



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 2018 No.18 (Term 4, 2018) Thursday 25 October 2018

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire), Jenny (Aimee), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot, Mr Wilson (non-voting member) and Mrs Bennett (minute-taker and non-voting member)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

Ms Campo's News...

Prep - Year 2 Sports Day

What a lovely day we had on Friday 12 October for our Year Prep-2 Sports Day. The weather was perfect and the kids had a great day taking part in lots of activities - see our photo page.

Mr Gundry's Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Mr Gundry's PST Conferences will be held on Wednesday 14 November. The website link is:

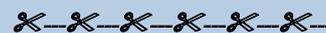
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=jduqc>

Enrolments

We ask that our families who have little brothers or sisters beginning Prep for 2019 return an enrolment form - we sent home forms a little while back. If you know of families who intend to enrol their children at Exford, we ask that you encourage them to do so promptly.

We are trying to plan our school structure for next year and to do that well, we need accurate enrolment numbers so we know how many classes and teachers we can afford, as well as do we need any other classrooms (see page 2 for more 2019 news).

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2018 Dates

Tuesday 30 October

2019 Prep Transition Visit No 1

Wednesday 14 November

**Year 1 Camp -
Dinner and a Show!**

Year 6 Gundry - PST Conferences

Thursday 15 November

Year Prep Camp Day

Friday 16 November

Silly Sock Day

(Ronald McDonald House) - gold coin fundraiser

Tuesday 20 November

2019 Prep Transition Visit No 2

Tuesday 27 November

2019 Prep Transition Visit No 3
2019 Year 1-6 new students
Transition Visit No 1

Tuesday 11 December

2019 Prep Transition Visit No 4
(final)
2019 Year 1-6 new students
Transition Visit No 2

Tuesday 18 December

2019 Step Up Day - meet next year's
teacher and class

2019 Year 1-6 new students
Transition Visit No 3

Wednesday 19 December

**Year 6 and Christmas BBQ
and Concert - 6:30 pm**

Thursday 20 December

Semester 2 Reports sent home

Friday 21 December

**Last day of 2018 school year!
1 pm - Assembly and 1:30 pm
dismissal**

2019 PLANNING

At this stage of the year, we have begun next year's planning in earnest. We base our planning on the number of enrolled students and communicate with the Department about the facilities we believe we will need. Schools' funding is based on many complex formulas, but is mainly based on the number of students enrolled at Census (end of February 2018).

Therefore, if your child/ren will not be at Exford next year, would you please contact Ms Campo at the school ASAP or through the Principal link on FlexiBuzz.

School structure for 2019

As discussed at our School Council meeting last week, we are waiting to decide on our structure for next year until our student enrolments settle. We are watching the new estates closely and working with the real estate offices re communicating with new families. I would hate to have everything settled and then have to reorganise everything. If you know anyone moving into Exford Waters estate, please ask them to come and enrol so we can include them in our planning and Transition visits.

Class Lists

We have begun our preparation for next year's class groups so that we are ready to go, once we decide on our class structure. Class groups are finalised before I match our staff to their 2019 roles.

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 - you can use FlexiBuzz to send me an email, as a starting point.

Djerriwarrh Festival!

Every year, Exford PS takes part in the Djerriwarrh Festival and this year we will have a walking display in the street parade on Saturday 10 November.



This year, the theme for the Djerriwarrh Festival Parade is 'All That Glitters...' and our entry will have a focus on 'The Wizard of Oz - with Dorothy's ruby slippers, the Yellow Brick Road and Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

We would love to have as many children as possible attend so Mrs Quayle & her Art Ambassadors will be making costumes for those attending to wear.

To ensure we have enough costumes, please advise the names and ages of any children attending by Friday 26 October - please respond to killeen.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

Mr Parker

As you know, Mr Parker has been on leave for 12 months after having a year at a school much closer to home. Mr Parker has decided to return to Exford from the start of 2019. We welcomed him back at last Friday's Assembly, to a very warm round of applause from the kids and staff!

2019 Important dates

Please note that there have been a few changes to our dates for next year.

