



Exford Primary School

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Artist impression of our new school entry - ready 2022!

At Exford, these qualities are really important:

Respect 	Kindness 	Personal Best
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... 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.19 (Term 4, 2021) Thursday 4 November 2021

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Naomi (Kallan and Ashlyn), Rebecca (Hannah, Joshua and Thomas), Kylie (Peyton), Sharon (Charlie & Archie)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki (SC President)

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Cassar, Ms Mastrop and Mr Wilson

Ms Campo's News...

Return to school

Our return to school this week was not quite what we had planned, with some of our classes returning to Remote Learning for this past week. A big thank you to our families, kids and staff who, with a resigned sigh, rolled back into the Remote Learning routine.

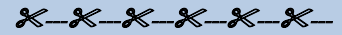
We have been fortunate to have escaped any cases so far, thanks to our Covid-safe practices and our community being so careful. Many schools have needed to take these precautions a number of times.

I think that it is a timely reminder that we all still need to be very careful, we need to wear our face-masks indoors and if we feeling the slightest bit unwell, to go and get tested and to isolate as advised.

I know these Covid cases make us all feel very anxious, but please don't keep the children at home. It is very important that the children come back to school to re-engage with their classroom learning, their friendships and their social development. Our school is cleaned every day, we are ventilating the classrooms by opening windows and doors, Year Prep- 2 children are encouraged to wear face-masks and Year 3-6 children must wear face-masks.

You are welcome to contact your child's teacher, Mr Wilson or I, as always.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 9 November

2022 Prep Info Session No 2 - repeated at 4 pm today - WebEx session link sent in the calendar appointment

Tuesday 23 November

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 1
 9 am - Group 1
 10 am - Group 2

Thursday 16 December

Reports sent home to Parents

Tuesday 30 November

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 2
 9 am - Group 1
 10 am - Group 2

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx

Thursday 2 December

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx

Tuesday 7 December

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 3
 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

2022 Year 7 Transition Day - visits to secondary schools

Tuesday 14 December

2022 Step Up Day - arrangements TBC - meet 2022 teacher and class

Wednesday 15 December

Year 6 Graduation - arrangements TBC

Thursday 16 December

Reports sent home to Parents

Friday 17 December

Last Day of School
 1:10 pm - Assembly
 1:30 pm - Dismissal
 1:30 pm - Buses Depart

School arrivals and departures

The side car park gates are the main entrance for our students arriving at school. The front gate entrance is only for OSH Club, Bus kids and staff arrivals and visitors to the Office.

Morning arrival time

- 8:50 am - Front gate - OSH and Bus Kids
- 8:50 am - Side gate onto the oval - Prep-2 students (and any older brothers and sisters)
- 9 am - Side gate onto the oval - Year 3-6 students (who don't have younger brothers and sisters)
 - **Please do not bring your Year 3-6 child earlier than 9 am** - we have had a queue forming this week which is exactly what we don't want.
 - Year 3-6 children need to be dropped off or must wait in the car until 9 am and collected at 3:30 pm
 - *(We hope that these staggered Year Prep-2 and Year 3-6 times will no longer be needed with the next easing of restrictions)*

Afternoon pickup time

- 3:20 pm - Front gate - OSH and Bus Kids
- 3:20 pm - Side gate onto the oval - Prep-2 students (and any older brothers and sisters)
- 3:30 pm - Side gate onto the oval Year 3-6 students (who don't have younger brothers and sisters)

Steve McGhie's Visit

We enjoyed a visit from Steve McGhie, our MP for Melton, who came to check out our Stage 1 construction progress. He was thoroughly impressed with the works completed so far and is really happy with having been instrumental in our school's capital works funding. Steve is a passionate supporter of Melton schools, we are always happy to have him visit.

2022 Preps

If you have a child who will be starting school with us next year, would you please contact the Office and we will send home an enrolment form for you. We also need a copy of the birth certificate and the immunisation certificate.

If you have received your Prep child's enrolment form already, we'd appreciate your sending it back so that Mrs Kelly in the Office can process it for you - please note that she is not able to process enrolments without the birth certificate.

We have now set up our 2022 Preps journal in Seesaw and have begun to sending out information for you.

