

Exford Primary School

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Ms Campo's News....

Visit from the State Treasurer

We were visited by the State Treasurer, Mr Tim Pallas on Friday 12 August. Steve McGhie, our local Member of Parliament brought him to see how state funds dedicated to capital works in schools are being used. The Treasurer was really impressed by our new facilities and enjoyed hearing our story and the thinking behind our design.



Greetings from Campaspe Downs!

Greetings from Campaspe Downs Camp at Tylden (in the Macedon Ranges). This is our first school Camp since February 2020 and it is so good to be able to take the kids away. Tylden is 60 km from school and we enjoyed a bus ride up the highway and then through picturesque Blackwood and Trentham to get here. We met our Tarryn, Camp Leader, had our lunches, settled into our cabins and then began the first activities. On Wednesday we did canoeing (yes, we got VERY wet!) and we did Aero Ball and on Thursday, the kids have been raft building and testing and enjoying the Possum Glider. Tomorrow's activities include the Giant Swing and Archery. The meals have been great and the kids are doing so well, considering they haven't done something like this in a few years and for most of them, this is their very first school Camp experience and sleeping away from home. There was lots of TLC needed and delivered at Wednesday's bed time and the resilience our kids have shown is to be admired. Lots of proud faces this morning to know that they worked through and managed how they were feeling. There will be pages about Camp from our Year 3-4 classes in the next newsletter. The mobile reception was not great up here, so we have to be standing in the right place (e.g. up a gum tree!) to be able to post anything to Seesaw. I want to especially acknowledge our wonderful staff who worked extra hard to support our kids on this first Camp experience – thanks to Mr Wilson and Mr Jenner for their leadership and planning for Camp. Thanks to Ms Fyfe, Mr Gundry, Mr Jenner, Mr Patty, Ms Tekin, Mrs Cassar, Mrs Clare, Mrs Comer, Mrs MacLeod, Mr Major, Mrs Van Gemert and Ms Villari for the fun, laughs, supervision and TLC they provided for our kids whilst at Camp. Exford PS staff are indeed a dedicated and devoted group of educators. See page 3 for some photos and more info. 😊

Coming up

- Wednesday 24 – 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

Due to the Office

- Thursday 25 August
 - Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill Payment due.
- Friday 26 August
 - Year 5-6 Lorne Camp - Non-refundable deposit due.

*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

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

We will hold our first in-person Parent Student Teacher Conferences in September. Day 1 will be on Monday 5 September and Day 2 will be on Thursday 8 September. We ask parents to make a booking through our School Interviews website.

We ask all parents (and staff) to wear a face mask during the Parent Student Teacher Conferences, please. As you know, we can't replace teaching staff at the moment, so please wear your face mask to shield our staff so that they don't get sick or need to enter isolation to protect our classroom practices..

Bookings can be made using the following link. You need to key in the event booking code, which is **y3ka8**.



Staff replacements

The teacher replacement situation has not improved at all, there are no replacement teachers with any of the agencies and the pool of casual replacement teachers from other sources is also almost non-existent. We continue to cover our teacher absences by cancelling our internal programs to free up teaching staff from their regular duties, including Mr Wilson who has basically been in classrooms all year. Our focus has narrowed to shielding our classrooms and to protecting the teachers' planning time. Anything else is a bonus!

Mr Wilson is now on leave until early next term, Ms Anderson remains on leave and Ms Watt and Mrs Szelest have started their parental leave – so we have even fewer teacher replacement options. This means that our capacity to free teachers up for meetings with support staff (such as Speech Pathologists, OTs etc) is very limited at the moment.

We thank you for your understanding when we have to get creative to cover teacher absences and to keep our classroom programs focused learning places.

Fingers crossed that teacher supply begins to increase for 2023.

SunSmart weather

From Thursday 1 September we enter the SunSmart season and our children will need to wear their Exford PS school hats every day at school. They will need to wear their school hat at recess and lunch times and also during all other outdoor activities. The EPS broadbrimmed school hat with the school emblem is only available through our school office and no other hat can be worn. We ask you to place an order if your child's hat has gone missing or is too small a fit. You can visit our Office team or place an order through QKR and the Office team will send home the form. We will remind the children on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September, but from Monday 5 September ... No Hat, No Play!



2022 dates to remember

Term 3

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

Monday 5 and Thursday 8 September

- Parent Student Teacher conferences – Session 1 and 2

Tuesday 6 September

- MPSSA Basketball Clinic

Wednesday 7 September

- Year Preps – Western Water Incursion

Friday 9 September

- Pupil Free Day for all students – there will be an OSH Club program available on the day

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

Monday 3 October to Friday 7 October

- Swimming Program for Year 3-4 students

Tuesday 4 October to Thursday 5 October

- Year 5-6 Lorne Camp

Tuesday 1 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 7 to Friday 11 November

- Swimming Program for Year 1-2 students

Tuesday 15 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 1

Tuesday 22 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 2

Tuesday 29 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 3

Tuesday 6 December

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 4

Tuesday 13 December

- 2023 Step up Visit 3

Wednesday 14 December

- Exford Christmas Concert (we hope!)

