

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 14 – Term 3, 2023

Thursday 10 August 2023



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## Ms Campo's news....

### 2024 Prep Enrolments

Thank you to the families who have already returned their child's 2024 Prep enrolment form and birth certificate. The Department has made changes to Prep enrolments, bringing the process into line with the Year 7 enrolment process – here is the link to the DET website for you - [Starting school | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/starting-school).

Parents will receive a confirmation letter that their child's enrolment has been accepted. We will then begin planning our 2024 Transition program and will communicate the plan with our families.

### Community Fundraising for Exford PS – being used to provide support for all our kids

We have now engaged a trauma informed psychologist who has begun working at our school weekly. TAC will fund the psychologist for Term 3, but from Term 4 and into 2024, TAC and Exford will share the cost (\$1,700 per week). We have committed this cost from the generous community fundraising that has now been deposited at our school for the benefit of all our school children. We will also employ a therapy dog and handler from the funds raised and are also looking at Arts Therapy. The funds raised also assist with covering the cost of the 'Comfort Staff' on the buses to support the kids as they return slowly to using the bus services.

Please note that these community raised funds are separate from the funds which have been donated to TLC Kids, which go to supporting the families of children who were involved in the bus accident with household expenses.

### Victorian Quilters Association

What an extraordinary act of caring and kindness! The Victorian Quilters Association visited our school last week and brought a beautiful quilt for every child in our school that had been made especially for our school. How amazing people have been!



### Coming Up

- Friday 11 August – Police in Schools Program (Year 3 – 6 classes)
- Thursday 17 August – MPSSA Athletics Carnival
- Monday 21 August – Year 3-4 Melbourne Museum Excursion

### Due to the Office

- Thursday 3 August – Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp
  - First Instalment due on XUNO
- Friday 4 August – Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp
  - Non-refundable deposit due
- Monday 14 August
  - Non-refundable deposit due - Year 3-4 Camp
  - MPSSA Athletics Day – selected students only
- Thursday 17 August
  - Final Instalment due for Year 2 Camp
  - Life Education monies and form 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

## Camp Phoenix

We met with the Kids Foundation team during the week and five children and their families will be travelling to Queensland's Moreton Island for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Phoenix's work with children and families. I will be accompanying them (paying my own costs) and will take part in the activities with our families at this Injury and Trauma Recovery Camp. The other five children and their families have been offered the opportunity to attend next year's Camp Phoenix.

We leave very early on Friday morning (meeting at Melbourne Airport at 5 am (gulp!)) and arrive back into Melbourne late on Monday night.

[KIDS Foundation - Event - Camp Phoenix - Tangalooma Island Resort 2023](#)

## My absence

Thank you to Mr Wilson for capably taking on the Acting Principal role in my absence and to Ms Littlewood who easily stepped into the Acting Assistant Principal role. I am still on limited hours for the next weeks, so that I continue to rest my shoulder post-surgery.

## Police In Schools

Our Year 3-6 children will take part in the Police in Schools program on Friday 11 August, where they talk with the children about their digital presence and cyber safety, particularly.

## Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Parent Student Teacher Conferences will be held on the following days:

- Monday 28 August – 3.40pm to 4.40 pm (except Year 3-4 K)
- Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 August – 3:40pm – 5:40 pm
- Monday 4 September 3:40pm – 4:40pm (Year 3-4 K only)

Bookings can be made in XUNO. The following article will help you make these bookings.

<https://docs.xuno.com.au/portal-how-to-book-parent-teacher-interviews>

## 2023 Parent and Caregiver Opinion Survey

The Parent and Caregiver Opinion Survey is now open. This year, all families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time between **Monday 7 August and Friday 8 September** on desktop computers, laptops, tablets, or smartphones. The survey is available in English and 10 other languages.

## Dance Charity Gala

Our thanks to all the Dance groups who have come together to present the Dance Charity Gala on our school's behalf. Please see the flier later in this newsletter if you are interested in attending. The event will be held at the Quin Auditorium in Braybrook.

Please note new date for our **Christmas Concert is Tuesday 19 December** and due to our oval constraints, it will be held at Bacchus Marsh Community Hall (and the Year 6 Graduation will be in the evening on the same day.)

