

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 19 – Term 4, 2023

Thursday 19 October 2023



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## Ms Campo's news....

### 2024 Planning

Planning for 2024 is well underway and we ratified our 2024 school organisation, financial planning and draft 2024 Sub-Program budgets at our School Council meeting last night. 2024 Student Book Pack lists were also ratified and these will be sent home to families very soon.

Our school organisation will have:

- 3 x Year Prep classes      \* 4 x Year 1-2 classes      \* 4 x Year 3-4 classes      \* 3 x Year 5-6 classes
- Our Specialist subjects will remain the same as in 2023 – The Arts, French, PE and Science
- **We have now employed all staff needed for the 2024 school year and we welcome –**
  - Ms Meg Gleeson (who recommenced at the start of Term 4 2023)
  - Ms Madeline Odgers and Mrs Helen Takano
  - I will now begin to match our teaching staff to their 2024 roles and will share this in the next newsletter.
- **Sadly, we say farewell to:**
  - Ms Hannah Smyth who has been selected for a position at a school much closer to home
  - Mr Ross Gundry who will remain in Queensland with his family (but he will be visiting Exford in late November)
  - Ms Hale Tekin who has been selected for a position at a school much closer to home
  - Mrs Jessica Thorburn who has been selected for a position at a school much closer to home (she was due to return from family leave next year)

### Class lists

Our 2024 class lists are almost completed, with great care being taken to develop well balanced class groups, taking into account academic, social / emotional needs and friendships. Changes at this stage are very difficult to make. Our 2024 Step Up Day will be held on Monday 11 December and we will advise you of your child's 2024 class placement and teacher via Seesaw.

If your child will not be at Exford PS in 2024, we need to know this as it affects friendship groups in our 2024 draft class groups. Please contact the school to let us know if your child will not be at Exford on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### Coming Up

- Wednesday 25 October
  - Year 3-4 MPSSA Rugby Union Day
- Friday 27 October
  - Year Prep -2 Sports Day (At EPS)
- Thursday 2 November
  - Year Prep Day Camp

### Due to the Office

- Friday 20 October –
  - Scholastic Book orders due (no late orders)
- Tuesday 24 October
  - Prep Day Camp money and permission form due in XUNO.
- Wednesday 1 November
  - Year 5-6 Swimming – Money and permission form due in XUNO.

*At Exford these qualities are really important:  
and it's up to all of us to show them every day in  
everything we say and everything we do!*



**RESPECT**



**KINDNESS**



**PERSONAL BEST**

## Uniform

A reminder that our uniform policy needs to be followed by our students and non-uniform items should not be worn.

These are our windcheater / bomber jacket items – no others can be worn, please.



We are seeing a lot of jewellery being worn at the moment by our students – children can wear small studs or sleepers as earrings and a watch (not a Smart watch). Large hooped earrings are not safe to wear to school and necklaces should not be worn either for safety reasons. No other jewellery should be worn to school.

Families are always welcome to contact the Principal about the Uniform policy, which is available on our website.

## Staff absences

Replacement teaching staff are still very much in short supply. Unfortunately, there has been no Tutoring program this week as we have needed to use Tutoring staff to cover teacher absences.

## The 'Big Hug' Family Day

Our thanks again to Ebbie from Eynesbury's Resimax who was the co-ordinator for the 'Big Hug' Day for Exford PS and to all the individuals and businesses who donated time, goods, food, rides, prizes ... and the list goes on! It was a lovely day for our children, our families, for the first responders and Emergency Services staff. We have sent our thanks to Ebbie and Resimax and to Neil Mitchell and 3AW for kick-starting the community call.

We hope our families enjoyed the day in the sunshine and that the day will be a nice family memory.