Thursday 15 December

- Year 6 Graduation Evening
- Semester 2 Student Reports sent home

Tuesday 20 December

- End of 2022 School year – 1:30 pm Dismissal

Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs Camp

Our Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs Camp was AMAZING! It was so great to be able to take the kids away on their first Exford school camp after all camps were cancelled from March 2020. Campaspe Downs Camp is at Tylden and it took us just over an hour's scenic driving to get there. We drove through the country towns of Blackwood and Trentham on the way and travelling through the Macedon Range's hilly countryside. We arrived at Camp and had our morning tea, had a play in the huge Gymnasium and then got ready for our first activities. The Camp is set in large and picturesque grounds, with a curious mob of kangaroos keeping an eye on us. The bird life was active and we saw cockatoos, parrots and blue-jays. We didn't see any wombats ... but we saw evidence of wombats!

The first activities for Day 1 were canoeing and AeroBall, which we all had a turn at. Aryan and Frankly were fantastic sports when they fell into the (shallow) lake whilst canoeing ... they had the first of many showers and changes of clothes after that!

Again, our apologies to the Exford family washing machines and washing machine operators for the muddy clean-up – but it is all in a good cause, our kids had the BEST time!



Aleks and Kendra were enjoying the serenity.



Harry was one of our first muddy casualties.



Japreet loved the Possum Glider and loved her non-muddy landing!



Eamonn would have liked to go canoeing for the whole time!



Practising our paddling prior to the canoeing activity.



Gurman was ready to go canoeing.



Caleb was delighted to see kangaroos so close up.



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Aryan, Arnavnoor, Trey, Mason, Nate, Frankly and Will after the challenge course ... they got a little muddy!



Marcus was delighted when he finally slipped over in the mud. Happy Birthday to Marcus who shared his birthday with everyone whilst on Camp.



Here's Olivia having a laugh ... that's one way to get your suitcase closed!



Here's Amber and Marli enjoying the sunshine whilst waiting for their turn for the Giant Swing.



Here's Abby and Ella waiting to be raised up for their turn on the Giant Swing.

Fundraising

After our relocation into the new Admin and Junior Learning Buildings, we now have an amount of furniture that we no longer need. We will make this furniture available for sale to our community (or your friends and family).

This furniture was made or purchased for use in our Mod 5 classrooms, but doesn't fit our new Stage One classrooms and Admin building.

All proceeds made from the sale of the furniture and equipment will go to our Fundraising efforts. Our Fundraising supports the costs of Reading Eggs (Prep – Year 2) and Mathletics (Year Prep -4), which the school provides to our students at no cost and also aims to contribute to the cost of the iPad leases).

These items are available for sale into QKR, along with the quantities of each item; once paid for, they are available for immediate collection.

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...

\$2,137.50



These grey bookshelves were used in our Gallery.

Measurements - 1800 mm (h) x 1200 mm (w) x 300 mm (d)

For sale \$50 per shelf



These bookshelves were made for our classroom libraries, they are made from solid pine.

Measurements - 1510 mm (h) x 900 mm (w) x 350 mm (d)

For sale \$150 per bookshelf



This is the dresser from the old front Office.

Measurements - 1100 h x 1600 w x 400 d – 3 deep drawers on extension runners and 2 doors with adjustable shelves.

For sale \$250



This bookshelf is floor to ceiling and was made for our Business Manager's Office. It is made from solid pine.

Measurements – 2500 mm (h) x 1500 mm (w) x 350 mm (d)

For sale \$250

50 litre Rheem Hot Water service from the Art Room



For Sale \$250



Metal bookshelf –

Measurements - 2200 h x 900 w

For Sale \$50

There will be other items of furniture for sale in the coming weeks, including the bag box units from the classrooms (ideal for a shed).

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 - 24 August

Kallan, Ari, Yana, Minnie, Maya, Sumair, Uvraj, Ava, Jessica, Ryan, Anshpreet, Taela, Isinita and Marcus

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 5

Week 6

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Tyler	<i>Personal Best</i>	Bailey	<i>Respect</i>
Year Prep Smyth	Kingston	<i>Kindness</i>	Logan	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Makita	<i>Personal Best</i>	Lakota	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Kyle	<i>Kindness</i>	Aria	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Ned	<i>Kindness</i>	Talisha	<i>Respect</i>
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Dishen	<i>Personal Best</i>	Patrick	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Te Wai	<i>Personal Best</i>	Frankly	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Lexie	<i>Kindness</i>	Paige	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Gurmanvir	<i>Kindness</i>	Joshua	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Mia	<i>Personal Best</i>	Chloe-Louise	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Mehma	<i>Personal Best</i>	Olivia	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Daniel	<i>Respect</i>	Koen	<i>Personal Best</i>
The Arts	Adele	<i>Personal Best</i>	-	-
Physical Education	Minnie	<i>Personal Best</i>	Maison	<i>Personal Best</i>
French	Harfateh	<i>Personal Best</i>	Nate.M	<i>Personal Best</i>
OSH Club	Mia	<i>Kindness</i>	-	-

**Congratulations to the following students who received
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 5 & 6**

100

days of school



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SMARTER!**



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Mrs Micallef
& Ms Smyth
survived 100
days of
teaching
Prep!



