which the students gave a star rating of 5 out of 5.

What is your next favourite book to read for the challenge?

We have less than one month to go...!

See your classroom teacher or Mrs Roe if you need help to log on your books or visit the Library at lunchtime.

Book Week Celebrations

Every year, we join in the celebrations for Book Week. We have a dress-up day where children can dress up as a favourite character or book theme, holding a Parade on the morning of the day. Our Book Week Parade will be on Friday 25 August at 9 am and all our families are welcome to join us and of course, little brothers and sisters can join in the dress-up festivities.

The children will visit other classes on Friday morning to take part in some Book Week activities with another teacher.

Year 2 Northcote Camp

A reminder that the Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp paperwork was due back to school today - please make sure you have returned the permission, medical and dietary forms. The balance of Camp payments is due on Thursday 24 August by 4 pm.

Year 3 and 4 Phillip Island Camps

The paperwork for the Year 3 and the Year 4 Phillip Island Camps will be out shortly.

Shout outs

To Sophie in Year 1/2 Roe for being very brave and helping in a situation at home.

Sophie was dressed in her Superhero outfit by our senior students in recognition of her bravery.



Lucky Oscar in Year 3 got to run out with the Bulldogs last Friday night!

From our students (continued)

Karate Tournament!

On the weekend of the 4th, 5th and 6th of August, I went up to the Gold Coast for the Karate WORLD Championships.

I competed on the Saturday: I had 26 girls in my division and we were split over two rings. First I competed in Kata and the top 3 from my ring merged with the top 3 from the 2nd ring which made the final 6. I had to do Kata 5 times and I came second, receiving a Silver Medal.

In Sparring I went out in the 2nd round. Isabella D, Jaxon D and Bevan also competed, it was a great achievement for us to represent Australia in the World Championships and a great experience.

By Charley Year 6 OMG



Exford PS - PST Conferences

Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 August 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 August 2017, ALL parents and guardians are invited to come to the school to discuss the progress of their child/ren with the classroom teacher/s.

Our students will present samples of their own work, describe their learning and discuss their learning goals. With our introduction of Seesaw across the school, you have the ongoing opportunity to see the work done in class so far this year and to share in the day's activities.

During the Parent Student Teacher Conference, you can discuss your child's progress and their learning targets and how you can continue to support your child at home.

Interviews with specialist teachers will be available as well - Mrs Quayle (The Arts), Ms Kappler (Health and Physical Education) and Mr Welshe (Auslan).

To allow adequate time for all parents to see the teachers, Conferences will run for 10 minutes for each child.

- Tuesday 29 August - interviews will be from 3:50 - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 30 August - interviews will be from 2 - 5 pm (Specialist teachers from 3:50 pm)

Students are encouraged to be part of the Parent Student Teacher Conferences. On the Wednesday, students are collected by their parents to join in with the Parent Student Teacher Conferences and can remain at school until the usual 3.30 pm dismissal time or can be signed out at the conclusion of the Parent Student Teacher Conference and taken home on Wednesday.

Children whose interview time is later in the evening need to be collected at 3:30 pm as usual. All interview times will be available online through the booking system. Simply follow the prompts on the back of this note. If you have any questions please contact the office.

You can now book interviews at times for Parent Student Teacher Conference

GO DIRECTLY TO THE LINK

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book>

Enter event code – tnuq2

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Email confirmation for your interview time!

When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and **change your interviews** - until bookings close.

Attendance ... Every Day Counts

Did you know that:

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.

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 (3+ days) 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.

Fundraising News



Our 2017 target is...

\$18,000 - \$25,000.

Our Tally so far... **\$13,461.57!!**

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.

Tony's Pies

Thank you to all our families who supported our Tony's Pie's Fundraising effort. The pies were delivered yesterday and we hope our families enjoy having some healthy and easy meals stashed away in the freezer!

This activity raised \$1,706.00 for our school fundraising total.

Walkathon

At this Friday's Assembly, the prizes for our Walkathon will be presented - prizes for the biggest fundraisers, for the dress-ups and the raffle drawer for all children who return their sponsorship. This is one of our big fundraising events and so we hope you and your family networks are able to support it generously. Every single dollar raised by our fundraising efforts goes into resources for the students (e.g. the bank of MacBooks which were purchased last term, the ongoing iPad leases and including the 50 new iPads leased in Term 2).

At this stage, the tally of funds raised is \$7,000 (there's a little bit more to count) - well done to our community!

Father's Day Stall

Our Father's Day Stall event will be on Thursday 31 August and the children will be able to purchase from a range of goods.

More information will be sent home shortly. If you are able to help with the Father's Day Stall, we'd love to hear from you.

Volunteering

A reminder that parents / family members must have provided the school with their Working With Children Check. This is a Department of Education and an Exford PS requirement.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert will be held on Wednesday 20 December. This is our major and final event for the year and we need lots of helpers.

Can you help in any of these ways?

