



Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!
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At Exford, these qualities are really important:

Respect **Kindness** **Personal Best**

... and it's up to all of us to show them every day in every thing we say and every thing we do!

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NEWSLETTER No. 17 (Term 3, 2020) Thursday 8 October 2020

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Emma (Ella & Maddie), Laura (Olivar & Ruby), Mark (Harriet), Michael (Eamonn), Naomi (Kallan & Ashlyn), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Harry)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki

Staff: Ms Campo, Ms Coletta, Mr Jenner, Mr Malane and Mr Wilson (visitor)

Ms Campo's News...



The kids are coming back!

Only one more school day and the children will be back at school! We can't *WAIT* to see them!

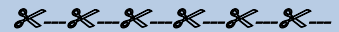
Please make sure that you read our [EPS Return to School Plan](#) thoroughly so that you are prepared and can follow our guidelines for a safe return to school.

Our Year 3-6 and Specialist teachers will have their Term 4 Professional Practice Day on Friday 9 October before the children's return. They will upload learning tasks loaded to Seesaw. The Prep - Year 2 teachers will have their day through Term 4.

Our focus will be on supporting the children to re-engage with each other and on their social and emotional wellbeing. We will focus on working with the children to identify the progress they have made during Remote Learning and assessing what their learning goals need to be and how best to support them.

We will support our Year 6 kids to be ready for transition to Year 7 and their secondary schools, as well as supporting our 2021 Prep children's transition to school. Our in-school transition support will also be a priority, supporting children move between year levels and stages of the school.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2020 Dates

Every Wednesday @ 5 pm
2021 Enrolment Tour (WebEx)

Term 4 2020

Friday 9 October 2020

Year 3-6 and specialist teachers have their T4 PP Day

Monday 12 October 2020

Year Prep-2 students return to On Site Learning @ EPS

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (until further notice)

Canteen open for lunch orders only - please order through the app only, there will be no cash accepted

Wednesday 21 October 2020

6:30 pm- School Council (WebEx)

Friday 23 October 2020

Grand Final Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 3 November 2020

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 18 November 2020

6:30 pm- School Council (WebEx)

Friday 20 November 2020

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 9 December 2020

6:30 pm- School Council (WebEx)

Tuesday 15 December 2020

2021 'Step Up Day'

Thursday 17 December 2020

2020 Semester 2 Reports sent home

Friday 18 December 2020

2020 School year ends

Remote Learning 2.0

These times are certainly worrying and challenging and they will affect us all differently - we understand that managing working from home and supporting your children's learning and everything else families need to do is a big ask of everyone!

Here's a few links for you:

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au>
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

2021 Enrolments

We have developed a virtual school tour and will use it with our 2021 Enrolment Tours. We will hold our Enrolment Tours via WebEx every Wednesday at 5 pm. Existing families who wish to enrol other children for 2021 are welcome to contact the Office and we'll send home enrolment forms for you.

Thank you to the parents who have confirmed their child's school for 2021, at Exford PS, at the new Eynesbury PS (confirmed name), or at other schools.

As per our 'handover' practices, we support children having transition days at their new schools and send the new school the student file, including recent assessment tasks and Student reports. We also are happy to have conversations with the children's new teachers when requested.

Footpath Art

Our footpath art continues ...



Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 19 September - 8 October 2020

Zach L, Asha, Leilani, Allayna, Julius, Leo, Max D, Ella F, Caleb C, Tara, Andrew, Jack T, Xavier G, Oliver K, Ella B, Ella S, Grace B, Alexia, Sadie D, Lexi, Lee, Fletcher, Eliza-Rose, Shailene, Ashton, Liam P, Ashlee, Mema, Caelan and Korey



Happy Birthday to you!!
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear kids,
Happy Birthday to you!

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo



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EXFORD PS - RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN - parent information – updated Tuesday 6 Oct 2020

We are now in Stage 2 of the Roadmap to Recovery, outlined by the Victorian Premier (which I have previously sent to families through our Seesaw and FlexiSchools apps).

Our initial focus for all of the students is supporting their wellbeing as they return to school – reconnecting with their friends and classmates, re-engaging in their class and school routines and managing a school day which is different from learning at home. Our classroom focus will be on Literacy and Numeracy for Term 4, and on supporting their readiness for transition, particularly our Year 6 children preparing for secondary school.

From Monday 12 October, we invite all of our children and staff to return to school.

We will re-enact our 'Return to School' Plan which we used earlier in the year, with some adjustments. Until further notice, we ask that our families follow the information listed below until the end of Term 4 2020 (or until advised otherwise by Ms Campo or Mr Wilson).