If you have friends or neighbours hoping to enrol at Exford PS for 2022 (in any year level), would you ask them to contact our Office, please?

2022 Prep Parents Information Sessions

Session 2 - Information about starting school and the classroom program - how school and home can work together

- Tuesday 9 November at 4 pm (repeat of Session 2)

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

We will hold our Term 3 Interviews on Tuesday 30 November and Thursday 2 December using WebEx. We will send you the link for the School Interviews website next week for you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

2022 Prep Transition Visits

We are able to offer some Prep Transition visit times for our 2022 Preps. Parents are able to bring their children and stay for 5-10 minutes (face-masks are essential) to help to settle the children and then we ask parents to wait in their cars until the end of the session. Parents must use our QR code to check in on arrival and then on their return to collect the children. Parents must follow our Covid-Safe practices at all times.

Visit No 1 - Tuesday 23 November

- Group 1 - from 9 - 9:50 am
- Group 2 - from 10 - 10:50 am

Visit No 2 - Tuesday 30 November

- Group 1 - from 9 - 9:50 am
- Group 2 - from 10 - 10:50 am

Visit No 3 - Tuesday 7 December - we aim to have the children with our 2022 Prep teachers and in their 2022 class. On this day, we will ask parents to bring their children to the oval to meet the teachers and the children will go to the classroom from there

- Class 1 - from 9:15 am - 12:15 pm
- Class 2 - from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

We will confirm which group your child will be in - please note that these are not the class groups. Please contact me if you have any thoughts about your child's friendships so that we can take it into consideration as we plan our 2022 Prep class groups.

Class Lists

Our preparation for next year's class groups is underway and the class groups are finalised before I will match our staff to their 2022 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. We will particularly be mindful of friendship groups, given the departure of some students to their new schools for 2021 and 2022.

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.

If you would like to share your thoughts, you can send me an email on exford.ps@education.vic.gov (or use the FlexiSchools 'Contact' tab, as a starting point. I ask you to so by Friday 12 November 2022.

Here are our 2022 term dates (repeated)

2022 School Dates

Term 1 - Friday 28 January 2022 - Friday 8 April 2022 (10 week term)

- Pupil Free Day No 1 - Friday 28 January
- Pupil Free Day No 2 - Monday 31 January
- Year 1-6 students begin - Tuesday 1 February
- Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 February - 4 days of Prep assessments
- Monday 7 February - 2022 Preps begin - 10 am - 2:30 pm
- Tuesday 8 February - 2022 Preps begin full time
- Labour Day Public Holiday - Monday 14 March

Term 2 - Tuesday 26 April 2022 - Friday 24 June 2022 (9 week term)

- Monday 25 April - ANZAC Day
- Pupil Free Day No 3 - Tuesday, 26 April 2022
- Wednesday 27 April 2022 - Students start
- Monday 13 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Term 3 - Monday 11 July 2022 - Friday 16 September (10 weeks)

- Pupil Free Day No 4 - Monday, 11 July 2022 -
- Tuesday 12 July - Students start

Term 4 - Start of Term 4 Monday, 3 October 2022 - Tuesday 20 December 2022 (11 weeks)

- Tuesday 1 November - Melbourne Cup Day

SunSmart times ... No hat, no play!

A reminder that we are now in SunSmart season and children need to wear their Exford PS school hat daily for the recess and lunch breaks, PE lessons and any game times. Children without hats need to sit in the shade or on the stage.



New hats can be purchased only at school through our Uniform shop via our Office (no other hat can be worn).

We also encourage families to provide their children with sunscreen roll-on to keep in their school bag.

Office News

School Camps and Sporting activities

As you know, we are not able to proceed with our Camps or sporting activities and all have needed to be cancelled. Please contact Mrs Humplik in our office for the Camp or sporting activity payment refund - we would prefer not to hold payments over to cover next year's expenses. lisa.humplik@education.vic.gov.au

Lost Property

As we look forward to the children returning to school fulltime, can we ask you to check that all items of school clothing are clearly marked, particularly items that are removed during the day, such as hats, jumpers, scarves and beanies.

