



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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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 back!

The noise at the 11 am bell on Monday 12 October as the kids streamed out to play was such a welcome sound! Mr Wilson and I enjoyed touring all the classrooms on the first day and seeing all the kids settling back into being at school - such a landmark day!

Thank you to our families for following the Return to School Plan - it's measures such as these that will help with keeping community transition low.

2021 Planning

We are now well into our planning for next year. Thank you to the Eynesbury families who have now confirmed whether their children will remain with us at Exford PS or will transfer to Eynesbury PS.

We will now begin to confirm our planning for 2021, including:

- School structure and number of classes
- Teaching teams and class locations
- Staffing
- Class lists

If your child is not going to be at Exford PS, please let us know so that we can take your child out of our planning - exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au

***** School iPads - Please return the school iPads on Monday 26 October. We collected any iPads that were with children today *****

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember

Please add them to your calendar!

2020 Dates

Term 4 2020

Every Wednesday @ 5 pm

2021 Enrolment Tour (WebEx)

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

Friday 23 October 2020

Grand Final Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 3 November 2020

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 11 November 2020

11 am Remembrance Day Ceremony

School Photos - they're back on!!

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'

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Year 6 Graduation - details TBC

Thursday 17 December 2020

2020 Semester 2 Reports sent home

Friday 18 December 2020

2020 School year ends

2021 Planning

* 2021 Term Dates

At our School Council meeting last night, we ratified the 2021 School dates - here they are:

Term 1	<p>Term 1 begins on Wednesday 27 January 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pupil Free Day No 1 - Wednesday 27 January 2021• Pupil Free Day No 2 - Thursday 28 January 2021 <p>(We are repeating our 2020 model, which provided our teaching teams with their planning time at the beginning of the school year prior to the children starting.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1-6 students begin on Friday 29 January 2021 <p><u>2021 Prep assessment days</u> - Prep children attend by appointment to do the Prep assessment tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 29 January• Monday 1 February• Tuesday 2 February• Wednesday 3 February <p>(We will set up a booking event in our School Interviews website and advise our 2021 Prep parents once it's open.)</p> <p><u>2021 Preps begin</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 4 February 2021 -<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 10 am start (so that their extended families <u>hopefully</u> can come and share in this special day)○ 2:30 pm dismissal• Friday 5 February<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 9 am start○ 2:30 pm dismissal• From Monday 8 February<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Begin 5 day week○ 8:50 am -3:30 pm• Monday 8 March - Labour Day Public Holiday• Pupil Free Day No 3 - Wednesday 10 March - <i>Writing Focus (Misty Adoniou)</i> <p>Term 1 ends on Thursday 1 April 2021</p> <p>(Friday 2 April - Good Friday Public Holiday (holidays))</p>
Term 2	<p>Term 2 begins on Monday 19 April 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday 25 April - ANZAC Day (no additional Public Holiday) <p>Term 2 ends on Friday 25 June 2021</p>

Term 3	<p>Term 3 begins on Monday 12 July 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 14 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday• Pupil Free Day No 4 TBC - in response to School Review• Friday 24 September - Grand Final Public Holiday (in the holidays) <p>Term 3 ends on Friday 17 September 2021</p>
Term 4	<p>Term 4 begins on Monday 4 October 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 2 November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday <p>Term 4 begins on Friday 17 December 2021</p>

* 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.

Transferring students - I have been asked by several parents who have transferred their children to Eynesbury PS for 2021, if they can change their minds...of course you can! However, please note that once children commence at Eynesbury, they will not be able to return due to no longer being in Exford's enrolment zone.

* 2021 Prep Transition

We will be able to have an on-site Transition program for our 2021 Prep children earlier than expected. We will be able to have five to ten children at a time, accompanied by one parent per child. Now that we are able to start, we will confirm our dates and then we will send out invitations to our enrolled Prep children through their Seesaw feed.

* 2021 Book Packs

At last night's meeting, School Council ratified our Parent Payment Policy and our 2021 Book Packs. As we did for 2020, we have worked with our supplier (Paperchase Office National) and they will open the parent ordering system for the Book Packs. Book Packs which are ordered by Wednesday 13 January, will be delivered to school on Wednesday 27 January. Book Packs ordered after January 13 will be delivered after the main delivery date. Parents are welcome to source the Book Pack items themselves, but all items need to be identical to those on our list. Parents can pay by credit card and Zip Pay is offered, providing up to 12 months to finalise payment.

All children who will be at Exford PS for 2021 will be given their Book Pack list to take home on Monday.

Prep - Year 2 children will also have additional payments for 'Reading Eggs' and 'Mathletics' and Year 3-4 children will also have an additional payment for 'Mathletics'.

