

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 17 – Term 4, 2022

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## Ms Campo's News....

### Welcome back to Mr Wilson!

Mr Wilson returns to school from Monday 24 October and it will be lovely to have him back amongst the Exford folk! The children are looking forward to seeing him and Mr Wilson is certainly looking forward to seeing everyone, too. He will still need to take great care of himself and the kids have promised to tell me if they catch him playing on the monkey bars!

### Thinking about 2023

At our School Council meeting last night, we ratified our 2023 school organisation, which will be the same as it is this year.

We will have: \* 2 x Year Prep classes \* 4 x Year 1-2 classes \* 3 x Year 3-4 classes \* 3 x Year 5-6 classes

We are introducing a fourth specialist subject (as per the Victorian Government School's Agreement requirement for the teachers' Non-Teaching Time).

Our specialist subjects will be:

\* The Arts \* Language Other Than English – French \* Physical Education \* Science

### Stage 2...here we come

The Building company has been selected for our Stage 2 works and as soon as the Minister's Office has made the announcement, I will share it with our community. Our new Project Manager asked me yesterday when would we be able to have our start-up meeting and for the site hand over to occur – and my response was ...yesterday, please! We are excited to think that we are going to begin building the Senior Learning Building first (which is a two-storey building and will be based on the planning of our Junior Learning Buildings), then renovating the Gallery building to include a Science and Technology classroom, a Food Tech room and a double Library. The new Gymnasium is the third stage of the works and then the grounds will receive a makeover as well.

### NO Pokemon Cards

We have reminded the students that Pokemon cards are not permitted at Exford PS.

### Due to the Office

- Friday 31 October
  - Year 1-2 Swimming – payment due

### Coming up

- Monday 7 – Friday 11 November
  - Year 1-2 Swimming program
- Wednesday 14 December @ 9:30 am – Christmas Concert**

*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

## Thinking about 2023 (repeated from last newsletter)

### 2023 Prep children

We have set up the 2023 Prep students group in Seesaw and have sent out the invitations for our Prep Transition program. 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 Enrolments

- 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

We have begin working on our 2023 class lists a bit earlier to take Mrs Roe's leave into account. 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](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov) (or use the FlexiSchools 'Contact' tab, as a starting point. **Can I ask you to so by Wednesday 26 October 2022, please?**

### 2023 Staffing

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

## 2023 Student Book Pack Lists

We ratified the 2023 Student Book Pack lists at our School Council meeting last night and these will be sent out to our families in the coming weeks. Orders can be placed through our supplier (Paper Chase) and will be delivered to school. Parents are also able to source their children's stationery supplies themselves, we ask that the identical items are provided.

## End of year Christmas Concert

We will hold our first Christmas Concert since 2019 this year and we are really looking forward to it! Due to the Time In Lieu element of the new Victorian Government School's Agreement, we will need to hold it during the school day. Our Concert will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 9:30 am. Children will need to arrive at their usual time of 8:50 am in their costumes (stay tuned for these simple costumes per class) and will go into class to get ready. Our families are asked to BYO chairs and we will set up in the Assembly area. **We hope this gives our families enough time to possibly organise a morning off from work.**

## 2022 Dates To Remember

### Term 4

#### Thursday 20 October

- MPSSA Rugby

#### Tuesday 1 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

#### Thursday 3 November

- Prep – 2 Sports Day

#### Friday 4 November

- Term 4 Professional Practice Day – no school for students today
- OSH Club program will be operating

#### Monday 7 to Friday 11 November

- Swimming Program for Year 1-2 students

#### Friday 11 November

- Year Prep Camp 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 (9:30 am)

#### 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

## World Teachers Day at EPS

We celebrated World Teachers Day at Exford last Friday and the children made some lovely gifts for the teaching staff at our school. Our sincere thanks to our wonderful and dedicated team!

## Telephone Lines

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

## 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 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert



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

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$3,411.20**

## Congratulations to Jeremy, Jasper and Blake



Congratulations to Blake from Year 5-6 Mounsey and to Jeremy from Year 5-6 Talevski and to Jasper from Year 5-6 Mastrop! Jeremy was accepted into both English and Maths Accelerated Learning programs at Bacchus Marsh College for 2023. Jasper was accepted into the Maths Accelerated Learning program and Blake was accepted into the English Accelerated Learning program. Needless to say, we are super proud of students and their achievements as they move into secondary school.

