

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 18 – Term 4, 2022

Thursday 3 November 2022



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## Ms Campo's News....

### November ... December ... and there goes 2022!

It is amazing to think that we are here at the start of November, with only six and a half weeks left of this school year. We are working on all of our planning for the 2023 school year, whilst also supporting our students' learning in the final stages of 2022.

These are the activities still to complete before we can say farewell to the 2022 school year.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalise class lists</li><li>• Year 1-2 Swimming program</li><li>• 2023 New Year 1-6 student Transition program</li><li>• Year Prep Camp</li><li>• 2022 Semester 2 reports</li><li>• 2023 'Step Up' Day where children meet next year's teacher and class</li><li>• Year 6 end of year excursion and Year 6 Graduation</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place staff with 2023 classes</li><li>• 2023 Prep Transition program</li><li>• Rescheduled Year Prep – 2 Sports Day</li><li>• Year 1 Dinner and a Show activity (after school)</li><li>• 2023 Classroom moves</li><li>• End of year Christmas Concert</li></ul> |
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### End of Year Christmas Concert

We will hold our end of year Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert on Friday 16 December at 9:30 am. The theme of our concert is 'Happy 120<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Exford!' as we recognise Exford PS being the great little school by the side of the road for 120 years. The staff are working on their concert items with the students and we will advise you in the next newsletter about the simple costumes we will request for the children. The student awards will be presented during the concert and the Raffle tickets will be drawn throughout the Concert. After the concert finishes, at approximately 11:45 am – 12 pm (ish), our families are welcome to have picnics with the children in our school grounds.

We sent home the Christmas Raffle Tickets yesterday with each child and we ask you to sell them to family and friends. More raffle ticket books will be available from our Office. If you are able to donate any goods to add to our prize hampers, we'd love to hear from you.

### Coming up

- Friday 4 November
  - Term 4 Professional Practice Day – no school for students today
- Monday 7 – Friday 11 November
  - Year 1 – 2 Swimming Program
- Wednesday 9 November
  - MPSSA Year 3-4 T20 Cricket

### Due to the Office

- Monday 7 November
  - MPSSA Year 3-4 T20 Cricket - Payment due
- Friday 11 November
  - MPSSA Year 3-4 T20 Cricket – 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

## 2023 Staffing News

At this time of the year, staff apply for new roles in their own schools and in other schools.

Here are some staffing updates for you.

- Congratulations to Ms Hale Tekin who has been selected to a 12 month position at a school much closer to home
- Congratulations to Ms Rheanna Gallo who has been selected to an ongoing position at a school much closer to home – Ms Gallo will commence at her new school from Monday 21 November (so Friday 18 November will be her last day at Exford PS).
- Congratulations to Ms Christina Akamatis who has been selected to an ongoing position at Exford PS
- Congratulations to Monsieur Aziz Mouhamad who has been selected to a three year position at Exford PS teaching French
- Congratulations to Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Micallef, Mr Mounsey and Ms Smyth who have been selected to the role of Professional Team Leaders for 2023, and they will each lead one of our teaching teams, working with either Ms Littlewood or Mr Jenner, our Learning Specialist Teachers and with Mr Wilson and me.

We are finalising our class lists and then we will begin to attach our teaching and ES staff to classes. The children will find out who their 2023 staff will be on our 'Step Up Day' on Tuesday 13 December. Whilst there is always uncertainty about any change, especially after the past two years, if your child is feeling anxious about next year, it is good to remind the children that change and getting used to new people is part of life.

Whilst parents are always welcome to share their thoughts with me about which teacher they would like their child to be with, we place our teaching and ES staff strategically to suit the whole school program. It is not always possible to grant individual requests. We are very lucky at Exford to have such positive staff who are focused on supporting the kids to the best of their ability – we only select the staff with that potential!

## Stage Two begins!

We have had our first meeting with our new building company – I am waiting for the formal announcement from the Minister's Office before I can share the news of the company's name. They are working on a site establishment and traffic management plan, as they work towards commencing on our two storey Senior Learning Building, which will have our new Art room and Music room and eleven classrooms. The Senior Learning Building will be located in the bottom right corner of our site – near the current student entry to the school (where all the Mod 5 portables used to be before their removal in July / August of this year). The bottom end of the car park will become the builder's site compound. There will be a student and family entry point installed closer to the front of the car park and we will reconsider and communicate how we manage morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups when we have more information for you. The tentative start date is Tuesday 15 November to begin establishing the site compound.

