



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. 19 (Term 4, 2020) Thursday 5 November 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...

2021 Planning

We are now well into our planning for next year. We will confirm our planning for 2021 at our School Council meeting on Wednesday 18 November and then will share that with our community in our newsletter on Thursday 19 November.

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 2021 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 school for 2021.

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.

You can use the FlexiSchools 'Contact' tab to send me an email, as a starting point. I ask you to do so by Friday 13 November 2021.

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

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

iPad loans

Thank you to all our families for the prompt return of all the iPads and a big thanks to Mrs Harper in our school Office who co-ordinated the process. The iPads are all now back in our classrooms.

School Photos

Our School Photos will take place on Wednesday 11 November - with all photos being taken outside individually. If you don't have a photo envelope, please contact our School Office.



* 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 up to ten children at a time, accompanied by one parent per child, for 3 x 45 minute sessions. We will have an information session for the parents on the first day.

The dates for the visits are -

- Thursday 26 November
- Thursday 3 December and
- Thursday 10 December.

We will send out invitations to our enrolled Prep children through their Seesaw feed.

* 2021 Book Packs

All children enrolled at Exford PS for 2021 should now have received a copy of the Parent Payment Policy and the 2021 Book Pack list. If you have not received it, please contact our school Office.

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.

If your child / children will not be at Exford PS for 2021, please confirm this in writing to me, using the FlexiBuzz contact tab.

2021 Term Dates

Repeat from last newsletter - EPS 2021 School dates:

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• Year 1-6 students begin on Friday 29 January 2021 <p>2021 Prep assessment days - 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 (We will set up a booking event in our School Interviews website and advise our 2021 Prep parents once it's open.) <p>2021 Preps begin</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 hopefully 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 (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>

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.

Mobile Phones / Smart Watches

A reminder that mobile phones and Smart Watches are not to be brought to school by students unless parents have had a conversation about the circumstances where a mobile phone may be needed (e.g. after school sporting activities) with either Mr Wilson or myself.

If a device has been approved to be brought to school, the phone or smart watch must be left at the office and collected at the end of the day.

Under no circumstances can children have mobile phones in the playground, nor may they take photos or videos of their peers.

We have had conversations with our Year 3-6 students particularly to support their understanding of cyber safety and their digital presence (internet content can **never** be deleted!). What may seem like a silly or harmless photo taken of another student and uploaded to a social media platform may in fact prove harmful - e.g. the student is in their school uniform (name embroidered on the front) - let alone that there is no adult consent for the photo to have been taken.

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/>

Sunscreen

A reminder to parents to send along a sunscreen roll-on bottle for the children to use in class before they go outside at recess and lunch time. Staff are not able to apply sunscreen to children, but do supervise them to apply it for themselves.



Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 5 - 18 November 2020

Hannah C, Kiranjit, Adele V, Adrian, Ethan C, Elodie, Archer D, Gurshameer, Harriet, Harrison E, Marli, Poppy, Owen G and Ivy R



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

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Here is a page from:

- OSHClub



Ms Campo

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FEATURE ACTIVITY

Homemade stress balls

Week three was a mental wellbeing and sensory week. One of our feature activities was creating homemade stress balls using balloons and flour. Every kid that came received one and we have chosen to keep some in OSH so kids can request to

use one. This activity was accompanied by discussion about how actions can make others feel, it was great to see kids recognizing how they can help others when they are upset and discussing how they could improve their actions.



COORDINATOR CORNER

Physical environment

We have added some sensory activities to our quiet corner as pictured. These have meant that any children with additional needs have access to these activities whenever they may need them.

We love suggestions so if you can think of any activities, toys or homemade objects that may assist with a child with additional or behavioral needs we would love to hear your ideas and add them to our service.

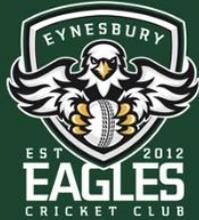


QUALITY AREA REFLECTION

Children's feel listened to and acknowledged

One of our aims in the previous weeks has been to ensure children feel more listened to in the program and an increased sense of belonging and confidence at the program. We had some feedback that the environment and activities were not ones the kids found interesting and that they wanted alternatives in the program. Since becoming aware of this educators have been more attentive of children's enjoyment and reactions to activities. A meeting is held every Monday and Thursday morning as well as discussions in the afternoon where children are given the opportunity to give feedback and advice to the educators for next week. They are alerted if a suggestion does not match guidelines or if for safety it must be altered.





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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