



# Exford Primary School

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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.19 (Term 4, 2018) Thursday 7 November 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...*

### Mr Gundry's Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Mr Gundry's PST Conferences will be held on Wednesday 14 November in his classroom.

The website link is <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=jduqc>

### Enrolments

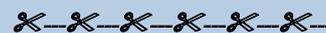
We ask that our families who have little brothers or sisters beginning Prep for 2019 return an enrolment form - we sent home forms a little while back. If you know of families who intend to enrol their children at Exford, we ask that you encourage them to do so promptly.

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).

### Visit from Steve McGhie

Steve McGhie visited our school yesterday on his tour of some Melton schools. Steve is standing for election as the local member for Melton. He was impressed with our story and our resilience as a school community and to hear about Minister Merlino's election promise.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



## Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

## 2018 Dates

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

We will discuss our structure for next year at our School Council meeting next week. We have been waiting to until our student enrolments settle. We are watching the new estates closely as Exford Waters and Seventh Bend are in our enrolment neighbourhood. I would hate to have everything settled and then have to reorganise everything - but that remains a possibility.

## Class Lists

We have begun our preparation for next year's class groups. 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. 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**. See Flexibuzz for meeting details.



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](mailto:killeen.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Ms Pengelly

Ms Pengelly is excited to share the news that she will take 12 months leave (2019 school year) to dedicate herself to the Diploma of Counselling studies she began this year. We will miss her jingly and sparkly self, but she will be at Exford often as she will do some casual replacement teacher work with us at some stages through the year. I have advertised a 12 month vacancy to fill her position.

## Year Prep to Year 1 Transition

We will have some 'Step Up to Year 1' transition style activities for this year's Prep children. They will have a few sessions in our Year 1-2 classrooms, exploring that part of the school and having some learning time there. The children will move around a different part of the school at bell times and take part in some 'Step Up' activities to help them prepare for moving into Year 1 next year.

We will have some sessions over the next few weeks. Please note that these are not next year's class groups or teachers!

## Election Day BBQ - Sat 24 Nov

Exford will be a Polling Booth on Saturday 24 November, State Election Day and we will hold a BBQ that day.

**Are you able to help?** We are looking for families to support us with this Fundraising effort with either cooking or serving. This is a great opportunity to raise funds from outside our community in an easy way. Please respond to our Fundraising FaceBook page, or contact Jacki, our School Council President, through the FlexiBuzz contacts page, or contact our school Office.

## 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.

## 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 - these children proudly presented their achievements at Assembly.**

Phoebe



Jensen



Adele



Ryan H



Slater came to share his great work with Mr Wilson and Ms Pengelly.

Some patient knitters who improvised whilst waiting for the Conference room to be free!



**Mia G - Peter Mac Clinic Fundraiser**

Congratulations to Mia in Year 6 who has set up her own production company to create braided bracelets to sell for Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation. She began with the goal of raising \$50 for this important appeal, but is now on her way to raising \$500 through selling her products. The braided bracelets cost \$3 and Mia is in Year 6 Graham - students can take their \$3 to Ms Graham's classroom at the start of recess or lunch times.



**Melton Scout Group - opportunity for our students**



**2nd MELTON SCOUT GROUP**

Blackwood Drive, Melton South

5-7 Years	<b>JOEY SCOUTS</b>	Wednesday 5.30pm - 6.30pm
8-10 Years	<b>CUB SCOUTS</b>	Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm
11-14 Years	<b>SCOUTS</b>	Thursday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
15-17 Years	<b>VENTURERS</b>	Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm
18-26 Years	<b>ROVERS</b>	Sunday 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Membership enquiries**

1800 SCOUTS  
gl.2ndmelton@scoutsvictoria.com.au  
Nicky: 0417 139 730



## 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**

## 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](mailto:mcdonald.jacki.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) or on [killeen.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:killeen.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## Happy Birthdays!!



*To our students who celebrated their birthdays - 25 October - 6 Nov*

Elijah, Caiden, Baxter, Madeleine, Ryan P, Hamish, Aydin I, Rhianna-May, Jeremy C, Carmen, Annabella, Toby, Hannah, Adele V and Adrian



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 cupcakes 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 Donnelly (Lynch)
- Year 1/2 Monagle

☺ Ms Campo





## Haylie's puppy

A There was a new puppy  
A called Nellie  
A She lazed on the floor on  
B her belly  
B But when Haylie got home  
B She played in the foam  
B And so Haylie played on her  
own

Haylie.W



## Haylies Puppy Nellie

Nellie is soft and cuddly.  
She is very fluffy.  
When she sleeps she is  
snuggly  
Nellie is the best Puppy

by AMY.K

Nine weeks old  
Excited  
Little dog  
Like food  
It is amazing  
Eats at night

## Coco The Dog

Nanny and Pa  
have a dog called  
Coco. She's really ~~bitey~~  
energetic and playful.  
She likes when me,  
Josh and Hannah are  
around and she is  
always happy.  
My Nanny and Pa have a  
dog called Coco and we all  
love her.