## Xuno

We have signed up for Xuno to combine the apps which we use. We will provide 'how to' guides for our families once we have done our training and we will roll out our use of Xuno for the 2023 school year. We will then no longer use FlexiSchools, School Interviews website for our community and will also lose a number of apps / programs for our staff.

## 2022 Term 4 dates to remember

### Thursday 3 November

- Prep – 2 Sports Day - Postponed

### 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

### Wednesday 9 November

- Year 3-4 MPSSA T20 Cricket Day

### Friday 11 November

- Year Prep Camp Day

### Tuesday 15 November

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

### Thursday 17 November

- Prep – 2 Sports Day – new date

### Tuesday 22 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 2 and Parent Information Session No 2
- 2023 Year 1-6 New Kids Transition program

### Tuesday 29 November

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 3 and Parent Information Session No 3
- 2023 Year 1-6 New Kids Transition program

### Wednesday 30 November

- Year 1 Dinner and Show

### Tuesday 6 December

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 4
- 2023 Year 1-6 New Kids Transition program

### Tuesday 13 December

- 2023 Year 1-6 New Kids Transition program
- 2023 Step up Day
- Parents advised of 2023 class and teacher through Seesaw

### Wednesday 14 December

- Variety Show program (for eligible students)

### Thursday 15 December

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

### Friday 16 December

- Exford Christmas Concert (9:30 am)

### Tuesday 20 December

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

## Telephone Lines

As you would be very aware, 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 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 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



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

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$3,411.20**

## 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 21 October - 3 November**

**Ryder, Aurora, Frankly, Ahmad. W, Chloe, Sohang, Seha, Rhianna-May and Nate. M**

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.

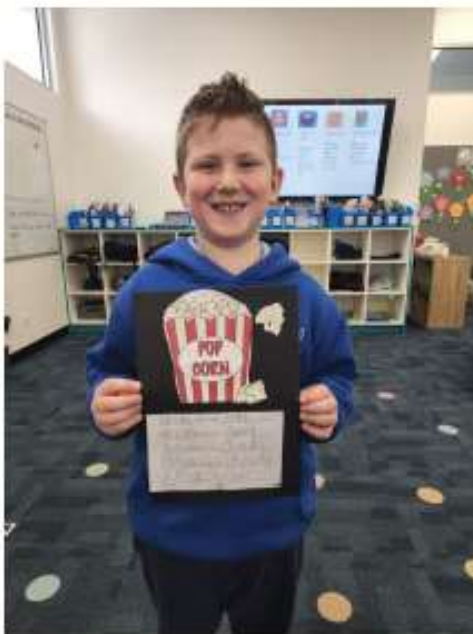




# Poetry Writing in Prep Micallef!

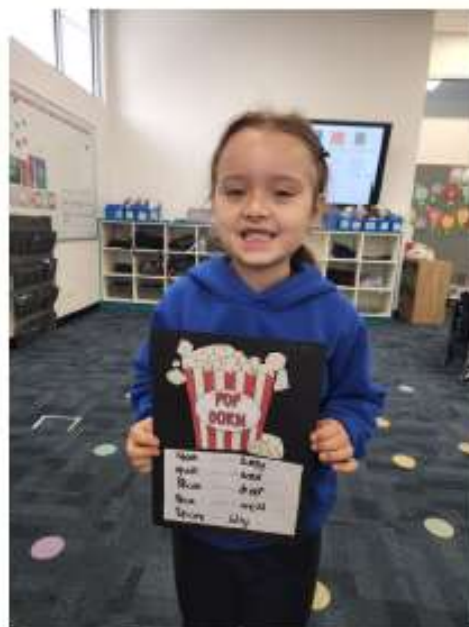
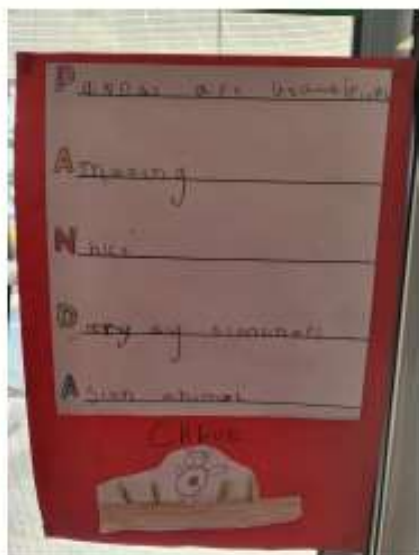


