

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 16 – Term 4, 2022

Thursday 6 October 2022



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## Ms Campo's News....

### Welcome to Term 4!

Term 4 here we come! After the past two years, it has been lovely to be at school continuously for three terms in a row and to be able to take part in incursions, excursions, sports days and Camps. Term 4 is a long one, eleven and a half weeks, finishing on Tuesday 20 December at 1:30 pm. Considering the speed at which this year has travelled, it will be the end of the year before we know it!

### Year 5 – 6 Lorne Camp

I want to say just how proud I am of our Year 5-6 students who attended their first Camp in two years this past week. We left school on Tuesday 4 October and travelled first to Geelong to attend the Leisure Link Water Splash Park, where we spent three hours playing on the water slides and pools. We then journeyed on to Lorne where we set up our tents in our home-away-from-home at the Lorne Foreshore Camping and Caravan Park. Given our location, our staff did two hour supervision shifts throughout each night to keep an eye out for our kids. We went to the Lorne Cinema on Tuesday night, walking there and back. On Wednesday, despite the light rain we had all day, we went canoeing, bike riding and went on a long walk. That evening, we spent an hour at the Mantra (where we had booked a conference room) and danced and played games. We woke up earlier on Thursday and packed up our tent city and travelled to Airley's Inlet where we played mini-golf and had some hot chips. We then spent some time at the delicious Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie before starting the journey back to Exford. Despite the wet weather, we had a wonderful time and our kids were AMAZING! They looked after and included each other, were courteous, adventurous, funny and we received complements on the kids' behaviour from people everywhere we went – we were very proud of our Exford Kids! 😊



Thank you again to Amber's, Ari's and Yana's family who came to our rescue two years ago when all our newly purchased tents were stolen (along with all our gardening equipment). They were able to source tents from the Dept of Environment for us to replace our stolen ones. Camping in tents is a fabulous experience for kids and despite the wet conditions, we had a brilliant time away...although I'm still sure Ms Mastrop promised me a GLAMPING experience! There will be pages and photos from the kids about their Lorne Camp in the next newsletter.

My sincere thanks to Mr Mounsey, Ms Mastrop, Ms Talevski, Mr Patty, Mr Jenner, Mrs Scalzo and Ms Gallo for planning such a fabulous experience for them and for giving up their own family time to accompany our kids.

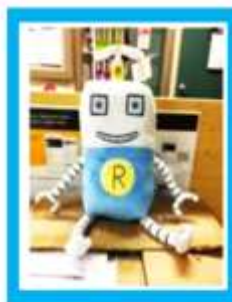
### Coming up

- Tuesday 11 October
  - MPSSA Girls AFL Football

### Due to the Office

- Friday 7 October
  - MPSSA Girls AFL Football - payment due
- Friday 31 October
  - Year 1-2 Swimming – payment 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

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## Mr Wilson

Mr Wilson continues to recuperate at home following his shoulder surgery. He would love to be back at school (and we would love him to be back!), however, it's been a major procedure and it would be unwise for him to return before his shoulder is fully healed and could sustain an accidental bump or hit from a stray ball. He misses school and the kids dreadfully – as likewise, we miss him. Ms Littlewood continues in the Acting Assistant Principal role during Mr Wilson's absence. (Ms Littlewood has promised not to redecorate Mr Wilson's new office in her favourite pink colour scheme!)

## Term 4 Teams Newsletter

Our Term 4 Teams Newsletter has been sent out alongside this newsletter and it outlines the learning that will occur in Term 4 across our class teams and specialist programs.

## Thank you to our Year 2 Campers team

This newsletter contains pages from our Year 2 Camp which occurred in the last week of Term 3. Thank you to Mrs Ambrose, Ms Higgins, Ms Monagle, Mrs Farrar and Mrs Greenslade for accompanying our Year 2 kids on their very first Camping experience at the Lady Northcote Camp. The children had a fabulous time and enjoyed everything Camp had to offer.

## Thinking about 2023

We have now arrived at the term where we have one foot in this year and one foot in next year, as we begin to prepare to wind up the 2022 school year and finalise our planning for the 2023 school year.

### 2023 Prep children

We are now almost finished planning our 2023 Prep Transition and will send out the invitations in a week or two. We are also working on setting up the 2023 Prep students group in Seesaw. If you have not yet enrolled your Prep child, would you do so **this week**, please? We'd hate your child to miss out on this valuable school readiness program.

### 2023 school structure

We are working on our 2023 school structure and will take the plan to our School Council Meeting on Wednesday 19 October, based on the student enrolments that we have.

- If your child will **not** be attending Exford PS in 2023, would you send an email to the school email address **this week**, please? We will need to take them out of our student enrolment count, which effects our financial and school organisation planning - [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au)
- If you have friends or relatives intending to enrol at Exford PS for 2023, would you ask them to contact the school on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) so that we can support them with their enrolment and include them in our student numbers

### 2023 Class Lists

Once we have ratified our 2023 school structure, we will then begin working on our 2023 class lists.

As always, we take great time to develop balanced class groups, which take many factors into account – including the children's educational, interpersonal and social needs and based on the needs of the whole school program. We will particularly mindful of friendship groups, given the disruptions of the past two years and the friendships which have strengthened this year.

Parents are always welcome to contact me in writing to share their thoughts about their child's educational needs with me - we will take parents' thoughts into consideration as part of our planning. You can send me an email on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) (or use the FlexiSchools 'Contact' tab, as a starting point. **Can I ask you to do so by Friday 11 November 2022, please?**

### 2023 Staffing

Once the class groups are finalised, I will then begin to match our staff to their 2023 roles.