Lost property is checked daily and items which are clearly labelled can be returned to the child without delay.

Book Club

Welcome to Term 4 and a special Home Edition of Book Club!

Please look out for your physical catalogues for a **BUMPER CHRISTMAS ISSUE 7** arriving once your school reopens.

In the meantime, while we are still schooling from home, we've created this **special digital catalogue** for parents to keep their children inspired to read and learn—with 8 additional pages of fun Home Learning ideas and delivery available direct to the home!



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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 - all student absences must be explained in writing.

Fundraising News



**Our 2021 target is...
\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

Our Tally so far... \$3,572.00

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

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 3 Father's Day Stall - canceled for 2021 ☹️
- Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ - TBC

If you are interested in helping out with the Fundraising activities at our school, please contact Ms Campo through the FlexiSchools 'Contact the Principal' link.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 22 October - 4 November

Ryder, Sheza, Aurora, Vinay, Frankly, Roopreet, Maddy B, Ahmad, Ryan P, Sohag, Aydin I, Armeet, Rhianna-May, Nate M, Jasleen & Annabella.



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 (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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Including pages from:

- 1 / 2 Parker
- 5/6 Talevski

☺️ Ms Campo

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for **Week 3** and **Week 4**

	<u>Week 3</u>		<u>Week 4</u>	
	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Prep Monagle	Dishen	Personal Best	Kaiden	Personal Best
Prep Smyth	Ella	Kindness	Bilal	Personal Best
1 / 2 Ambrose	Nate	Personal Best	Armeet	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Siri	Personal Best	Jack	Respect
1 / 2 Jenner	Natalia	Kindness	Ilivia	Respect
1 / 2 Parker	Roopreet	Respect	Xavier	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi	Alexia	Personal Best	Adele. H	Personal Best
3 / 4 Roe	Ryan	Personal Best	Nofil	Personal Best
3 / 4 Patty	Candy	Kindness	Gurshameer	Personal Best
4 / 5 Mounsey	Sienna	Personal Best	—	Personal Best
5 / 6 Gundry	—	—	—	—
5 / 6 Mastrop	Caitlyn	Personal Best	—	—
5 / 6 Talevski	Maddi	Respect	Tanreet	Personal Best
The Arts	—	-	—	—
Physical Education	—	-	—	—
French	—	-	—	—
OSH Club	—	-	—	—

MELBOURNE CUP - CHANCE & PROBABILITY IN 1/2 PARKER

On Monday, 1/2P played a 'Chance & Probability' game during Maths. The game had a horse racing theme.

The game required the students to select a number of horses and to roll two six sided dice. Each time the dice were rolled students needed to apply their addition knowledge to add the two dices together. The horse number that corresponded with the total number of the dices rolled, had to move one spot closer to the finishing line.

Here are the focus questions the students had to think about while playing the game:-

Question 1: *Explain which horse you think was the best to choose.*

Question 2: *Explain which horse you think was the worst to choose.*

Question 3: *How can we prove why some numbers (horses) have a better chance and probability than others?*

Question 4: *Record all the possibilities of rolling each number (e.g 4 can be 1+3 & 2+2)*

1/2 PARKER'S RESPONSES

Question 1: Explain which horse you think was the best to choose.

Number 6 because you have more chances to roll that number (3+3, 2+4, 5+1)

Question 2: Explain which horse you think was the worst to choose.

