

Exford Primary School

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Thursday 24 August 2023



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Ms Campo's news....

Book Week Parade

It's that time of year again - time to be creative and enjoy the children's dress-up day for 2023 Book Week! We will have our Friday Assembly tomorrow at 9 am and will hold our Book Week Parade at that time for our families to join in with us – as always, little brothers and sisters are most welcome to dress up too and join the parade. We will also recognise our Students of the Week at the Assembly.

(You can dress up too ...if you are brave enough and aren't doing the grocery shop on your way home!)



Camp Phoenix

Huge thanks to the KIDS Foundation who invited some students to Camp Phoenix in Queensland. It was an intense but healing time away with the amazing people who make up KIDS and congratulations to Awheata who was awarded their Dalton Star award – an award given each year to a child who has experienced severe injury / trauma and who shows extraordinary resilience in the face of their experience. We were all very proud to watch Awheata receive her award. Here is a photo of her with 'Little Jo' who has been re-teaching Awhe how to swim. Our thanks go to Dr Susie O'Neill for her dedication to the cause of supporting children who have suffered injury and trauma and for inviting our students and their families to attend Camp Phoenix.

Term 4 Planning Week

In preparation of Term 4's rapid approach, we will hold our Term 4 Planning Week in the week of Monday 4 September. The children will be taken by one of our Specialist or Leading teachers for a day to release the teaching teams to plan for Term 4's curriculum and activities.

* Monday 4 – Prep Team

* Tuesday 5 – Year 5-6 Team

* Wednesday – Year 3-4 Team

* Thursday – Year 1-2 Team

* Friday – Specialist Team

Coming Up

- Friday 25 August - Book Week Parade
- Monday 28 and Wednesday 30 August – Life Education Program continues
- Tuesday 29 August – Father's Day stall
- Wednesday 30 August – Year 5-6 MPSSA Basketball Clinic
- Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 August – Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Due to the Office

- Friday 1 September – Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp
 - All outstanding money and forms due
- Monday 28 August – Father's Day stall
 - Money due
- Thursday 14 September - Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill excursion.
 - Money and forms 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

2023 Education Support Day

Last week, we recognised our wonderful Education Support team who are an essential part of our school team. They work tirelessly on behalf of our kids and our staff – they are endlessly cheerful, kind-hearted, resilient and give their all to working with our children. (also including our lovely Ms Villari)



Disability transport parks

We have now made a formal parking area for the disability transport vehicle for two of our students – due to the size of the vehicle and the clearance space needed. Please do not park in this space in school drop off / pick up times (but okay out of these hours for a brief stop).



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 (all classes) and Thursday 31 August – 3:40pm – 5:40 pm (except Year 1-2 R)
- Monday 4 September 3:40pm – 4:40pm (Year 1-2 R and 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>

XUNO Kiosk

In line with the launch of XUNO, we have a new student and visitor sign in/sign out kiosk at the front office.

Late arriving and early departing students will need to be signed in and out on the kiosk by a Parent/Guardian. Late arriving students will get a printed late pass to hand to their teacher, to show they have been signed in.

Please give us advance notice if you plan to collect your children early, particularly if it is during lunch time – if we know in advance, we can remind the children to bring their bag to the Office. The classrooms are locked at lunchtimes and the children can't collect their bags easily.

Parents will need to accompany their child/children to the front office to sign them in, which is back to our pre-COVID process.

2023 dates to remember

Term 3

Monday 28 and Wednesday 30 August

- Life Education Program

Thursday 25 August

- Book Week Parade

Tuesday 29 August

- Father's Day Stall

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

Monday 4 – Friday 8 September

- Term 4 Planning Week

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 and early bus services)

Term 4

Monday 2 October

- Term 4 begins for staff only

Tuesday 3 October

- Term 4 begins for students

Friday 6 October

- Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill excursion

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)

Tuesday 5 December

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 4 (TBC)

Tuesday 19 December

- End of year Christmas Concert (TBC)
- Year 6 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 20 December

- Term 4 / 2023 school year ends
 - 1:10 pm Assembly TBC
 - 1:30 pm early dismissal and early

2024 Planning

Our planning for the 2024 school year is well under way – if your family will not be at Exford in 2024, please let us know at exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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.