## 2023 dates to remember

### Term 3

#### Friday 11 August

- Police in Schools Program (Year 3-6 classes)

#### Thursday 17 August

- MPSSA Athletics Carnival – selected students only

#### Monday 21 August

- Year 3-4 Melbourne Museum

#### Monday 21, Wednesday 23, Monday 28 and Wednesday 30 August

- Life Education Program

#### Thursday 25 August

- Book Week Parade

#### Wednesday 30 August

- Year 5-6 MPSSA Basketball Clinic

#### Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 August

- Parent Student Teacher Conferences

#### Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September

- Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

#### Friday 8 September

- Year MPSSA Year 3-4 Basketball clinic

#### Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 September

- Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp

#### Friday 15 September

- Footy Colours Day Parade and Assembly
- End of Term 3 (2:30 pm Dismissal)

### Term 4

#### Monday 2 October

- Term 4 begins for staff only

#### Tuesday 3 October

- Term 4 begins for students

#### Monday 6 November

- Semester 2 – Professional Practice Day - no students

#### Tuesday 7 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

#### Monday 13 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 1 (TBC)

#### Monday 20 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 2 (TBC)

#### Monday 27 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 3 (TBC)

## Thanks so much!

Thank you to the Melton Basketball Association who kindly donated 108 basket balls to our school. They have already been put to good use!



## Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, 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 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert



**Our 2023 target is...**

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

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$5,079.60**

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

## Office News

Uniform / Lost Property – a reminder to ensure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name, this enables us to return items to your child without delay.

Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans – A reminder to return your child's Asthma and / or Anaphylaxis plans back to the Office. If you have misplaced this document, please call Mrs Kelly in the Office.



## 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 and to be at school EVERY day.**

**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 XUNO or email the school directly on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

# Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 28 July - 10 August**

Kruze, Levi. W, Ella. W, Patr4ick, Eamonn, Aydin, Axel, Mackenzie, Noah, Emity and Jack.

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.



Personal  
Best



Respect



# Student of the Week

## Week 3

## Week 4

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Artemisia	Personal Best	Brooklyn	Personal Best
Year Prep Smyth	Danyal	Respect	Kabir	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Darren	Personal Best	Marlee	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Charlie	Personal Best	Poppy	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanski	Emmanuel	Personal Best	Kyle	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Yanna	Kindness	Peni	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Abigail	Respect	Peninnah	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Lucas	Personal Best	Olivia / Chloe	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Sumair	Personal Best	Amelie	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Elise	Kindness	Mehma	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Gurnaaz	Personal Best	Mohammad	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Sokaina	Kindness	Awheata	Kindness
The Arts	Jack	Personal Best	Aviraj	Respect
Physical Education	Summer	Personal Best	Chloe-Louise	Personal Best
French	Hunter	Respect	Nakita	Personal Best
Science	Noah	Personal Best	Deegan	Personal Best
OSH Club	Hashim & Prabby	Personal Best	Ryder. S	Personal Best
Ms Campo / Ms Littlewood	Zayaan / Koen	Personal Best	Bilal / Mia	Kindness
Mr Wilson	Monson	Personal Best	Nate	Personal Best

*Congratulations to the following students who  
received **Student of the Week**  
Certificates for Week 3 & 4*

Kindness





# 2023 Education Support Day

We held a special Assembly today to recognise and celebrate the amazing Education Support team that we have at Exford PS. Our ES team work tirelessly every day to support all our kids and show kindness and thoughtfulness each and every day. We presented them with a special certificate of appreciation and a small gift (a candle). Classes also presented them with lovely student made gifts and flowers. We will catch up with Ms Villari tomorrow.



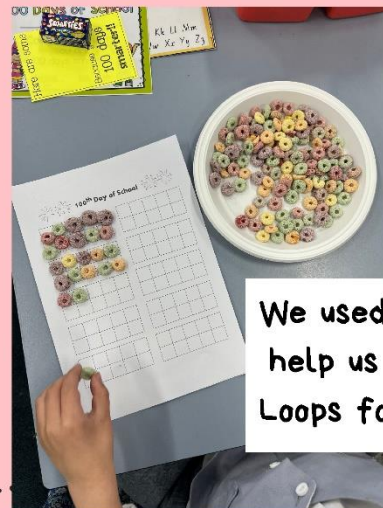


# 100 DAYS OF PREP

On Friday Prep Akamatis and Prep Smyth celebrated 100 Days of School. We dressed up and completed many fun activities. We had a fashion parade, made crowns and Fruit Loop necklaces.







We used tens frames to help us count 100 Fruit Loops for our necklaces.