We would like our families to drop off and pick up their children in two distinct groups, so that we keep adult contact to a minimum. We will put bollards out to prevent parking in the carpark spaces adjacent to the vehicle gates, which will help with pedestrian movement. We ask parents to collect their children and to move off promptly, and to remain 1.5 m away from other adults as much as is possible – this includes staff as well as other parents.



All adults are reminded that the wearing of a face mask is compulsory (unless there is a medical reason not to wear a mask). We ask that all parents and carers wear a face mask for school drop-off and pick-up. If parents or carers are unwell, they must not enter the school grounds.

Whilst we will all be very excited about the prospect of returning to school (adults as well as children!), we all must be very clear that we still need to be very careful and vigilant in our Covid-19 safe practices. Please discuss with your children, as we will at school, how important it is that they hand-sanitise frequently throughout the day, especially before and after play times, toilet visits and food times.



Term 4 – 'No Hat, No Play' – We are back in our SunSmart time and all children must wear their Exford PS broadbrimmed hat (no substitutes) during PE classes and all play / lunchtimes from Monday 12 October. The children must also bring 2-3 drink bottles per day, as the drink taps cannot be used at this time.



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| <p>Our preparation for school reopening</p> | <p>Message for our families re social distancing</p> <p>No access to school buildings</p> <p>Limited / no adult contact with other</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the Department of Education and Training guidelines and advice given by the Chief Medical Officer, we ask that our families spend the <u>least possible time</u> at school, either on the school grounds or congregating outside the gates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is to protect the health of all in our Exford community and in the wider community On arrival to and departure from school, we ask that <u>parents remain at a distance from the staff and the class group</u> as they line-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We ask that parents use our Seesaw app / email / phone call to make contact with staff We ask that our families do not come into the Office |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your phone calls are always welcome ○ Please use QKR or over the phone credit card transactions - all payments to be made electronically ○ We will send uniform purchases (etc) home with the children ● We ask that parents do not enter the classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We ask that parents contact staff through FlexiBuzz, Seesaw or request a phone conversation ● We ask that parents do not enter the Canteen to order lunches – please use the Canteen online ordering app only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canteen open for orders on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays ● We ask that our families have minimal contact with other parents on / outside the school property ● We ask that our families do not come early for a play, nor have ‘Stay and Play’ after school until further notice |
| | Signage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will have all DET signs printed and displayed to assist you ● We will use bollards to guide our community – e.g. pedestrian traffic– |
| | Hand sanitiser | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be hand sanitiser in every classroom for the children and staff to use on entry and departure ● Signage and hand sanitiser for staff to use at the Office, staffroom and classroom entry doorways ● Disinfectant and wipes in every classroom to wipe down classroom materials |

Monday 12 October 2020 - Year Prep - 6 students return at school!

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| <p>Students Arriving and Departing School</p> <p>Vehicle and side (oval) gates will have bollards to divide and direct pedestrian traffic</p> | <p><u>Arrivals</u></p> <p>We will have two groups of arrivals:</p> <p><u>Group 1 - 8:50 am</u></p> <p><u>Group 2 - 9 am</u> (please do not arrive earlier than 9 am)</p> | <p><u>Front gate entry</u> – staff member to supervise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OSH Club staff and student arrivals (before school hours) ● Staff arrivals ● 8:50 am - Bus Kids <u>only</u> <p><u>Vehicle gates entry</u> – staff member to supervise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The vehicle gate will be opened at 8:50 am – we request that families do not congregate at the gates prior to that – please wait in your car ● <u>Group 1 - 8:50 am</u> – Year Prep - 2 children <u>and their Year 3-6 brothers and sisters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prep children to line-up on the oval with their teachers (Canteen end) – parents to ‘drop and go’ ○ Year 1-2 children to line-up on the oval with their teachers (Art Room end) – parents to ‘drop and go’ ○ Year 3-6 brothers and sisters to line-up in the Assembly area ● <u>Group 2 - 9 am</u> – Year 3-6 students (who do not have any Year Prep -2 brothers or sisters) walk in without their parents wherever possible and safe to do so <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 3-6 students line-up in the Assembly area ● <u>Side gate</u> – staff member to supervise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parent exit point only |
| | <p><u>Departures</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Front gate exit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bus Kids <u>only</u> ○ Staff departures ○ OSH Club staff and student departures (after school hours) |

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| <u>Group 1 – 3:20 pm</u> | <p>Vehicle gates entry – staff member to supervise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Group 1 - 3:20 pm</u> – Year Prep - 2 children <u>and their Year 3-6 brothers and sisters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prep children to line-up on the oval with their teachers (Canteen end) ○ Year 1-2 children to line-up on the oval with their teachers (Art Room end) ○ Year 3-6 brothers and sisters to join their younger siblings' classes |
| <u>Group 2 – 3:30 pm</u> (please do not arrive earlier than 3:30 pm) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Group 2 – 3:30 pm</u> – Year 3-6 students (who do not have any Year Prep - 2 brothers or sisters) walk to their parents on the oval / at their cars – whichever is safe to do so • Vehicle and side gate – staff members to supervise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exit points |