## Late arrivals / Early Departures

A reminder that it is the Department's legal requirement to:

- Sign your children in when arriving at OSH Club (please **don't** send the children in by themselves)
- Bring your child / children to the Office to sign them in through the Xuno system if arriving after 9 am.
  - (Please note that bringing your child / children to the Office has always been the school's expectation)
- Sign your child / children out at the Office through Xuno if leaving school early

Our Office team will always help with Xuno or help with signing in / out if you or the children need help.

## 2023 Mobile Phone Policy review

Our School Council has reviewed our Mobile Phone Policy and the updated version will be placed on our website in the coming week. **No** mobile phones or smart devices are permitted at school without the express permission of the Principal. Families are always welcome to contact the Principal about the Mobile Phone policy.

## 2023 dates to remember

### Term 4

#### Thursday 19 October

- Year 5-6 MPSSA Rugby Union Day

#### Wednesday 25 October

- Year 3-4 MPSSA Rugby Union Day

#### Friday 27 October

- Year Prep -2 Sports Day (At EPS)

#### Thursday 2 November

- Year Prep Camp

#### Monday 6 November

- Semester 2 – Pupil Free Day - no students

#### Tuesday 7 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 8 – Friday 17 November

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program

#### Thursday 9 November

- Year 3-4 MPSSA T20 Cricket

#### Thursday 9 November

Year 5-6 Human Development S1

#### Monday 13 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 1

#### Tuesday 14 November

- Year 3-4 MPSSA Soccer Day

#### Thursday 16 November

- Year 5-6 Human Development S2

#### Monday 20 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 2

#### Thursday 23 November

- Year 5-6 Human Development S3

#### Monday 27 November

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 3

#### Wednesday 29 November

- Year 1 Dinner and Show

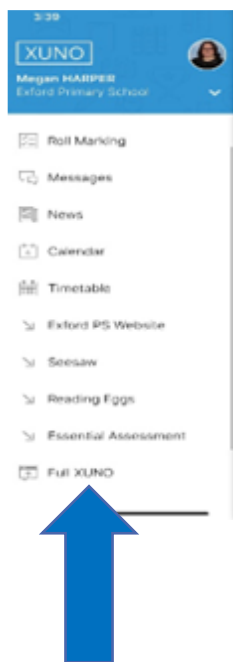
#### Tuesday 12 December

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 4
- Year 6-7 Transition Day

#### Tuesday 19 December

- 9:30 am - End of year & Christmas Concert (in Bacchus Marsh)
- Year 6 Graduation Evening

## XUNO PDF documents and notifications



If you are using the XUNO app, you will need to access the 'Full XUNO' site to view any PDF documents, including Newsletters, Individual Learning plans etc.

To do this, click on your dashboard. Towards the bottom of the list, you will see 'Full XUNO'. Select that option, which will open XUNO in a browser. Then from here you can make your way to the item you would like to view. Newsletters are under our 'News' section.

Notifications are now working. For any messages sent, you will receive a push notification (we highly recommend having this turned on). For news items and other actions in XUNO there will be a red notification mark on the XUNO app itself, no push notification is sent for these items.

## Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, and iPads.

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 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert



**Our 2023 target is...**

**\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$6,566.17**

CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)	Science
Prep Akamatis	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday
Prep Smyth	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Roe	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Romanski	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Talevski	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Jones	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3-4 Micallef	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Year 3-4 Monagle	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Fyfe	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Higgins	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday
Year 5-6 Mounsey	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday

## Office News

Uniform / Lost Property – a reminder to ensure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name, this enables us to return items to your child without delay.

Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans – A reminder to return your child's Asthma and / or Anaphylaxis plans back to the Office. If you have misplaced this document, please call Mrs Kelly in the Office.

## 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 and to be at school EVERY day.**

**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 XUNO or email the school directly on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

# Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 6 - 19 October**

Liam. P, Mehma, Caelan, Max, Grace. D, Rehmat, Olivia. M, Kailen, Maci-Leigh, Isaac, Avnoor, Harliv, Matarina and Teddy.