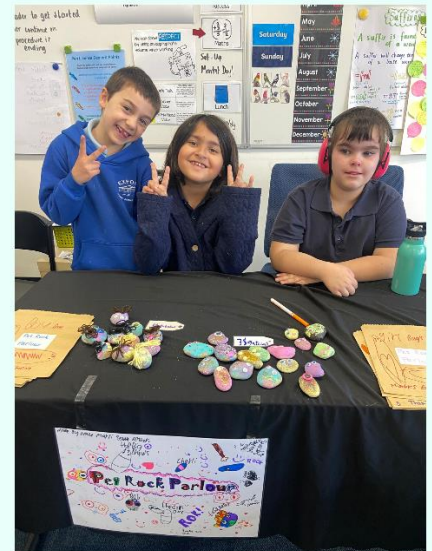




**'G and N Creations'**  
selling Worry Dolls



**'Tooth Fairy Please Stop Here'**  
Door Hangers



**'Pet Rock Parlour'**

## **'OUR MAKERS MARKET'**

### **BY YEAR 3-4 K**

We had a wonderful afternoon when we hosted our very own 'Makers Market' in our classroom a few weeks ago. Students were required to choose a craft item to make and write a matching procedure about how they made it. To make the writing experience meaningful, we decided that we could make items for the Prep students and so the idea of having a market evolved! The students quickly got into groups, decided on their business names and got crafting!



**'Quiet Critters'**



**'Wondrous Wands'**



**'Amazing Frames'**





**'Squishy Squad'**



**Mr Wilson  
'shopping up a storm'**



**'Super Masks'**

The students did well in their groups to work co-operatively and make their craft items to a high standard so that the Preps could swap them in return for some Gotchas. It worked so well and our class were very proud of what they made. The Preps were very excited when they came to shop to! Mr Wilson even stopped by because everyone knows he can't resist a good craft market!



The students really got into character with their stalls, showing great customer service and patience serving indecisive customers!



In the end, all stalls sold out and the 3/4-s also swapped Gotchas for things their friends had made.

**A Marvelous Market indeed!**



# Year 5-6 Mounsey

In Year 5-6 Mounsey we have been writing Hybrid texts. A Hybrid text is a combination of information text and narrative non-fiction text. Students followed the writing process before publishing a finished piece ready for our author visit with Claire Saxby. Here is some of our work.

Her deep blue skin blends in with the the ocean blue water.



but from below, the deep green coral matches her eyes.

Orcas are black and white black on the top and white on the underside

In the dark deep tropical oceans, orcas use their colours to blend in to their surroundings. She hunts down her prey in one massive gulp, the prey goes down her throat.



Her tail propels the water around, hunting her food in her vast ocean home.



The killer whales like to swim all around the world, usually they roam in cold waters coastlines to warm tropical waters.

# Year 5-6 Mounsey

The orca's teeth glistened through the murky water.



Orcas are mostly black but they have white spots on their belly and eyes.

A calf wanders behind her, big enough to swim by itself, small enough to need its mother's care.



Orcas measure up to 8.8 to 10 meters in length.

From above, his milky fur blends with the soft powdery snow.



Some breeds of tigers have orange, white and black fur.

At eye level, you could see his shimmery blue eyes.

Only 7% of tiger lands exist.

Her fins gliding through the waves, diving into the depths of the ocean.

Orcas have a black back, with a white belly and some white spots around its eyes.

Orcas usually dive for 3-4 minutes.

Her dark back camouflages into the deep blue, the shimmering white spots around her eyes make her unique.



A dotted and furry body appears in front of a tree, but it's not a leopard: it's a cheetah in the desert. Behind her is the green, grassy den 2 rolls sleep, big enough to be left alone, small enough to be attacked.



Three cheetahs: a den mother, brother and sister, mother is hungry and leaps onto the dirt path to hunt for food. She catches the scent of a gazelle and begins the chase, knocking it down with its strong dewclaws.



Cheetahs are a yellowish colour with spots all over.



A baby young cheetah is called a cub.



A black and white whale appears underneath a boat, but it's not a whale, it is an Orca.



The Orca is Orca (killer whales) like to stay in warm waters, so they swim all across the ocean once the water turns cold. They swim to their new home.

From above, his reddish skin blends with the depths of the savannahs.



Tigers have a reddish orange with black stripes and white stomach and feet.

From below, his white stomach looks bigger than you can imagine.



Tigers live in grassland, savannah and mangrove forests.