Term 1: Tuesday 29 January - Friday 5 April 2019 (10 weeks)

- Tuesday 29 January - Pupil Free Day 1 - staff only
- Wednesday 30 January - Year 1 - 6 students start (no Prep students)
- Wednesday 30 January - Friday 1 February - Preps attend for their assessments on the appointed day
- Monday 4 February 2019 - Prep students begin - attend Monday 4, Tuesday 5, Thursday 7 and Friday 8 February - Wednesday 7 February - final Prep assessment day
- Friday 9 February - Prep children are presented at our Sharing Assembly on Friday afternoon (3 pm) - they will share their official 'Starting School at EPS' certificate!
- **New date** - Friday 8 March 2018 - Pupil Free Day No 2
- Monday 11 March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- **CANCEL** - ~~Tuesday 12 March 2018 - Pupil Free Day No 2~~

Term 2: Tuesday 23 April to Friday 28 June 2019 (10 weeks)

- Tuesday 23 April - Students and staff begin
- Thursday 25 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Friday 26 April - Pupil free day No 3
- Monday 11 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Term 3: Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September 2019 (10 weeks)

- **CANCEL** - ~~Monday 15 July - Pupil Free Day No 4 - staff only~~
- Monday 15 July - all students begin

Term 4: Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December 2019 (11 weeks)

- **New date** - Monday 7 October - Pupil Free Day No 4
- Tuesday 8 October - all students begin
- Tuesday 5 November - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Volunteering

A reminder that parents / family members who volunteer to help at the school must have provided our Office with their Working With Children Check. This is a Department of Education and an Exford PS requirement. We also ask that parents sign our Confidentiality and Child First Code of Conduct agreements.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert will be held on Wednesday 19 December. This is our major and final event for the year and we need lots of helpers.

Can you help in any of these ways?

- Source / provide donation of goods to go into our selection of prizes for the Christmas Raffle
- Help to wrap the Christmas Raffle prizes / hampers
- Help with the BBQs - cooking, serving, shopping
- Costume / stage props making (see your child's class teacher)

Student Achievements

Reece was picked for the Victorian country boys team. He will play against Vic Metro and other states. He is one of the top 25 basketballers for his age in country Victoria.



Well done to Blake and Isabel for their participation in the 3 km Melbourne Marathon.



Here are Cassie and Lucy proudly showing their Gymnastics medals.



Our Divisional Basketball champions!

World Teachers Day celebration!

Did you notice our teacher garden last week with our celebration for World Teachers Day?

Our wonderful ES team made the flowers with their personal touches and we 'planted' them on Friday 12 October, to the delight of the staff and the children.



Eynesbury Soccer opportunity

A new Soccer opportunity has become available for our kids on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30pm Stage 1 oval. There are no costs involved. Please contact Maria for further information.
- Maria 0425 733 738



Attendance ... Every Day Counts

A reminder that family holidays should be taken during school holidays wherever possible and **not during term time**. When children miss out on learning due to prolonged absence (e.g. a holiday in school time), it is very difficult to catch them up - they often miss entire units of class work.

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.

Student Absences

A reminder that we need parents to use FlexiBuzz **on the day** of their child's absence and for you to use the Eynesbury Bus tab if they will not use the bus and / or be absent. Parents only have their own children to make a notification about, versus our office staff needing to make a phone call to every family whose child is absent. The Absence / Eynesbury Bus tabs in FlexiBuzz send an email to the student's teacher, to Mrs Kelly (our attendance officer), to Ms Killeen (bus) and to me.

Did you know that:

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.

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.

Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.



Our 2018 target is...

\$18,000 - \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$9,689.25

Silly Sock Day

As we do each year, we support the Silly Sock Day fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House. We invite everyone to wear their silliest socks with their school uniform on Friday 16 November - children are asked to bring a gold coin donation.

Fundraising in Term 4

Christmas Raffle Hampers

As we move into Term 4, our Fundraising attention turns to our Christmas Raffle, which is our biggest Fundraising effort in the school year. If you are able to assist with sourcing raffle prizes, please contact the school on mcdonald.jacki.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or on killeen.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays - 11 - 24 October

Tika, Rylan D, Eva B, Jessie-Lee, Ruby Mc, Logan H, Arya, Jenson, Ryan C, Jack M, Imani, Lian M, alex L, Jack S and Addison B



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



We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and birthday cup-cakes are *always* welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song (and a photo for Seesaw!).