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.



Personal  
Best



Respect



# Student of the Week

## Week 1

## Week 2

Year Prep Akamatis

Year Prep Smyth

Year 1 - 2 Ambrose

Year 1 - 2 Roe

Year 1 - 2 Romanski

Year 1 - 2 Talevski

Year 3 - 4 Jones

Year 3 - 4 Micallef

Year 3 - 4 Monagle

Year 5 - 6 Fyfe

Year 5 - 6 Higgins

Year 5 - 6 Mounsey

The Arts

Physical Education

French

Science

OSH Club

Ms Campo

Mr Wilson

Student

Exford Value

Avery

Kindness

Garv

Personal Best

Chloe

Personal Best

Aurora

Kindness

Charlotte

Personal Best

Zayaan

Respect

Kendra

Personal Best

Aryan

Kindness

Seana

Personal Best

TJ

Personal Best

Noah

Respect

Sach

Personal Best

Hashim

Kindness

Willow

Personal Best

TJ

Respect

Marlee

Personal Best

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Betty

Kindness

Rodney

Personal Best

Student

Exford Value

Jack

Personal Best

Aurora

Respect

Logan

Personal Best

Xiamara

Personal Best

Nate

Personal Best

Ritish

Respect

Ned

Personal Best

Charitha

Personal Best

Jack

Personal Best

Ella

Personal Best

Hannah

Personal Best

Arnav

Personal Best

Sam

Personal Best

Kendra

Personal Best

Avery

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Olivia

Respect

Elissia  
Mimi

Kindness  
Kindness

*Congratulations to the following students who  
received **Student of the Week**  
Certificates for Week 1 & 2*

Kindness



# Year 3-6 House Athletics Day

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we held our annual Year 3-6 House Athletics Day at Bridge Rd Athletics Track. The students displayed their skills throughout the day in a range of different track and field events, well done to all the students that participated.





# Our class visit to Sovereign Hill

We had a great time at Sovereign Hill, we not only panned for gold, but we found some gold! 😊.



- We had a great time experimenting with activities from the 'olden days', we saw a black smith at workn and a lolly demonstration.



# Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp

Year 3-4 Micallef had so much fun at camp in Phillip Island. They participated in so many fun activities, such as the giant swing, the pinnacle, flying fox, archery and the pedal racers. A highlight of camp was definitely going to watch the Penguin Parade!



# Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp

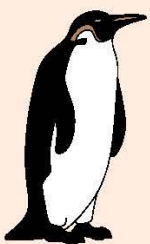


# Year 3-4 Camp to Phillip Island

Year 3-4 Jones had plenty of fun at our camp to Phillip Island last term. We had so many activities to do and loved all of them. We participated in the flying fox, the pinnacle, giant swing, archery and the pedal bikes.



# Year 3-4 Camp to Phillip Island



A highlight was definitely the Penguin Parade down by the beach, where we saw lots of penguins come out from the water and back into their burrows.

# Year 3-4 Monagle at Camp



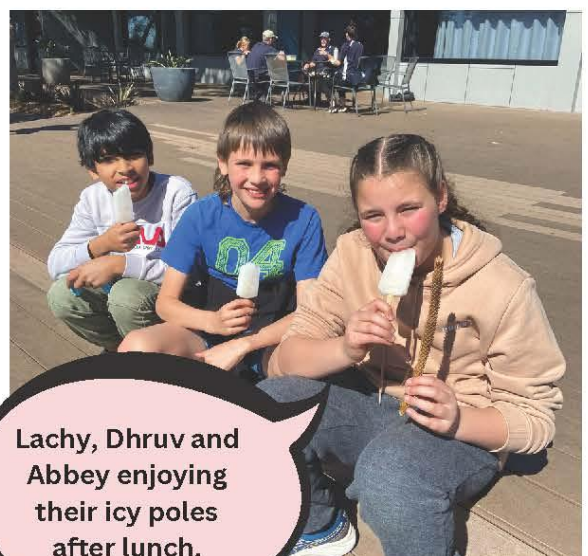
What a great photo of everyone at the Koala Sanctuary!