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| General information | Assemblies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recorded and posted to Seesaw as we have been doing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Normal Assemblies (whole school or year level) are not permitted under Stage 2 or Stage 3 of the Roadmap) |
| | Absence / attendance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning ends on Monday 12 October for the majority of students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With the exception of children who have medical issues which make them more vulnerable (medical certificate required) • Children will be marked absent if not at school – please use FlexiBuzz to advise us of your child's absence as usual |
| | Birthdays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children can only bring store-bought wrapped items to share (e.g. a Milky Way bar) – they can't bring food that has been made at home. |
| | Canteen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch orders ordered through the app only – no cash sent to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Canteen open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only ○ No counter sales – lunch orders only (but counter sale items can be ordered through the app and delivered at lunch times) |
| | Classroom equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared materials (blocks, counters, toys etc) – children to sanitise hands before and after using materials • Disinfectant wipes to wipe down high touch areas – cleaning roster • Take Home books will not be sent home – we will continue using electronic libraries until further notice |
| | Drink bottles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to bring 2-3 drink bottles of water to last them the day – water fountains will continue to be turned off as per DET advice |
| | OSH Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am – OSH Club will take Prep children to class and send Year 1-6 children to class • 3:30 pm - OSH Club to come to oval to collect Prep children who are booked in |
| | Playground | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'high touch' elements of the playground equipment are included in the cleaning schedule |
| | iPads | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this stage, the children retain the loan of the school iPads but need to bring them on a daily basis for use in the classrooms • Please stress with your child that the iPad may <u>not</u> be taken out of the school bag unless they are at home or in the classroom. |
| | Sick children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are not to attend school if unwell in <u>any way</u> • If becoming unwell at school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sent to Sick Bay - temperature taken ○ Parents called to collect child immediately |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children may not return to school until they are clear of their symptoms |
| | School events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our usual ceremonies and events are not permitted under Stage Two or Stage Three of the Roadmap – We cannot hold any activities which include inviting our families en-masse onto the school grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will affect our Year 6 Graduation and our Christmas Concert ○ We are working on developing alternative plans for both these very special events and will advise our families soon |
| | School excursions / Camps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are not permitted to have any excursions or school Camps at this stage |
| | School photos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are not permitted to have school photos under Stage 2 or Stage 3 of the Roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are working on an alternative |
| | Student medication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Morning student medications will need to be administered at home ● Lunchtime student medication will be administered at lunchtime as usual |
| | Transition programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kinder to Prep, new to EPS students and Year 6 to Year 7 Transition programs will not operate as per usual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replacement program to be advised when we have more information |
| Parent presence | Parent access | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No parent access to the Office, Admin area, Canteen or the classrooms |
| | Parent communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please contact staff by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phone call, FlexiBuzz contact or Seesaw messages ● Parent meetings will be carried out by WebEx appointment only |
| | Parent participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Parent helpers until further notice |
| | Parent Teacher meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phone call or WebEx appointments only |
| | School Council meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WebEx for remainder of Term 4 ● Next meeting - Wednesday 21 October |
| | Semester Two Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports will be sent home to parents – Thursday 17 December ● It will have information about the subject areas taught during Semester Two, Progression points and a general comment |

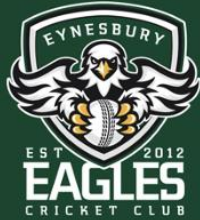
All practices listed above will continue until further notice

Please note that our plan may require some ‘tweaking’ as we put it into practice. We will advise you of any changes to our Covid-19 School Operations Plan.

As always, you are always welcome to contact Ms Campo or Mr Wilson at the school on 9743 5025 or by FlexiBuzz contact if you require more information.

Lisa Campo

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Principal



JOIN THE EAGLES NEST IN 2020/21!

THE EYNESBURY CRICKET CLUB HAS OPENED
REGISTRATIONS FOR OUR JUNIOR TEAMS

U11, U13, U15 & U17
Girls & boys

Register your interest **NOW**

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& search Eynesbury Cricket Club

Any questions, please email
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Bacchus Marsh Bulls Cricket Club



**GIRLS ONLY CRICKET
COMPETITION**

Players Wanted

Games played on Friday nights in the
Gisborne District Cricket Association.

Girls aged 8-16 yrs invited to join

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