## SunSmart weather

During 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. ... **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 7 - 20 October**

**Liam.P, Caelan, Mehma, Max, Grace.D, Olivia.M, Kailen, Maci-Leigh, Cooper.M, Avnoor, Inaaya, Teddy and Ella.F**

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 1

## Week 2

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Alex	Personal Best	Max	Personal Best
Year Prep Smyth	Aleesha	Respect	Racheal	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Charli	Personal Best	Seana	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Tait	Personal Best	Jordan	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Ayanna	Personal Best	Inaaya	Respect
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Aurora	Personal Best	Marlee	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Kallan	Personal Best	Zarwa	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Noah	Respect	Marli	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Aryan	Personal Best	Arabella	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Camp	Camp	Gabriel	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Camp	Camp	Waniya	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Camp	Camp	Adele	Personal Best
The Arts	Uv	Respect	-	-
Physical Education	Camp	Camp	Mia	Personal Best
French	-	-	Adelina	Kindness
OSH Club	-	-	Axel	Personal Best

**Congratulations to the following students who received  
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 1 & 2**

# PREP SMYTH WRITING

In Prep Smyth we have been writing creative narrative stories. We have been learning to include a beginning, middle and an ending. We have created stories about many different topics, some include being on an island, going on a train, and being on an airplane.



**LOGAN**

**ALEESHA**



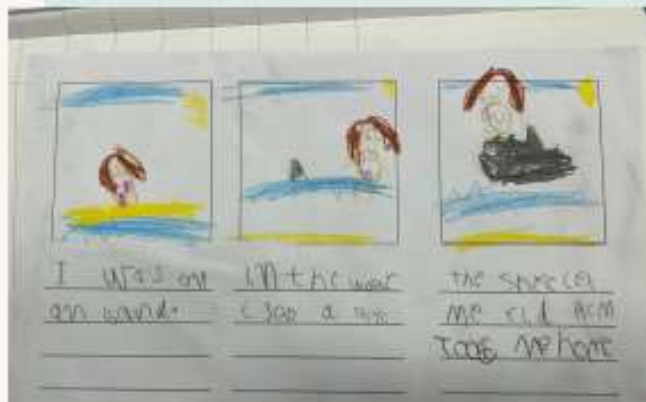
**KINGSTON**

**KYLE**





## ALINA

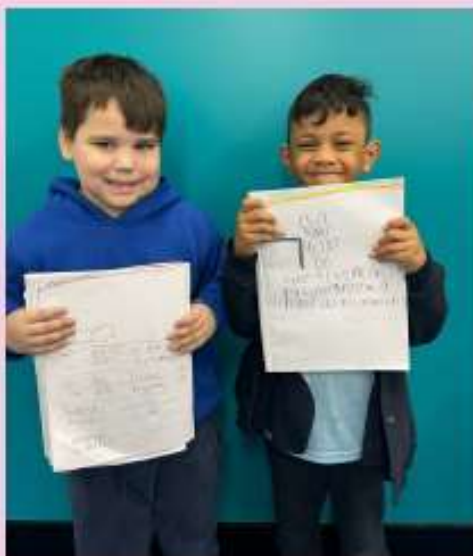


## POPPY

## TALIA



## ZAYAAN



# Year 5 /6 Lorne Camp

On Tuesday the 4th of October, our 5-6 campers accompanied by Ms Mastrop, Ms Talevski, Mr Mounsey, Mr Patty, Mrs Scalzo, Ms Gallo, Mr Jenner and Ms Campo made their way to Lorne. On our way we stopped at Leisurelink, we were lucky enough to have the waterslides and aqua splash pad to ourselves! This was only the beginning of a very jam packed 3 days. Once we arrived at our campsite, afternoon tea was served and we got moving to set up our homes away from home! After our dinner we had a leisurely walk to the Lorne Theatre to watch 'Minions: The Rise of Gru', we were spoilt for choice with drinks and popcorn.

On Day Two, we woke up to some beautiful sunshine (we wish!)... Our breakfast companions included some crazy cockatoos. We split up into our activity groups and made our way to the beach for our Canoeing, Mountain Bike Riding and Beach Walk activities. These activities took up most of the day, and the campers were able to gain up some new skills. Later in the evening, we walked to the Mantra where we played some games and had a bit of a groove before heading back to Camp for a well earned rest.

Our last day of Camp consisted of packing up our tents and heading off to Airey's Inlet Mini golf - where the teachers were quickly humbled by our students. We enjoyed our lunches and some hot chips before hopping back on the bus for our last stop at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery. Students were able to purchase a chocolate which they enjoyed before the very quiet bus ride home.

We are so proud of the students who attended Camp, they were fantastically behaved, respectful to the facilitators of our activities and each other. Well done 5-6s!