Sumair, Aviraj and Ayaan waiting for the penguins to waddle up the beach.



Ms Monagle and Ayaan on their way to the Penguin Parade.



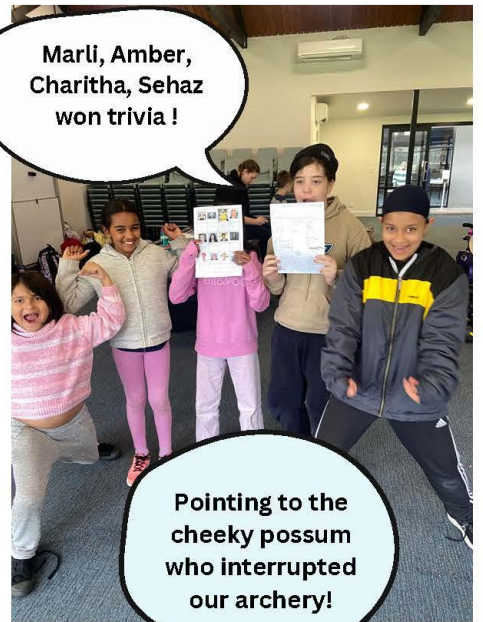
Lachy, Dhruv and Abbey enjoying their icy poles after lunch.



Mahayla and Amelie loving the warm day at the beach.



Gurman enjoying the sand and the sun!

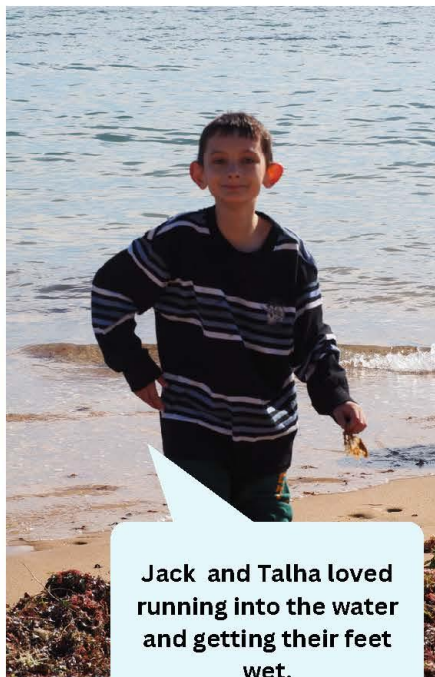


Marli, Amber, Charitha, Seha won trivia!

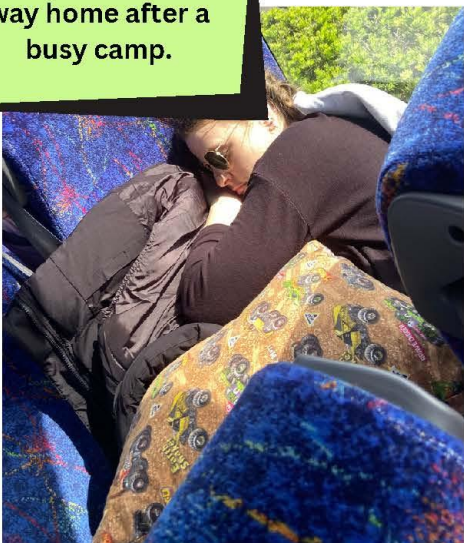
Pointing to the cheeky possum who interrupted our archery!



Miss Jones feeling very tired on the way home after a busy camp.



Jack and Talha loved running into the water and getting their feet wet.



Olivia enjoyed making sand castles.





# Exford Primary School Instrumental Music Programme



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Annual Showcase

@ The Cooper's Malthouse, Southbank



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