## 2022 dates to remember

### Term 4

#### Monday 3 October to Friday 7 October

- Swimming Program for Year 3-4 students

#### Tuesday 4 October to Thursday 6 October

- Year 5-6 Lorne Camp

#### Tuesday 11 October

- MPSSA Girls AFL Football

#### Thursday 20 October

- MPSSA Rugby

#### Tuesday 1 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

#### Monday 7 to Friday 11 November

- Swimming Program for Year 1-2 students

#### Friday 11 November

- Remembrance Day

#### Tuesday 15 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 1 and Parent Information Session No 1

#### Tuesday 22 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 2 and Parent Information Session No 2

#### Tuesday 29 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 3 and Parent Information Session No 3

#### Wednesday 30 November

- Year 1 Dinner and Show

#### Tuesday 6 December

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 4

#### Tuesday 13 December

- 2023 Step up Day

#### Wednesday 14 December

- Exford Christmas Concert

#### Thursday 15 December

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

#### Tuesday 20 December

- End of 2022 School year
  - 1.10 pm Assembly
  - 1:30 pm Dismissal

## Telephone Lines

We continue to experience significant (and very frustrating) interruptions to our telephone line service. We are in contact with Optus on each occasion that this occurs, however, the frequency of these outages has caused many issues for our families and for our staff. We will always keep you updated via FlexiSchools. Please continue to email the school on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au), if you need to get in contact with us.

## 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 4 – Christmas Concert and end of year Raffle and



**Our 2022 target is...**  
**\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$3,411.20**

## Congratulations to Dayne!



Congratulations to Dayne from Year 5-6 Mounsey! Whilst we were at Camp, his mum was notified that he has been accepted into not one but TWO accelerated learning programs at Bacchus Marsh College for 2023 – English and Maths. Students are usually selected only for one of the accelerated programs. Needless to say, we are super proud of Dayne, who is also one of our School Captains.

## 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!

## Lost Property

As the weather warms up and the children remove their jumpers in the playground. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property is emptied each night and items with names are returned to the children the next day.

## Specialist Timetable – Term 4

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



## 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](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

# Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 1 - 6 October**

**Lexie, Daman, Ameliah, Fletcher and Shailene.**

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 9

## Week 10

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Riley	Respect	Saraiya	Kindness
Year Prep Smyth	Darren	Personal Best	Alina	Respect
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Charitha	Personal Best	Camp	Camp
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Abani	Respect	Sohang	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Liam	Respect	Camp	Camp
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Kaiden	Personal Best	Camp	Camp
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Ruby-Rose	Personal Best	Mia	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Amber	Kindness	Marcus	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Eamonn	Kindness	Emeline	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Rylan	Kindness	Tanreet	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Tj	Respect	Annabella	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Cooper	Personal Best	Serena	Kindness
The Arts	-	-	Levi	Personal Best
Physical Education	Lily	Personal Best	Kallan	Personal Best
French	Kardinya	Personal Best	Talisha	Kindness
OSH Club	-	-	-	-

**Congratulations to the following students who received  
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 9 & 10**



## Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

*The Year 2 students had a fabulous time at Lady Northcote Camp. They did lots of challenging activities and enjoyed their overnight stay.*



I really liked camp because the flying fox was lots of fun.  
Fletcher



I had fun in my cabin with my friends.  
Indianna



We found a little hut made from sticks when we were doing orienteering.  
Harper



On the giant swing I wore a helmet. I went down very fast.  
Tatham



My favourite activity was the giant swing.  
Ayaan.



I had a lot of fun at camp. I played frisbee golf.  
Lakotah





# Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp



The flying fox was a great ride. I went all the way down the hill.  
Harper



I liked the swing and also orienteering. I was good at reading the map to find all the hidden clues around the campsite.  
Sumair



To get ready for the flying fox I put on a harness and a helmet.  
Aviraj



I slept on the top bunk and I took my toy giraffe to cuddle.  
Seana



On the giant swing I went all the way to the top. When I pulled the rope, I got a shock.  
Lucas



I was brave on the giant swing and I went to the top.  
Annabel



I went all the way to the top on the giant swing. When I pulled the rope I went flying through the air.  
Charitha



I had lots of fun with my friend Harper.  
Talisha





# Exford Art



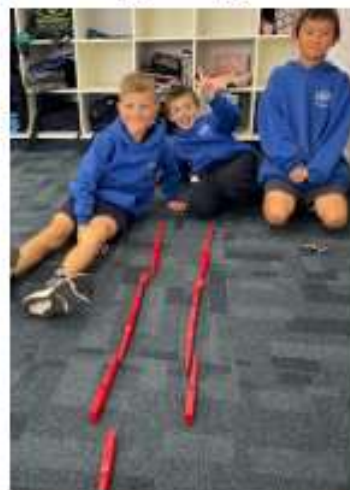







# 3/4 T

In 3/4T we have been focusing on Magnets. We have been enjoying learning about magnets and using magnets to create/play games. We all had to use our creativity and imagination to use the tools and objects in our class to create our own game. We had to make a plan and trial our games. Some of us recreated games we already knew such as operation, fishing, claw machine and capture the mouse. Others came up with new games using the magnets such as skateboarding, avoiding the traps and jenga with a twist. We all had a turn at playing one another's games. We had so much fun exploring magnets!!





## 2022 - Exford PS's Term 4 Lunch Time Clubs for our Kids - Monday 10 October 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:30 - 2 pm		 Yr 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in her room (come to Front office) 	 Year Prep - 6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Year Prep - 6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Year 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		 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Bramich in the Art room		 Year 3-6 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic with Mr Patty in the Gallery	 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic Club with Mr Mounsey in the Gallery
		 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Yr Prep-2 Lego Club With Ms Higgins in her classroom
		 Board Games Club - BYO & school games with Ms Talevski in Ms Mastrop's room	 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic Club With Mr Patty in the Gallery	 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
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