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...

\$5079.60

Easter Raffle

\$1654.60

Furniture Sales

\$3425.00

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 – all student absences must be explained in writing.

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthday 11- 24 August

Kallan, Minnie, Ari, Yana, Sumair, Uvraj, Ava and Anshpreet.

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.



Our School Upgrade

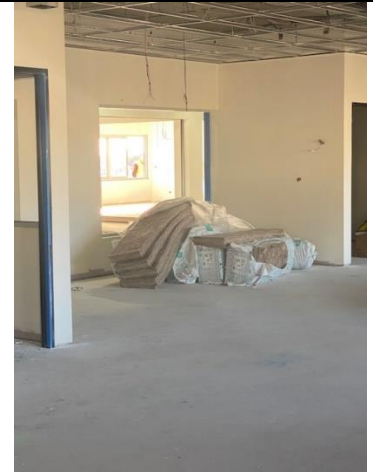
I did a Site Tour of the Senior Learning Building on Tuesday 15 August - it's looking good! Our 2024 Year 3-6 classes are excited about starting the school year in their new classrooms.



Brickwork is almost finished on the ground floor of the SLB.



SLB classroom view.



SLB Art Room - the back wall will have a glass display wall for Artwork to be seen from the corridor.



SLB classroom view.



In the SLB Music room and looking through to the Art room.



Front entry doors of SLB Music room.



SLB view from oval.



Personal Best

Respect



Student of the Week

Week 5

Week 6

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Harliv	Kindness	Taimoor	Kindness
Year Prep Smyth	Rehmat	Personal Best	Deegan	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Tyler	Personal Best	Bailey	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Gurnaazret	Personal Best	Racheal	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanski	Lincoln	Personal Best	Ari	Respect
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Nihal	Personal Best	Amayra	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Kaiden	Personal Best	Harper	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Natalia	Kindness	Sehaz	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Talha	Personal Best	Abbey	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Avi	Personal Best	Arrabella	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Navroop	Personal Best	Lani	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Arnav	Kindness	Olivia	Kindness
The Arts	Lincoln	Personal Best	Daman	Respect
Physical Education	Mimi	Kindness	Navroop	Respect
French	Awheata	Personal Best	Jacob	Personal Best
Science	Candy	Kindness	Fletcher	Personal Best
OSH Club	Kaiden	Respect	Axel	Respect
Ms Campo	-	-	Charlotte	Personal Best
Mr Wilson	Grace	Personal Best	Mary	Personal Best

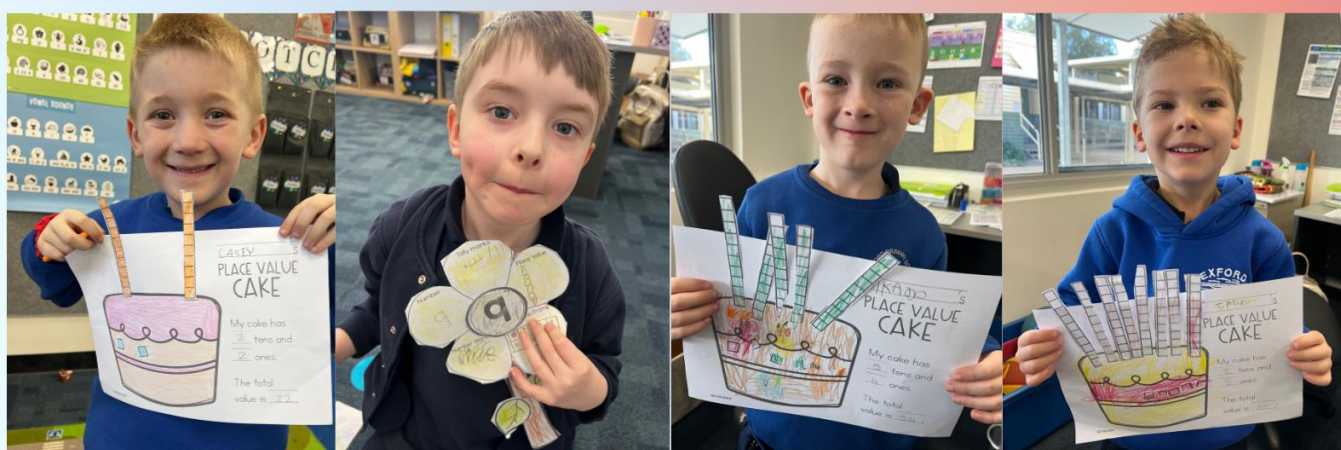
Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for Week 5 & 6