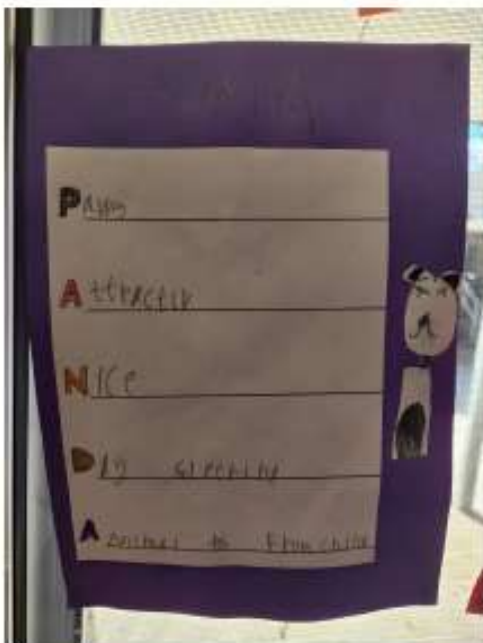
In Writing, Prep Micallef have been learning about Poetry. We have explored different forms of poems, including acrostic, feelings and sensory poems. They have learnt to use a range of descriptive words within each of the poems that have written.













## Biographies:

Students have been very busy in Writing this term, as we have been writing biographies.

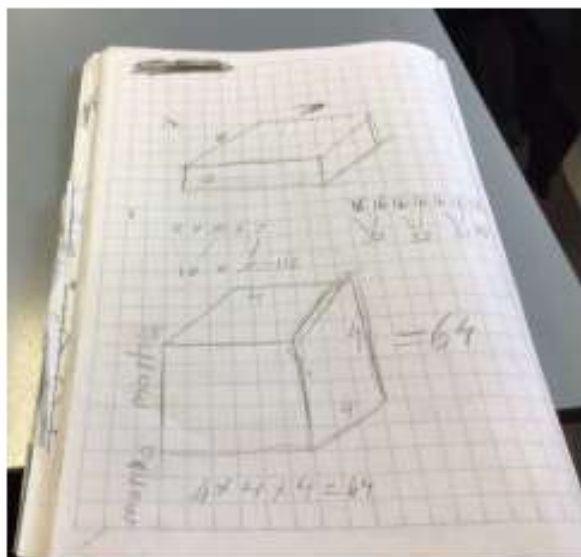
Within our writing, we have been focusing on using adjectives and descriptive language to engage our audience, as well as adding extra information to keep our readers wanting more!

Aritrika's biography on Ghandi.

Lachlan's Biography on Bill Russell.

### Sienna's Biography on Emma Watson.

# 5/6M

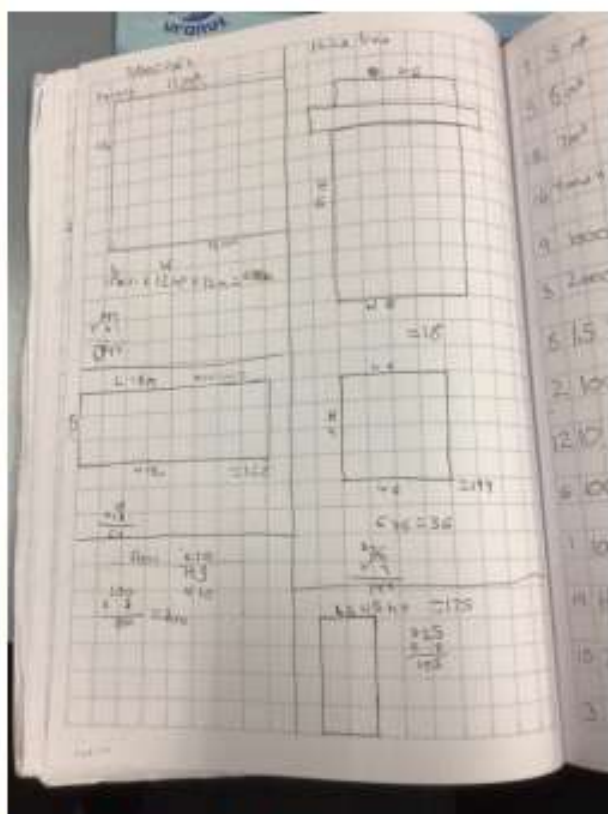


Cadin has learnt how to calculate the volume of objects.

