

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 16 – Term 3, 2023

Thursday 7 September 2023



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Ms Campo's news....

Last newsletter for Term 3 and Footy Colours Day

Here is the final newsletter for Term 3 – it's hard to believe we are looking ahead to the final term of the year and to planning for our 2024 school year and our Year 6 to 7 and Kinder to Prep Transition programs.

A reminder that next Friday is the last day of Term 3, with an early dismissal at 2:30 pm (buses will depart at 2:30 pm).

We have our Footy Colours Day (footy, soccer, rugby etc!) on Friday, with an Assembly and Parade at 9 am.

Due to the construction works over the school holidays, there is no OSH Club holiday program for the September school holidays period.

Teacher shortages

I'm sure that you are hearing much in the media about the state-wide teacher shortages. It has certainly impacted on our school this past term and we are looking forward to having our entire teaching team back from next week. 😊

Unfortunately, the replacement teachers that were booked when we scheduled teachers' leave (way back at the beginning of the year) were then no longer available shortly before the leave was due to commence. As during last year's staffing challenges, we always protect the classroom programs and the teachers' planning time as our first priority, which has meant that other elements of our school program haven't happened (such as our Tutoring program) as there just hasn't been the staff available to cover the programs.

Our thanks to Ms Littlewood, Mr Jenner, Ms Watt and Mr Wilson who stepped in to take Year 1-2 R, Year 3-4 J, Year 3-4 K and our Arts program during the year – and of course that has a flow on effect on our capacity to do other elements of our roles. However, our kids and their classroom programs will always come first.

Mr Jenner has returned from leave this week and Ms Mastrop returns next week. From the start of Term 4 we also have Ms Anderson returning from parental leave and we will be able to reinstate our Tutor program from Term 4, with Ms Mastrop and Ms Anderson resuming in the program. We have also booked Ms Gleeson (who has also returned from leave) for the rest of the year to assist with replacing any absences. It will be lovely to have the team all back together!

Coming Up

- Friday 8 September
 - Year 3-4 MPSSA Basketball
- Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 September
 - Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp
- Friday 15 September
 - Footy Colours Parade and Assembly (9am)
 - End of Term 3 (2.30 pm dismissal)

Due to the Office

- Thursday 14 September - Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill excursion.
 - Money and forms due in XUNO
- Friday 15 September - Year 5-6 Human Development Session
 - Money and forms due in XUNO

*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

Planning for 2024

We are working on our planning for the 2024 school year and will take our planning to the School Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 October to be ratified. This will include our 2024 school organisation and 2024 Book Pack lists and 2024 budgets.

2024 Year 6-7 Transition - The secondary colleges will send out information about their transition programs next term.

2024 Prep children - We will send out the invitations to our 2024 Prep Transition program early next term. We are also working on setting up the 2024 Prep students group in Seesaw and Xuno.

2024 school structure - We are working on our 2024 school structure and will take the plan to our School Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 October, based on the student enrolments that we have.

- If your child will **not** be attending Exford PS in 2024, would you send an email to the school email address **this week** – so we can take your child / children out of our student enrolment count, which effects our financial and school organisation planning - exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au
- If you have friends or relatives intending to enrol at Exford PS for 2024, would you ask them to contact the school so that we can support them with their enrolment and include them in our student numbers

2024 Class Lists

Once we have ratified our 2024 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.

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.

Can I ask you to do so by Tuesday 3 October 2023, please?

2024 Staffing

Once the class groups are finalised, I will then begin to match our staff to their 2024 roles.

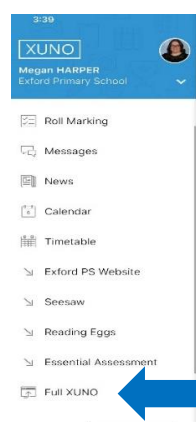
Speed Cubing event

We would like to acknowledge the Speedcubing Australia group (connected with Levi's family (Prep S).

Levi and David presented us with a certificate at our Assembly last week.