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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

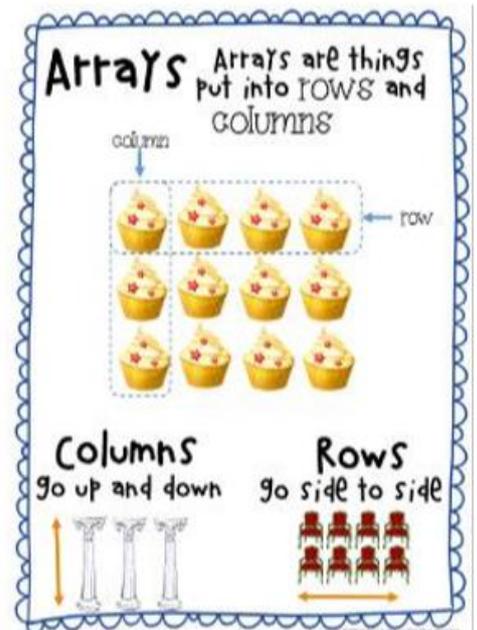
Please see the pages from -

- Year 3/4 Adams
- Year 1/2 Roe
- Ms Kappler's PE page

☺ Ms Campo

Maths in Year 1/ 2

This term we are learning about **multiplication**.
We are learning to draw **arrays**.
Here is our understanding of what an array is.



Indi - They can help you with your times tables.

Ryan - Some arrays are hard because sometimes 7×10 you might think it is $7 + 10$

Keedan - you can draw arrays to show multiplication of a times table.

Elodie - When you do 6 rows of 3 the 6 has to go first to make the row.

Arya - The one that has rows goes down is the number of groups. The one that goes across is how many in the group.

Max - It is like 7×10 is 7 down and 10 across It is like a big square.

Zaylen - 3×3 in an array has 3 down and 3 across.

Rommy - an array shows rows of crosses $7 \text{ rows } 3 = 21$

Sienna - It's not plus. It can be shown as repeated addition. $2 \times 3 = 6$ is two rows of 3.

Caitlyn - An array means times or multiplication.

Annabella - An array is multiplication and you can draw it.

Tyson - An array is something you can add up with and also can make it easy by counting by 5's and 2's.

Samuel - An array is rows of crosses that show us groups of 5 groups of 4.

Liam - We can do number sentences to show an array.

Kailen - An array is 4 rows of 3 = 12

Lachlan - An array is something that has 5 rows of 8.

Blake - I think an array is where you can move a number sentence around.

Alexia - An array is something that you go across and you write the answer in the book.

Kayleb - An array is repeated addition, times and it has a number sentence, like 5 times 6 =

Areeb - An array it is a quicker way of doing times.

Isaac - An array is when you learn groups of.



In Year 3/4 Adams, the students have been exploring what poetry is and all the different types of poems. They have learned about sound poems, rhyming poems and got inspiration from the book called 'Imagine' by Alison Lester to write an imaginative poem using imagery. The students have enjoyed every minute of it!

The Beach

The kicking of the children,
The splashing of the wave,
The shouting of the kids,
To get saved!

Lee

Cinemas

I can hear the crunching of popcorn,
As well as ice-cream.
The sipping of the empty drinks,
And the chatting and whispering.
I can hear the movie and people singing,
And lots of people laughing.

Olivia

Imagine Poem

Imagine,
A place where you'll be safe,
To feel like grace.
They'll be trees,
And a calming breeze.

Lucy



Brother and the Bath

My brother and the bath.
Oh, what a terrible mix.
Splash!
He was almost drowning,
while doing silly tricks!

My brother and the bath.
Oh, what a terrible mix.
Splash!
He was almost drowning,
While doing flips and kicks.

Oakleigh

The Classroom

The talking of the children.
The door opening then shutting.
And foot steps on the floor.
The scissors cutting.
Drawers opening,
Wind from outside of the window.
The seaside is not near.

Trisha

My Weird Day

I can hear the cracking of nails.
And the swishing of cat tails.
I can hear silent droughts,
And big elephant shouts.

I felt something flop on me,
It is my slime you see.
Oh me, oh my, that silly time
No one has had a day like mine.

Annika

Treehouse

Imagine a treehouse with millions
of trees,
And lots of buzzing bees!

Imagine touching the smooth
wood,
It feels so very good.

Zane

Outside

The rustling of the trees.
The chewing of the kids.
The nice cool breeze,
And the squealing of the children.

The squawking of the birds,
High up in the sky.
As I see the birds,
And the rabbits nearby.

Sophie

The Classroom

The chatting of the students.
The slamming of the door.
The shuffling of books.
The banging on the floor.

The tapping of the pencils.
The teacher that talks.
The talking of the kids when they
come to the floor.