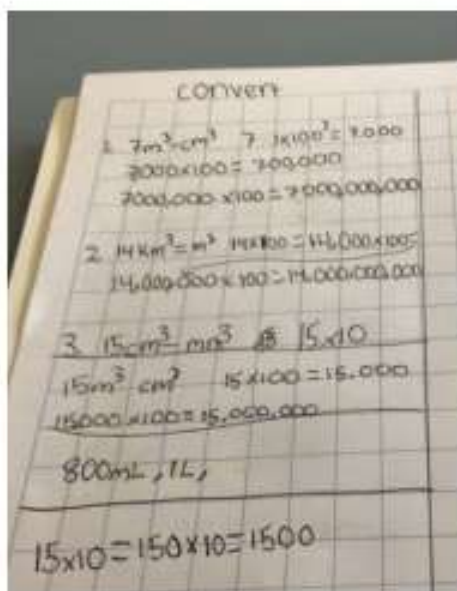
## Numeracy:

In Maths this Term, we have been learning about Mass, Volume and Capacity.

We have been practising how to convert between different units of measurement, how to calculate the mass, volume and capacity of objects and how to build objects and calculate the amount of materials needed to build them! Safe to say we have been very busy!



Maci-Leigh built various objects in Minecraft and then found the volume.



Sienna converting between different units of measurement.



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# Newsletter

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## OSHClub Exford Newsletter Weeks 3 & 4, Term 4

### 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.



### Term 4 update

Hello, hello!

The last couple weeks at OSHClub have been a blast starting one of our clubs and getting into the Halloween spirit, we've been busy adapting to a new routine and getting very crafty!

In the mornings we have been keeping it super relaxed with Lego building, slime play, hama beads and inside games like abc pacman and silent ball.

In the afternoons we are taking every opportunity to get outside when the weather lets us! we have been loving playing octopus, soccer, and memory tag. we've been getting very into crafts leading up to Halloween including making cotton ball ghosts, spooky egg carton spiders and cotton spiderweb sticks!

We've been celebrating some cool, silly, and important celebrations these last few weeks of term including 17/10 National Pasta Day, 20/10 National Sloth Day, 24/10 Diwali Celebrations and 25/10 National Art Day!

Mon-Fri 6:30-9:00am | 2:45-6:00pm  
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1300 395 735



## Coming Up

NOV  
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### Pupil Free Day

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

NOV  
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### National STEAM/STEM Day

Come learn all about science, technology, engineering, and Mathematics!

NOV  
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### Remembrance Day

Pay respects to those that fought and lost their lives for us in War

## 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

Continuing with my focus - Quality Area 5: Jigna and I (Taylah) have been working tirelessly to provide a happy and fun program for the children. Last term it was difficult to get the children to express what activities made them happy and what they would like to focus on at OSHClub - by developing our relationship we've been trying new and exciting things including crazy crafts, mini games/challenges, and group games!

We are continuing to encourage the children and assess their behaviours and hobbies to provide more activities in the future!

## Club News

### Our Term 4 Clubs

This term we will be providing two clubs.

Starting 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, learn about the sun and moon 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 an 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

### Easy-Peasy Pasta

Serves 4!

- pasta of choice
- one jar of homemade or store-bought sauce
- 1 zucchini grated
- 1 carrot grated
- 1 tin of tomatoes or 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 4 Mushrooms diced
- half an onion diced
- spices of choice
- salt & pepper

1. Boil pasta in boiling water as per packet directions
2. fry up your onion, then add your mushies and tomatoes. Once soft and fragrant add the rest of your veggies.
3. once combined add your spices, salt & pepper as well as your jar of pasta sauce (quick tip - once you've emptied the jar add some water and shake to get the rest of the sauce out!)
4. drain your pasta and combine with sauce
5. plate up and enjoy your easy-peasy pasta!!

## Photo Gallery



## 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 Mr Gundry 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 Mr Gundry in Ms Mastrop's room
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