XUNO PDF documents, including the newsletter



If you are using the XUNO app, you will need to access the 'Full XUNO' site to view any PDF documents, including Newsletters, Individual Learning plans etc.

To do this, click on your dashboard. Towards the bottom of the list, you will see 'Full XUNO'. Select that option, which will open XUNO in a browser and from here you can make your way to the item you would like to view. Newsletters are under our 'News' section.

Notifications still are unable to be fixed. Please ensure you are signing into your XUNO account on a regular basis, to keep up to date with school information, particularly events, news and messages.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge **closes tomorrow 8 September**. Please ensure all books have been entered, as they need to be verified from our end. Certificates will be distributed in Term 4, once they arrive.

2023 dates to remember

Term 3

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 & 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

Friday 6 October

- Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill excursion

Monday 9 October

- Year 5-6 Human Development S1

Monday 16 October

- Year 5-6 Human Development S2

Monday 23 October

- Year 5-6 Human Development S3

Monday 6 November

- Semester 2 – Pupil Free Day - no students

Tuesday 7 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 13 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 1

Monday 20 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 2

Monday 27 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 3

Tuesday 5 December

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 4

Tuesday 12 December

- Year 6-7 Transition Day

Tuesday 19 December

- 9:30 am - End of year & Christmas Concert at Bacchus Marsh Community Hall
- Year 6 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 20 December

- Term 4 ends - 1:10 pm Assembly
- 1:30 pm dismissal TBC

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.

Login details have been sent out via XUNO, please check your messages.

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...

\$6566.17

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 25 August - 7 September

Taela, Iasinita, Marcus, Aarish, Gurekam, Kiara, Isaac, Zoe and Charli.

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 7

Week 8

Year Prep Akamatis

Year Prep Smyth

Year 1 - 2 Ambrose

Year 1 - 2 Roe

Year 1 - 2 Romanski

Year 1 - 2 Talevski

Year 3 - 4 Jones

Year 3 - 4 Micallef

Year 3 - 4 Monagle

Year 5 - 6 Fyfe

Year 5 - 6 Higgins

Year 5 - 6 Mounsey

The Arts

Physical Education

French

Science

OSH Club

Ms Campo

Mr Wilson

Student

Exford Value

Coby

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Sienna

Kindness

Tanya

Personal Best

Riley

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Levi

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Alyce

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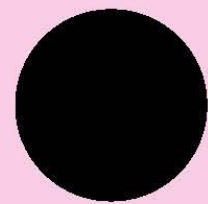
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*Congratulations to the following students who
received **Student of the Week**
Certificates for Week 7 & 8*

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GRADE 1-2 SCIENCE

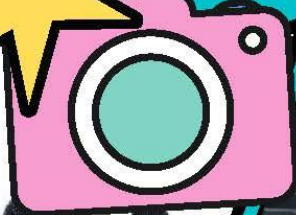


Sound and light

In Term 3, Grade 1-2 classes have learnt about sound and light, incorporating the 5 senses. We identified sounds in everyday life, nature and man made sounds. We learnt about First Nations Australians use of sound and musical instruments too. We made a band with our hand crafted guitars.

Bend, twist, stretch!

We have started learning about changes in materials - bend, twist and stretch. Students have spent time exploring, testing and playing with a range of materials and have done a variety of weaving projects.



ART ROOM NEWS

The Art Room has been full of busy little Artists this term!



Art Club always busy with lots of different projects.



Prep - learnt about community design places and created a collaborative local community.



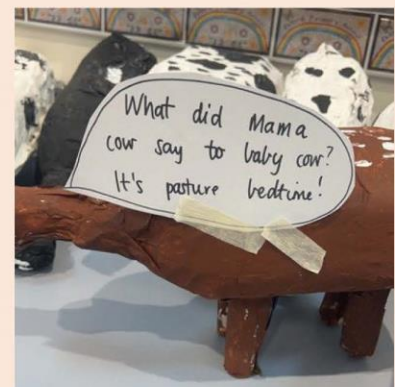
Prep- read *Fruit Bowl* and created fruit bowls using water colour paints.



Year 3-4's - created cityscapes inspired by James Rizzo.