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BOOK WEEK





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Year 3-6 MPSSA Athletics Day

On Wednesday 17 August, our Year 3-6 students that qualified for the MPSSA Athletics Day displayed their skills and showed a great amount of sportsmanship and determination throughout each and every one of their events in what was a great day for all involved!



Football in Year 3-4 P.E!

This term in Year 3-4 we have been focussing on learning the basic skills of Australian Rules football, such as kicking, handballing and marking through a range of fun and engaging activities!

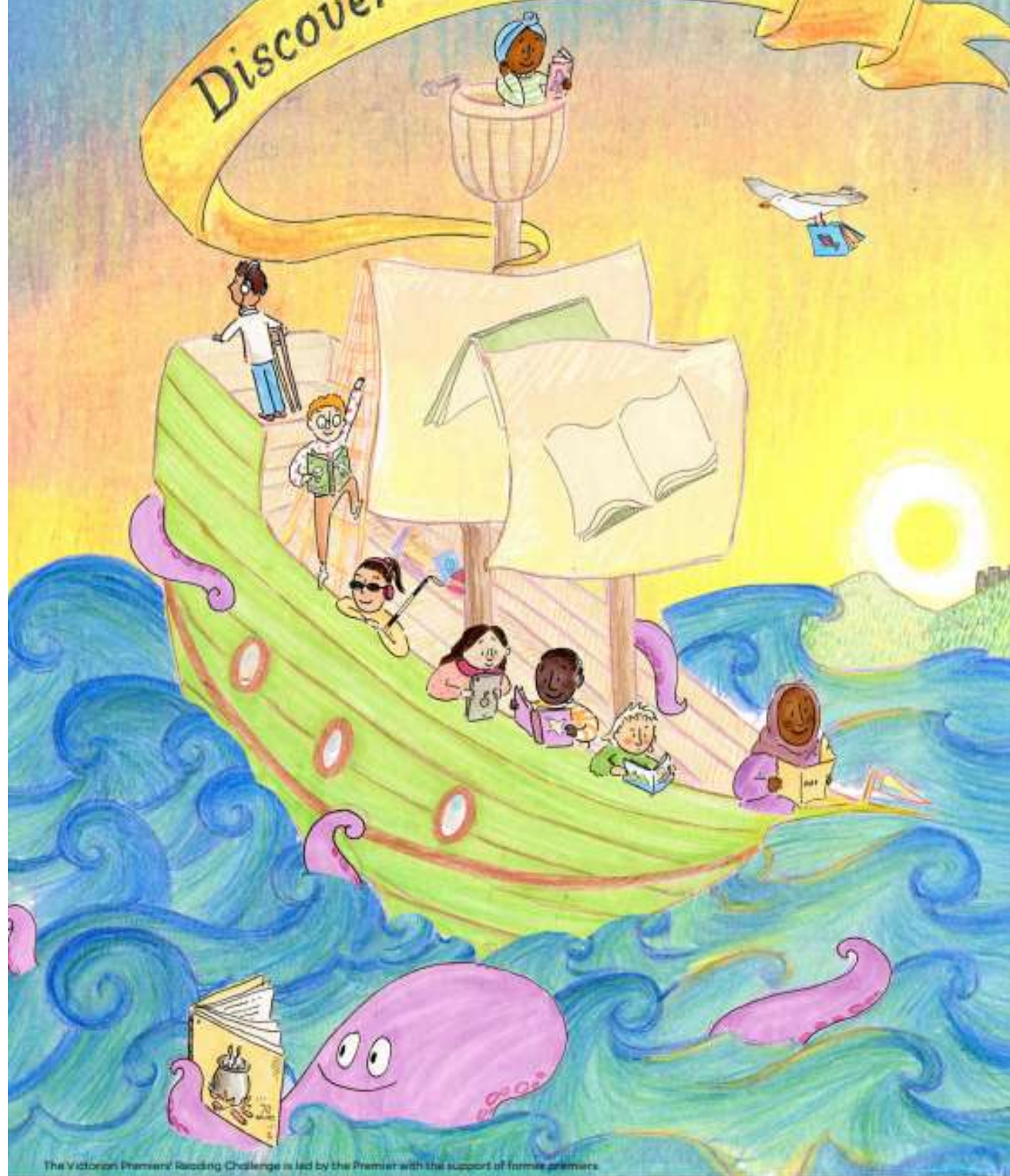


2022 - Exford PS's Term 3 Lunch Time Clubs for our Kids - Monday 25 July 2022

	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 her room (come to Front office) 	 Yr 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in her room (come to Front office) 	 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Yr 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in her room (come to Front office) 
		 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 Talevski in Ms Mastrop's room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Mastrop in Ms Mastrop's room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Talevski in Ms Mastrop's room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Ms Mastrop in Ms Mastrop's room
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

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