# ART CLUB

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING LOTS OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES DURING LUNCHTIME ART CLUB!



# EXFORD PRIMARY CHARITY GALA

**When:** August 20th @ 6:00 pm


**Where:** Quin Auditorium  
Darnely st,  
Braybrook, Vic, 3019

**Performances by:** Jordan Barr MC/Comedian, Paul Rizzo as Michael Jackson, Fabio Cattafi as Tina Turner, Western Ballet Project, Robert Sturrocks Fulltime Dance, Sally's School of Performing Arts, Dance Effects, Phoenix Dance Company, The Dance Centre, Dream Entertainment Studios, Instyle Dance Company, The Dance Room, Concept Studios of Performing Arts, Energy Dance Co, Eyensbury Dance Scene & Galactic Dance.

A Once off dance charity event that brings together dance studios from all over The Western Suburbs.

100% of profits raised from ticket sales, merchandise, sponsorship etc go towards Exford Primary School

**Tickets: \$42.50**

 **trybooking**



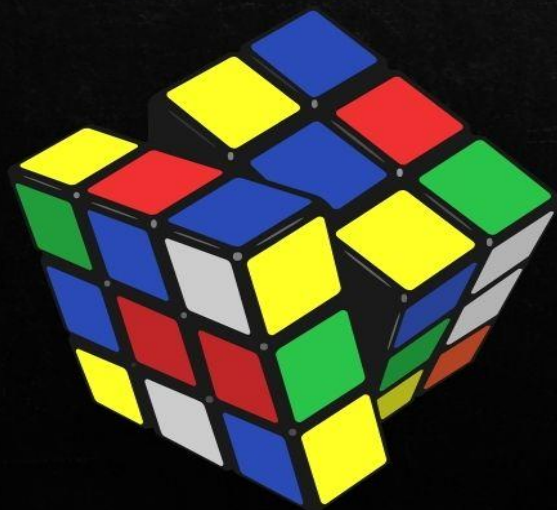




# Melbourne Cubing for Kids August 26 & 27

Speedcubing Australia will donate 50% of all registration fees from this competition to the Exford Primary School to assist the children who were injured in the bus rollover accident in May 2023. The funds will contribute their ongoing support and rehabilitation requirements.

More information can be found here:  
<https://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/MelbourneforKidsSaturday2023#general-info>



To be held at  
St Oliver Plunkett  
Primary School  
1/33 Landells Rd, Pascoe  
Vale VIC 3044



# Small Smiles

## EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT TOY DONATION COMPLETED



We would like to thank everyone who donated their time and money to purchase new toys for the exford primary children who were involved in the bus accident.

We managed to create 46 boxes with an amazing amount of toys.

We are still trying to get in touch with families to let them know the toys are now available for collection to those involved at Combined Churches Caring Melton (CCCM)

100 Coburns Rd, Melton South VIC 3338  
03 9747 6811

Available are a box of toys for each child involved and frozen food and meals for each family.

All you will need is proof of I.D that your child belongs to exford primary.

Boxes and food will be available till end of september.

thank you all so very much again for the support to be able to achieve this wonderful goal to give the families and children involved a small smile.

THANK YOU ALSO TO NOT ONLY THE COMMUNITY BUT ALSO TO ORGANISATIONS WHO DONATED AND WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND.

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LIFEWORKS, BIG BALLOON, JUST PLAY, OFFICEWORKS,  
ASPIRE EARLY EDUCATION & KINDERGARTEN  
AND SENSORY TOOLS.

### THANK YOU

CONTACT VIV 0401 406 877





**FRIDAY**

**August 18  
6-8pm**

**[GAP]**



# Footy Junior Disco

**Ages 5-12**



**Come dressed in  
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footy colours**

**\$5  
Per child**

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For assistance with booking  
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# Exford Primary School Instrumental Music Programme



## Learn a Musical Instrument at School

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- \* engages children...because it's FUN!

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By working in partnership with Performing Arts Headquarters, our children are able to have individual or shared lessons within the school day. It's lovely to listen to the children as they develop their musical talents!"

Lisa Campo - Principal  
(Exford Primary School)

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Mid-Year Concert

@ The Impresario Theatre, B/M

Annual Showcase

@ The Cooper's Malthouse, Southbank



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Mid-Year Concert @ The Impresario Theatre

Annual Showcase @ The Cooper's Malthouse, Southbank

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