- 2021 Prep Book Packs will be posted to Seesaw - and we will also hand them to parents during Transition.

School Upgrade project

We are now at the Detailed Design costing phase and will hold the confirmation meeting next week.

Our construction phase is on track to begin at the start of next year, with the construction of the Admin building and the Junior Learning Building happening simultaneously (not consecutively as earlier thought). It's exciting to know the start of our building works is not far away!



Parent Opinion Survey

Each year, the Department asks staff, Year 4-6 students and parents to complete a survey. This year, instead of a random sample of parents, all parents are invited to complete the survey.

Our Year 4-6 students have completed the survey this week and staff have also completed the survey. The survey details have been sent out through Seesaw today.

Book Week

We will do Book Week activities in the classrooms, but won't be able to hold a Dress Up Day this year sadly. We are not able to hold a parade and given families can't shop for costumes or materials to make a costume, we will content ourselves with having lots of fun in the classroom.

Year 6 Graduation

We have posted some information to Seesaw for our Year 6 students. We will hold the event on Wednesday 16 December, and will see what we will be able to do for the children at that stage of restrictions.

End of year and Christmas Concert

We are unable to have our usual end of year Christmas Concert due to restrictions. Our classes will do a performance item which we will record and post to Seesaw (permissions will be requested) later in the term. As for Book Week, we won't request costume items and will create some props in the classroom. Stay tuned!

School Photos

You may have seen Minister Merlino's Face Book announcement about school photos. We have had confirmation from the Department yesterday that we can go ahead with school photos - I have rebooked our date for Wednesday 11 November. The photo pack information will be sent home when we receive them from MSP Photography.

School iPads

Please return the school iPads on Monday 26 October and Mrs Harper or Mrs Kelly will process them and send you an email to acknowledge the iPads' return.

Lost footy

We are looking for the footy of one of our Year 2 students - it is an aqua and white Sherrin Soft Touch footy. Unfortunately, the footy isn't named, but we are hoping that if it has gone home for a play with someone, that it can be returned to its owner.

Covid-19 times

These times are certainly worrying and challenging and they will affect us all differently. Feeling tired at this stage is very normal, but we encourage you to seek help if feeling overwhelmed.

Here's a few links for you:

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

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 8 October - 4 November 2020

Hudson, Grace D, Olivia M, Kailen, Maci-Leigh, Jacob M, Tika, Cooper MCB, Everly, Rylan D, Eva B, Aanya W, Inaaya, Haylie S, Jessie-Lee, Ruby Mc, Arya, Jeson, Ryan C, Liam M, Sheza, Addison B, Baxter, Jesse B, Noah B, Maddy B, Choie P, Ahmad W, Ashtyn, Pioper Ryan P, Amelia, Aydin, Jacob V, Armeet, Rhianna-May, Jasleen and Annabella



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

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Here are pages from:

- Our Teams Newsletters for Term 4
- Joyful pages from our classes on our Return to School
- OSHClub pages



Ms Campo



Big smiles in Prep Ademi

Exford's Preps spring back into school!

*Prep Lavulavu and
Prep Kappler students happy
to see their friends!*



Our 'busy bees' are happy
to be back in their hive!



*Prep Monagle
enjoying lunch
together!*

We have had a lovely
first week back!

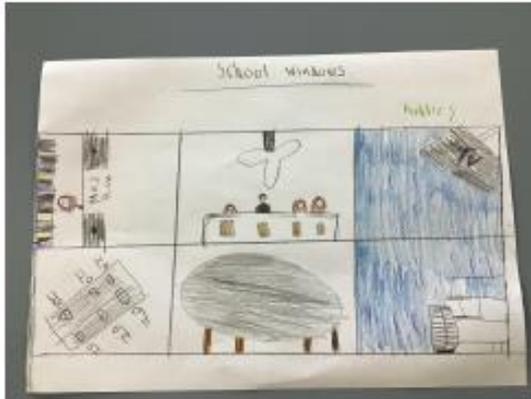


It's great to be back at school!

1/2A, 1/2J, 1/2M, 1/2R



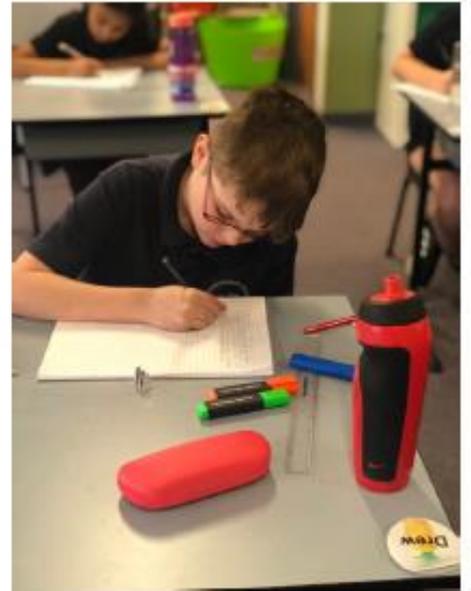
3/4R looked at the story 'Windows' for Wellbeing. Here is sneak peek through 3/4R's classroom window this week



3/4M loved playing a teamwork game together on the first day back



5/6S RETURN TO SCHOOL...