By Thomas

## The Dog Visit

There once was a very grey  
dog who liked to eat a lot of  
hay. But one day he ate so much  
hay and got so bony  
and then we called him Tony.  
Now he is fit  
and has a lot of nits  
and we trained him to sit.

Mitchell

## MILA MY DOG!

MY Dog Mila is a bit  
Cheeky because she digs  
Up the garden.  
My Dog's fur is soft and  
Smooth.  
My Dog is very cute and  
Funny.  
Now My Dog is warn out it's  
time for a pup nap.

## Trixie

I have a Chihuahua  
that likes to be cuddled.  
She is tiny and cute,  
She likes to jump in puddles  
She steals your food,  
and gets in a mood.  
She is soft  
and likes to cough.



## Dogs...

I met a dog named  
NELLIE! She liked  
to sit in front of  
the telly. She is calm  
Unlike my dog. My dog  
is energetic and jumpy.  
She is a GLUTTON!  
Nellie has a straight  
tail and my dog has a  
curly tail. Nellie is a blue sheper.

## NELLIE The dog poem

Nellie is a dog that  
is very fluffy.  
Nice and cuddly but  
very small.  
She has a super  
dooper waggie tail.  
What a lovely dog Nellie.



Made by  
Natasha

Haylie's dog  
Haylie's dog is so cute and  
gentle. Its fur feels so good  
you could feel it all day.  
It was so quiet and sniffy  
its tail was so waggly.  
She was too sneaky.  
She sniffed my back when  
I turned around she scared me

# Learning About Fractions with 1/2 Monagle

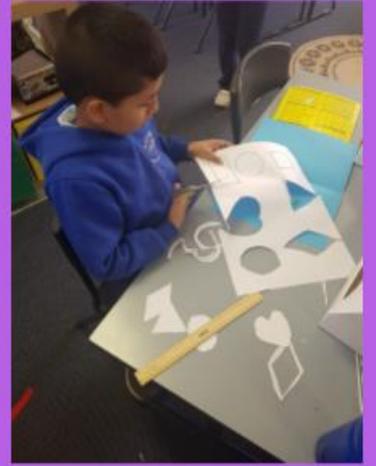
Students in 1/2 Monagle were very excited to start learning about Fractions last week. We have started this unit by making fairy bread and cutting shapes.

Each student was asked to demonstrate cutting a whole into 3 different fractions. First equal halves, then quarters and finally into eighths!

Miss Monagle was very impressed with what some students already understood about fractions.

We will learn how to record fractions in the coming weeks.





# OSH Club News

## Before School / After School Care Program



### Program Update

This term at OSH Club we are exploring multiculturalism, this means the children will pick a country each week, discovering and learning all about the culture of that country. So far, we have explored Italy and America. The children have really enjoyed trying some Italian foods, such as spaghetti, lasagne and pizza, as well as learning a few Italian words and traditional games, like Soccer. Exploring America was also great fun, with the children learning all about the origin of the American flag, having a quiz to test their knowledge about America and playing Baseball and Basketball. In the next few weeks we are hoping to visit India, Germany and Spain.

If you have some Healthy cultural recipes we could try or games and activities we could explore please drop in, we would love to hear from you.

Bec and Sharyn

### Friendly reminders:

**PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. If your child does not know / remember to go to OSH Club, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.**

If your child is due to be absent or needs to be booked in on late notice (less than 24 hours) please ensure you call and leave a message to ensure we have adequate staffing - although this is only for emergencies. Please make the bookings online as much as possible.

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

**Thankyou from the OSH Club Team!**



**HOLIDAY PROGRAM UPDATE:** The OSH Club Holiday program has now been locked in for the January holidays. Starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of Jan 2019. Bookings should open in the next few weeks, all parents who already have an enrolment with us should receive an email in the coming weeks. If you do not have a current enrolment or have never used OSH please head to [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to complete an enrolment. For assistance please drop in to see us or contact our head office on 1300 395 735

### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Rebecca Educator: Sharyn OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Co-ordinator direct at the program.*

## [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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](https://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  
CITY  
LIBRARIES

## 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**