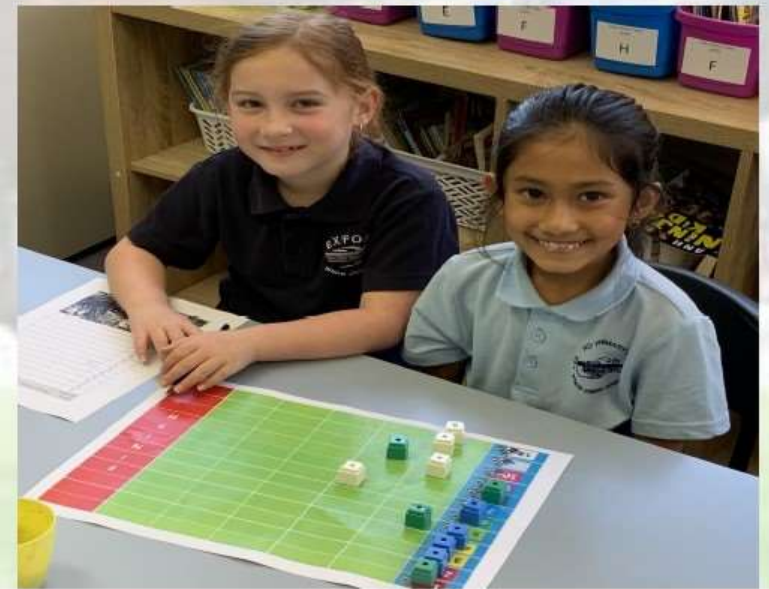
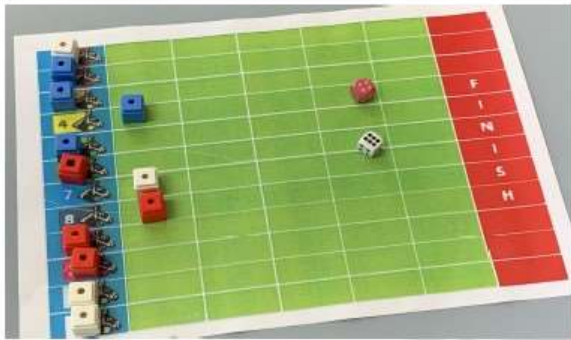
Number 1 because it's impossible to roll with two six sided dice.

Question 3: How can we prove why some numbers (horses) have a better chance and probability than others?

Because some numbers have more chances to be rolled than others.

Question 4: Record all the possibilities of rolling each number (e.g 4 can be 1+3 & 2+2)

1	IMPOSSIBLE
2	1+1
3	2+1
4	2+2, 1+3
5	4+1, 2+3
6	3+3, 4+2, 5+1
7	3+4, 6+1, 5+2
8	4+4, 5+3, 6+2
9	5+4, 6+3
10	5+5, 6+4
11	6+5
12	6+6



5/6 Talevski

TERM 4



Poetry

penquin

fast, fury
cute, cuddly, clever
soft, short, smart, sensible
waddling walks waiting for water.
squawking squealing

Penguin
fast, fury
cute, cuddly, clever
soft, short, smart, sensible
waddling walks Waiting for water.
squawking squealing

Using writer's crafts in
our poetry such as.....

Onomatopoeia

Senses

Personification

Imagery

koala
small and grey
eating, climbing, sleeping
small and slow, sleeping
a symbol of Australia
marsupial

cinquain poem

echidna
sharp, silly
fast, fat, fragile
energetic, entertaining, educating
porcupine

Echidna
sharp silly
fast, fat, fragile
energetic, entertaining, educating
porcupine

Beach

The beach is brighter than the Sun
building sand castles are fun
the bubbles were swimming bees in the crashing waves
water sliding into caves
as the day turns night, lets have no run!

The forest is a town of trees
But it is also where pirates hide these 💎
Diamonds are the one of the prettiest jewels
But they are super rare
Can you spot them anywhere

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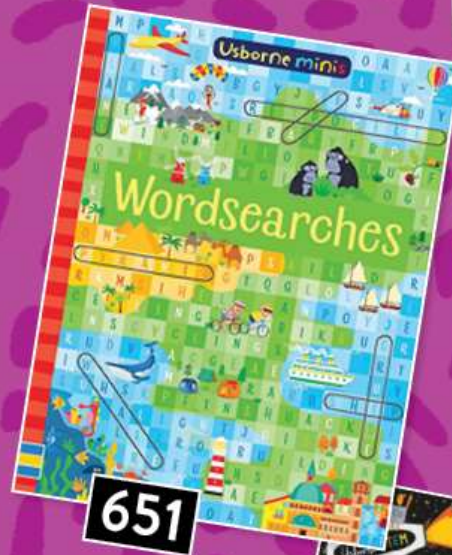
Beach

Swish

A place worth and away
A place that you can eat honey
some if you see a fly
some of the people have freshly cooked skin
You don't need to a pool of money

Book Club

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