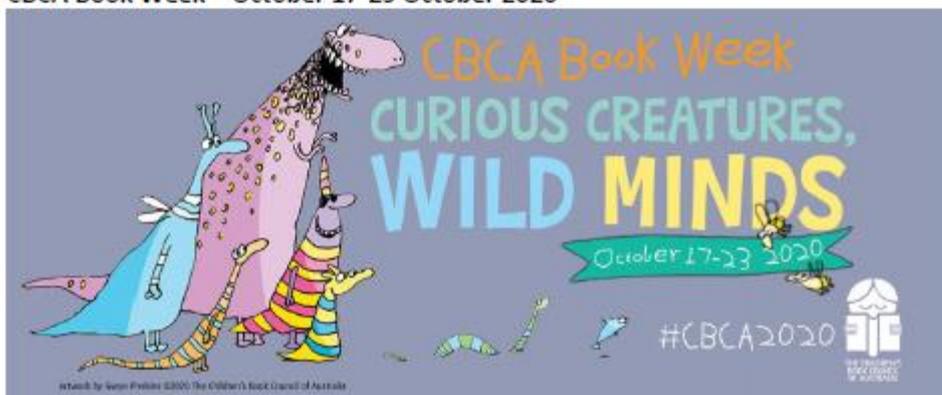
Learn at Your Library: Newsletter for Teachers, Students & Families

Welcome

Welcome to this Newsletter which is intended to provide Teacher's with information, programs and Melton City Libraries support for you, your students and their families. Please feel free to share it with your colleagues and have them contact me to subscribe.

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CBCA Book Week – October 17-23 October 2020



You may not be able to have the usual Book Parade this year during Book Week but we can help spark interest for your students. We are excited to give you access to Carp Productions' virtual show, "Marvelous Monster Fair". The show is a broad look at the short-listed and nominated books for 2020, with a focus on the "Curious Creatures and Wild Minds" theme.

The video will be available via our [Facebook Page](#) from Saturday October 17, for one week only. We hope you can celebrate at school, in a favourite costume, with a favourite book or pass the information on to your families to enjoy at home.

Our After Schooligans sessions feature some of the Short Listed Books along with a craft activity. Head to our [Facebook Page](#) to check them out.

To find out all of this year's CBCA Book of the Year winners go to <https://www.cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week>. If you'd like some activities for your students, CBCA have used Gwyn Perkins' quirky and colourful 2020 Book Week Theme artwork to create a free poster and bookmarks to [download](#), print and colour.

2020 Short Story Competition

Last month, our 12th Annual Short Story Competition's winners were announced. In previous years, we have held a special awards night for our finalists, but in these COVID times, we announced our winners on 29 September on our [Facebook Page](#). Our Junior Judge, [Michael Panckridge](#), awarded prizes to the following students;

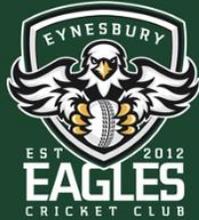
- Junior A Category for Years Prep-Year 3
 - Sophia & Kristina from Sydenham-Hillside PS - Hillside Campus
 - Dante from Brookside P-9 College
- Junior B Category for Years 4-6
 - Samaira from Creekside K-9 College
 - Trisha from Heathdale Christian College
 - Yeseo from Coburn PS

We have a prize of \$300 for the school that has the most entries submitted by their students. This year the cash prize went to Sydenham Hillside for the Junior A Category. The Junior B Category was a split between Kororoit Creek PS & Kurunjang PS who were awarded \$150 each.

Congratulations goes out to all of our budding writers that were brave enough to submit their work, and we look forward to seeing what they'll deliver in the coming years.

2021 Author Visits

This year we were unable to take our visiting authors out to schools for incursions to encourage students to submit an entry into the Short Story Competition. We are planning for 2021 Author Visits which could be provided either in person or as a virtual visit. The visits are provided by Melton City Libraries for FREE. Please provide an expression of interest for an author visit in 2021 to libraryschoolyears@melton.vic.gov.au



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**

Go to playcricket.com.au
& search Eynesbury Cricket Club

Any questions, please email
info@eynesburyeaglescc.com.au

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

For more info Contact:
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