- Source / provide donation of goods to go into our selection of prizes for the Christmas Raffle
- Help with the BBQs - cooking, serving, shopping
- Costume / stage props making (see your child's class teacher)

To all the parents who have helped with our two fundraising events this term, thank you! Whether you helped to tally the Tony's Pies orders, or get them ready for collection, chopped up fruit for the kids at the Walkathon, marked the kids' lap tally cards, barracked enthusiastically... thank you! Everything we do is for our kids and you make it easier to achieve!

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthdays
from 5 - 17 August



Ridley, Olivia H, Will, Tamasha, Connor
O'B, Sophie S, Emilia, Oscar C, Symone, N,
Sienna B, Amelia, Jaycob C and Maya.



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



We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and **birthday cup-cakes** are *always* welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song and a photo of this is posted into Seesaw.

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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Please see the pages from:

- Mr Jenner's page from Year Prep J
- Ms Anderson's page from Year 3A
- Ms Lynch's page from Year 4 L about our Tree Planting Day

☺ Ms Campo

Look at our oval...we love it!



'Round the World' Walkathon Day!



OSH Club News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

This fortnight at OSHClub we were engaged in indoor activities, such as 'Just Dance', kinetic sand, knitting, different board games etc. The most popular activity was the Beyblade battles using Beyblades made from blocks. We also got to spend some time outside, when the weather permitted spending most of the time at the oval playing footy, running races 'Jump the creeks' and Octopus. Children were really thrilled to spend time the oval. Footy and 'Just Dance' were the most popular activities of these ones.

If you have any suggestions, please use the suggestion book on the sign in/out table. We are looking forward to your suggestions so we can make our program better.

Friendly reminders:

PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSHClub that they are NOT booked on the School bus. This is very important as if your child does not remember to go to OSHClub, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.

If your child is due to be absent or needs to be booked in on late notice (less than 24 hours) please ensure you call and leave a message to ensure we have adequate staffing. Although this is only for emergencies. Please make the bookings online as much as possible.

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.



Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Diya Assistant: Rebecca OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Co-ordinator direct at the program.



What's Been Happening in 3A



Over the last couple of weeks, the students in 3A have been learning to identify and describe different emotions and have been discussing possible experiences in the classroom and the playground that would make us feel that way.

Making Connections
In the book *The Way I Feel*
the character felt **Disappointed**
I have felt **Disappointed**
when **My sister got into a new school and got a new dog of something**



Making Connections
In the book *The Way I Feel*
the character felt **Happy**
I have felt **Happy**
when **I was happy I got a cat and I was so happy and I made her coco.**



Making Connections
In the book *The Way I Feel*
the character felt **Excited**
I have felt **Excited**
when **I was on the plane ready to go to Hawaii**



Making Connections
In the book *The Way I Feel*
the character felt **Silly**
I have felt **Silly**
when **My brother and I were splashing and being silly in the bath.**



100th Day of School



"It was fun!"
- Sophie

100 Cup Challenge

"I built the
biggest tower"
- Lachlan



"My tower was
big!"
- Lily

"It was amazing!"
- Rose

"It was a
whopper
challenge!"
- Annabella



"I want to do
this at home to!"
- Mary

"It was
exciting!"
- Dane





It was great helping the environment by planting trees and getting our hands dirty! - Julian



It was fun being outdoors rather than being stuck in class! - Raima

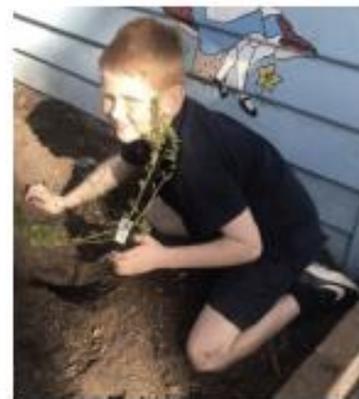
SUPPORTING NATIONAL TREE DAY IN 4 LYNCH!



It was fun planting new trees for our school! - Amelie



Planting trees was a new experience for me! It was fun! - Rachel



Keep saving for a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea. This prize includes:

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland & Tokyo DisneySea
- AU\$1,000 spending money.

How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for your chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: Full terms and conditions found at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Aust. Residents aged 4-13 yrs only with parent/guardian permission. Must have CBA Youthsaver account and be participating in CBA's 'School Banking program'. Starts 23/1/17. Ends 11.59pm AEST 29/9/17. Max 1 entry/person. Draw: L3/11 Harbour St, Sydney NSW 2000 at 12 pm AEDT 11/01/17. Winner in *The Australian* 17/10/17. Prize 1 x 5-night trip for 2 adults + 3 kids (aged 13 and under) to Tokyo, Japan, valued up to AU\$22,855. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, ABN 48 123 123 124, of Level 3C, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Permits: NSW LTPS/16/07099; ACTTP16/01759; SA T16/1590. ADV14262 010117