Kindness





In Prep Akamatis, we have been learning about Place Value. Children have been learning about the position of digits in a number and connecting number names, numerals and quantities, up to 10. We have been participating in many fun and engaging craft activities.



Year 1-2 AMBROSE



The students in 1-2 Ambrose participated in the Life Education Program during the week. They completed the 'Good Friends' session and learnt about ways to make new friends and maintain healthy relationships. The students were excited to meet Harold the giraffe.





Things we need to help friendships grow and be strong.

Dishen: Play with our friends and don't leave them on their own.

Logan: Have fun and make my friends laugh.

Aurora: Be helpful and kind.

Jaskirat: Always be nice to your friends.

Rableen: Like your friends.

Sienna: Help your friends.

Tyler: Trust your friends.

Scarlett: Trust them.

Darren: Have a good bond with your friends.

Aydin: Have fun and be happy with your friends.

Bailey: Be trustworthy

Hana: Play together.

Term 3 in I-2 Talevski

In Maths, we are learning about Multiplication. We have practised how to represent multiplication in many ways including 'groups of' and 'arrays'.

We created an Array City by making tall buildings with windows. The rows and columns of the windows represented our array.

Check out our awesome Array City!

Ayanna

7 Groups of 3 = 21

Ritish

6 Groups of 3 = 18



Emity

9 Groups of 3 = 27

Zayaan

6 Groups of 4 = 24





Exford Primary School Instrumental Music Programme



Learn a Musical Instrument at School

Learning Music...

- * builds confidence
- * develops concentration
- * teaches perseverance
- * promotes literacy & numeracy
- * improves fine & gross motor skills
- * engages children...because it's FUN!

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afternoons &
evenings free!

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Lisa Campo - Principal
(Exford Primary School)

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Saturday August 26th
2-4pm

Holy Trinity
Anglican Church
Bacchus Marsh
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\$10 adults
\$5 children

trading stall
& raffle

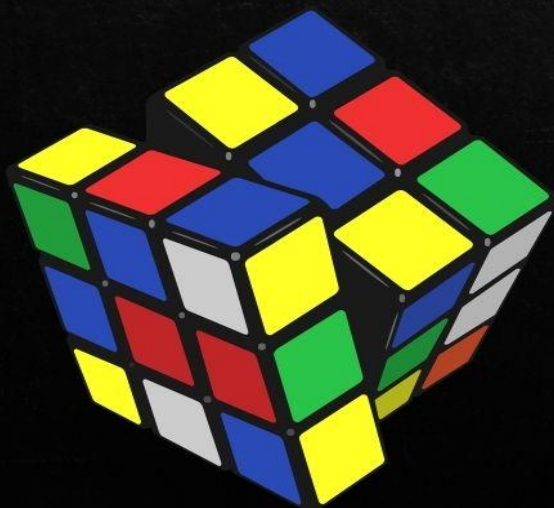
All funds raised donated to
Exford Primary School bus crash support



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
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