# Year 5 /6 Lorne Camp





## Prep- 2 Sports Day

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, our Year Prep-2 students will be participating in our annual Prep-2 Sports Day at Exford PS! The activities will begin at 9:15am with the students completing a range of rotations with different goals and challenges.

Once the students have completed every rotation and ran their class running race, the day will conclude at 1:30pm.

Please check your Seesaw to see which one of the 4 houses your child is in!

Maggolee

Bundjil

Wurundjeri

Wathaurong

## 2022 - Exford PS's Term 4 Lunch Time Clubs for our Kids - Monday 24 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	 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	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Bramich in the Art room	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Littlewood 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	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Littlewood in the Art room
		 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
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY



Mrs Micallef - GOTCHA Stall in the Gallery - Monday 10 Oct, Monday 24 Oct, Monday 7 Nov, Monday 14 Nov, Monday 28 Nov and Monday 12 Dec







## OSHClub Exford Newsletter Weeks 1 & 2, Term 4

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### Welcome to Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Wurundjeri and Wadawurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which gather today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



### Welcome back to Term 4

We would like to welcome back all our families and we hope you all had a wonderful break over the holiday period. We look forward to another term of fun and excitement!

This week at OSHClub we have been jumping straight back into routine, the children have been very excited to play with all our new toys and activities including a Lego table, reading corner, our ELA starting in November and 2 new clubs.

In the mornings we have been keeping it super relaxed with Lego building, slime play, hama beads and inside games like abc pacman and heads down. In the afternoons we are taking every opportunity to get outside when the weather lets us! we have been loving playing octopus, line tiggly and memory tag.

We've been celebrating some really cool, silly and important celebrations in the first 2 weeks of term including National Cinnamon Donut Day (04-10), World Mental Health Day (10-10), National Stop Bullying Day (12-10) and National Smile Day (07-10)!



## Coming Up

OCT  
31

### Halloween

Stay tuned for our Halloween activities and spooky colouring competition

NOV  
01

### Melbourne Cup

Public holiday, no school or OSHC today

NOV  
04

### Pupil Free Day

No school today, full day at OSHC 6:45am - 6:00pm

## Special Announcements

### ELA Announcement

Our ELA or extra-learning activity for term 4 has been announced as basketball! As of the 2nd of November, every Wednesday (for 4 weeks) we will have an external provider will teach the children to play basketball at no extra cost to you!

## Quality Area Reflection

### Quality Area 5

This term my focus is Quality Area 5: Relationships with children. Exford OSHClub has had a rough term with different staff members and not a lot of consistency for the children, now that permanent staff are working - allowing time for the children to get into a routine and develop a relationship that is responsive, respectful, and fun is vital.

The children's safety and wellbeing are our number one priority, by focusing on our relationships we can engage in play and learning that benefits them and their needs.

## Club News

### Our Term 4 Clubs

This term we will be providing two clubs.

Starting next Thursday (20th of October) we will be starting SPACE CLUB! Over 8 weeks the kids will be learning about each planet within our solar system as they build each planet using paper mache, starting with the planets closer to the sun, they will run through all 8 planets and touch on our special dwarf planet - Pluto at the end.

Sporting Superstars will take place on Monday afternoons at 4:00pm as of the 7th of November. In this club we will explore five different sports over six weeks as we learn drills, techniques and learn to play these awesome sporty games. The sports will include soccer, handball, cricket, parkour, and volleyball. We will conclude on week 6 with a SUPER SPORTS CARNIVAL!!





## Coordination Corner

- Parents and families are reminded that term four requires hats and sunscreen for outside play. Please bring hats every morning and afternoon as we supply sunscreen.
- Please ensure to book your children in using your parent portal as we can not guarantee a spot for your child. In the case of and emergency booking please call us directly.
- Also, when dropping and picking up the children please ensure to always come into our OSHClub room as a legal and safety requirement.



## Recipe

### Yoghurt Parfait!

(One serving)

half a banana

3 strawberries

half a kiwi

5 tablespoons of yoghurt

half a cup of granola

maple syrup or honey

- Slice your fruit into desired sizes and shapes.
- Clean and prep your bowl or large glass.
- Add two spoons of yoghurt to the bottom followed by half of your amount of granola, then add a small amount of fruit.
- Follow the last step with more yogurt and the rest of your granola.
- Top with your last scoop of yoghurt and the rest of your fruits, add a drizzle of honey or maple syrup and you're done!
- Enjoy your yummy yoghurt parfait!