Year 5-6's - finished off paper mache cows.





Year 3-4's created mixed medium artworks, including coral reef biomes inspired by Melanie Hava



Year 5-6's researched and gathered inspiration from Wassily Kandinsky to complete a project using their choice of materials, including sewing fabric, paint, beading, pastels and drawing.



Year 1-2's made mixed medium self portraits inspired by Alexei Jawlensky, using pastels, sharpies and watercolour paints.





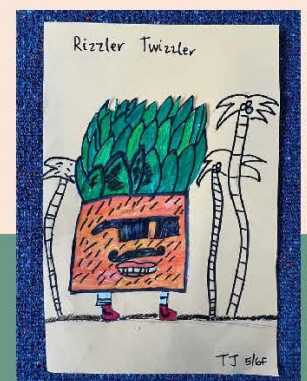
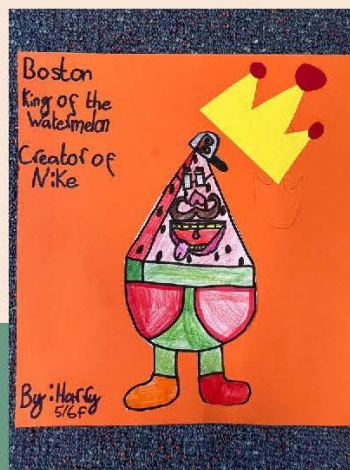
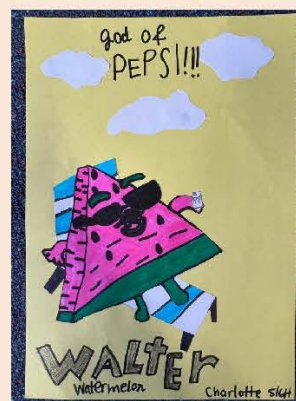
Year 1-2's put themselves in a hot air balloon for a ride through the clouds.

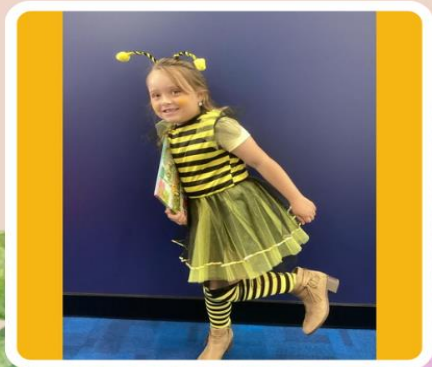


Year 1-2's did some paper weaving and turned it into a 'Whose behind the door?'



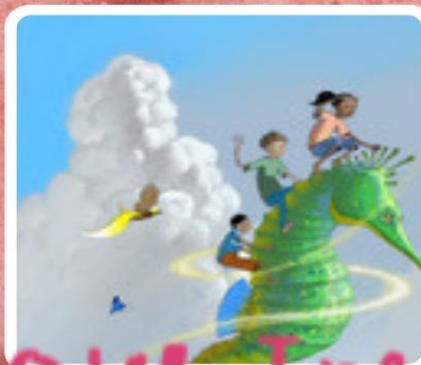
Year 5-6's created a cartoon vegetable or fruit after learning about Sydney based artist, Mulga.



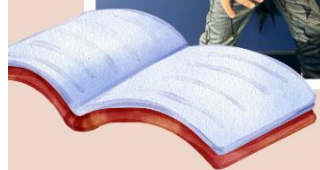


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Book Week
2023

READ GROW Inspire



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CAROLINE SPRINGS LEISURE CENTRE:

- Thursday, 21 September 2023
- Session 1: 10am - 11am
- Session 2: 11.30am - 12.30pm
- \$8 per child per 1 hour session*
- 9747 5327

*Each child must be accompanied by an adult

COBBLEBANK INDOOR STADIUM:

- Thursday, 28 September 2023
- Session 1: 10am - 11am
- Session 2: 11.30am - 12.30pm
- \$8 per child per 1 hour session*
- 9747 5379

*Each child must be accompanied by an adult

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