Shubhani

Sounds of the Beach

I hear the wind as it whistles,
The swish of the sea.
The clinking of the shells.
The sound of the beach has come to me.

Turtles crack their eggs.
The seagulls squawk high above.
The fish make splashes,
And high above a graceful dove.

Isabelle

The Sea Blows My Mind

The waves splashing.
The seagulls chirping.
The splashing noises.
People talking.

The wind blowing.
The sense of freedom.
When you open your eyes,
you see fish swimming.

Teagan.

Outside Poem

The chirping of the birds.
The shaking of the trees.
The meowing of the cats.
The buzzing of the bees.

The quacking of the ducks.
The barking of the dogs.
The rustling of the leaves.
The people chopping logs.

Kiranjit

A Sad Universe

The universe is like soup,
So big and red.
It explodes with colour,
like a supernova.
The pepper is a sad dark day.

Max

Imagine

Imagine a treehouse up high,
The whistling of the wind going by.
A way to escape the outside world.

Jade

My Bad Day

As the rain dropped onto my head,
I just want to go to bed.
Whether I am near or far,
I just hear the sound of cars.
Right after I stepped on a nail,
I got hit by a bunch of hail.

Carmen

Beach

The chatting from the people.
The splashing of the waves.
The seagulls squawking.
The digging in the caves.
The running on the beach,
The sand starts to reach.
The jumping of the children.

Adrian

Classroom

I hear the children talking.
I hear the wind wave.
I hear the children chat,
As they make a cave.

I hear my friends chatting,
As the children are trying to learn.
I hear drums bang,
I hear the teacher turn.

Oh my,
My day was big,
Lets go home and go to sleep.

Mia

Panda Enclosure

The whistle of the wind,
Rustling of the trees.
Chatting of the pandas,
Tapping on the leaves.

The crunch of bamboo,
Calls of cockatoos.
Buzz of the bees,
And the whooshing of breeze.

Little snores of pandas.
Till at night all is quiet.
Not a single sound!

Hasali

Basketball

Imagine throwing a basketball, into
the hoop.
While doing, doing, doing some
loops.

What did you do?
You threw to the other team.
And all of them are very mean.

I'm not playing Basketball anymore.
I am not playing Basketball that's
for sure.

Jack

Imagine

Imagine if we were deep in the sea,
For all the creatures to see.
Where sharks glide,
Where seahorses rock,
And hermit crabs hide.

The ocean starts to turn into a pier,
But then the sun starts to appear.
The rocks start to fall,
As you start to climb a wall.

Brodie

Imagine

Imagine birds flying in outer space.
As they flap their wings,
And look down they'll see,
All the kids shouting with glee.

Imagine if you saw thousands of
trees,
Surrounding lots of buzzing bees.

Ashlyn**Imagine**

Imagine thousands of trees circling
you.
Squirrels, owls and birds.
It's wonderful,
it's true!
Imagine a treehouse right in front of
your eyes,
With lots of trees,
But you can't see the sky.

Riley S**Imagine**

Imagine the birds chirping.
The foxes searching.
The wombats munching,
And the fallen leaves crunching.

Summer**Imagine**

A big roller coaster around the
whole park.
A big scary mouth for the entrance.
Loud screaming people,
And a Ferris wheel.
You go up, up high,
And wave goodbye.
Go carts crashing and banging,
And the music from the merry-go-
round.

Emma**Imagine**

Imagine we're in the future.
There's cars zooming past floating
screens.
Hover boards instead of skateboards
Buildings hovering over the ground.
T.V's that cost a couple of bucks.
No more houses that are brick.
Just invisible mansions.
More stuff to enjoy with your family.
More things that can activate,
As we watch the sun go down.

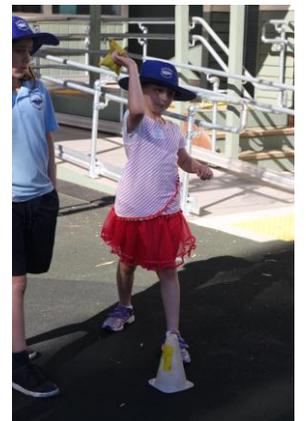
Riley P

Exford PS Gotcha Prize List

PRIZE	GOTCHAS			
Sticker	1			
Prize box	5			
Choose a book at story time	5			
Jump to the front of the Canteen queue	5			
Lunch with a friend	8			
Teacher's chair for a day	10			
Be the teacher for 10 mins	10			
Lunch with the Principal or your choice of teacher	15			
Free time (15 mins)	15			
Choose a class game	25			
Video game time (30 mins)	30			
30 minutes with Ms Campo or Mr Wilson) (reading, knitting, games, drawing etc)	40			
30 minutes - Lego Club with Mr Jenner	40			
30 minutes - making and flying kites with Mrs Talbot	40			
End of term movie and popcorn	50			
MEGA Gotcha Award - students can choose from a range of group experiences	150			
Seasonal Gotcha 'Auctions' - e.g. footy tickets etc that we are able to source, time with a visiting footy player etc	Auction			
Knitted bunny prize - the student can choose the wool and it will be knitted specially for them with progress 'show and tells' along the way!	150			
				
Knitted teddy/monkey/cat/dog prize - the student can choose the wool colour and it will be knitted specially for them with progress 'show and tells' along the way!	250			
Teddy	Cat	Dog	Cat	Monkey
				

Prep to Year 2 Sports Day – Friday 12 October





[TEETH ON WHEELS - dental visit from Thursday 22 November 2018](#)

Exciting news! **Teeth on Wheels** will be returning to our school for the children's 6 monthly dental visits.

To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your Child's consent form online by following the link below.

It only takes 5 minutes to complete and by reducing the amount of paper being used, we will be helping the team out by being more environmentally friendly.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform>

The date of the children's dental visit will be starting on **Thursday the 22nd of November 2018**, so please ensure if you didn't complete a form at the start of the year to have this completed ASAP! If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child's dental appointment please don't hesitate to contact the **Teeth on Wheels** team on (03) 9338 1191.

Our school is lucky enough to have Australia's ONLY accredited mobile dentist attend every 6 months

Seeing the dentist every 6 months is so important for children. A recent Royal Children's Hospital study highlighted the following:

- 1 in 10 Children have had at least one decayed tooth extracted before the age of 9 years
- 1 in 3 children between the ages of 5 and 6 years have symptoms of decay in their baby teeth
- 4 in 10 children aged 12 – 14 years have decay in their permanent teeth.

Studies have confirmed that poor dental health impacts on the growth & development of the child along with chewing, swallowing, speaking and can disrupt sleep and productivity. Over time, dental decay has been linked to heart and pulmonary disease, respiratory tract infections and chronic ongoing pain.

OUCH!



Great news – you maybe eligible for free dental

You may not be aware but the Government supports Oral Health via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) – providing 2 years of free dental up to the value of \$1,000 per child, aged between 2 and 17 years. To be eligible you must be receiving *Family Tax Benefit Part A*. Complete the Teeth on Wheels consent form and our team can advise of your eligibility or contact Medicare General Enquiries direct on 132 011.

We are making the dentist even easier!

Follow the link below to complete your child's online consent form today. By filling out your consent form online you are saving yourself time and helping the Teeth on Wheels team become more environmentally friendly.

teethonwheels.com.au/consent-eform

Remember that consent forms only need to be filled out once per calendar year unless your details have changed.

TeethOnWheels™
a positive dental experience

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Hang out at the library after school - there will be something different to do every week! It could be art, craft, games or STEM related activities.

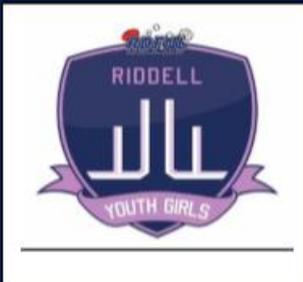
MELTON
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AFTER SCHOOLIGANS!

Mondays in school terms • 4-5pm • Melton Library
Weds in school terms • 3.30-4.30pm • Caroline Springs Library

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: VISIT OUR
WEBSITE OR CALL 03 9747 5300**





Female Football Skills Session & Come Try Day

Melton Centrals Junior Football Netball Club are holding a skills and come try session for all girls between the ages of 9-18 years old, all abilities welcome.

Date: Wednesday 14th of November

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

with a sausage sizzle to follow

Venue: Arnolds Creek Reserve
20 Longtree Drive, Arnolds Creek



Please bring a drink bottle and wear runners only.

FANCY
YOURSELF AS
A
FOOTBALLER?

To register your attendance, please email your full name and DOB to girlsfootballcoordmcfnc@outlook.com or for further information please contact Donna on 0415-562-427