



# 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.2 (Term 1, 2018) Thursday 15 February 2018

You are represented on School Council by:

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

**Community Representatives:** Graham

**Staff:** Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia,

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

**Reminders!** These payments are due for all students:

- Student Book Pack       Gymnastics Program - cost \$37.50
- Prep -2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription

## *Ms Campo's News...*

### **Our Year 5-6 Kids are home today!**

Our Year 5-6 kids arrived home safely today from their big adventure, staying away at Camp Rumbug for four days and even sleeping outdoors in tents for the final evening. There will be photos and articles from the classes in the next newsletter.

### **Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 20 Feb**

Our annual Parent Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 20 February** and we encourage all families to come and take part. The first of the three information sessions begins at 5:30 pm and then repeats at 6 and 6:30 pm. A BBQ dinner will be available for sale, with all proceeds going towards our Fundraising efforts - which partly pays for the iPads we lease for our classrooms. Our BBQ will offer beef sausages and hamburgers, and chicken and vegetarian sausages (to be cooked separately) on request. There will be drinks and frozen Quelches for purchase as well. After that, it's play time! We invite our families to spend some time playing with their children at school and enjoy meeting other families.

### **Reserved Car spaces**

There are a number of reserved car spaces at the front of the car park for staff who arrive very early or leave late (think Winter darkness, which is on its way) or have loads to bring in (school shopping). Please respect the Reserved car spaces, they are reserved for a reason.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



## Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

## 2018 Dates

### Term 1

**Tuesday 20 February**

**Parent Information Evening - 5:30 - 7:30 pm - BBQ tea for sale**

**Wednesday 21 February**

School Council Meeting No 1

**Tuesday 27 February**

MPSSA District Swimming Sports

**Wednesday 28 February**

Canteen Red Food Day No 1

**Friday 9 March**

MPSSA Summer Lightning Premiership

**Monday 12 March**

Labour Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday 13 March**

Pupil Free Day No 2

**Wednesday 21 March**

School Council Meeting No 2

**Thursday 29 March**

9 am - Easter Bonnet Parade - all our families are welcome to join in!

2:10 pm - Assembly

2:30 pm - Early Dismissal

### Term 2

**Monday 16 April**

Pupil Free Day No 3

**Tuesday 17 April**

Term 2 for students begins

**Tuesday 17 April**

Parent- Student-Teacher Conferences - Day 1

**Thursday 19 April**

Parent- Student-Teacher Conferences - Day 2

## [Health Concerns](#)

### [Anaphylaxis](#)

Please ensure we have an up to date Anaphylaxis Plan for your child and that the EpiPen is in date range.

### [Asthma](#)

Please ensure we have an up to date Asthma Management Plan for your child and that the inhaler medication is in date range.

### [No Peanut Butter, please.](#)

Mr Wurf is severely allergic to all things peanut - he carries four EpiPens with him at all times. Peanut products, particularly peanut butter which smears onto door handles etc, presents a real risk for Mr Wurf (e.g. if it gets on his skin). We ask that **NO** peanut products be sent to school.

### [No Balloons, please.](#)

We have a member of our community who is so severely allergic to latex she doesn't even need to touch latex to go into anaphylactic shock. Balloons **cannot** be brought to school or used as part of a costume etc.

### [Parent Helpers - Working With Children's Checks](#)

All Classroom Helpers require a Working With Children Check (volunteer status) when helping in Exford classrooms. We also ask you to complete a confidentiality agreement and a Child Safe Code of Conduct form.

### [Car Park](#)

Our car park is a very busy place, with 100 % of our children being brought to school in a car or on one of the Eynesbury buses. The car park has strict speed limits which we ask all drivers to obey. It also has a **one way** entrance and exit. Keeping our kids safe is a responsibility we all share.

When parking, we ask that you park accurately and considerately, using the parking markers to guide you. There are never enough spaces in school car parks, but our car park is one of the biggest of schools in Melton. Please be a courteous driver and take it in turns to exit the car park.

A reminder that babies and young children are **never** to be left in cars unattended.

### [Tummy Troubles](#)

If your child has had tummy troubles, they need to have been free of any gastro symptoms for **48 hours** before they return to school. Before 48 hours has passed, a person having had gastro is still contagious and can pass it on to others. A child coming to school too soon after gastro is guaranteed to give it to others, children and adults alike.

## [Exford PS - School Council Elections](#)

We have **four** vacancies on our School Council for the 2018 and 2019 school years. Information was sent home on Wednesday 14 February and nomination and self-nomination forms are available at the Office. Nominations period close by Wednesday 28 February by 4 pm.

### [Book Packs](#)

Our Finance Committee met this morning and at this early stage of the year, we are owed \$27,000 by our families for the Book Pack costs. Parents are required to pay for the Book Pack, this is **not free** to parents. At this stage, many of our curriculum programs, such as English (e.g. for Take Home books) and Maths, will not have any budget allocations until the Book Packs are paid for. We have already paid for the Book Packs out of school funds, but rely on our families to pay promptly so that we can then allocate those funds to our curriculum budgets. Unlike many schools, we provide the Book Pack to all our children immediately - in many schools, students are not supplied with the Book Pack items until it has been paid for by their families. We would appreciate it if all families paid for (or arranged their payment plan) the Book Pack by the end of February.

### [Reading Eggs](#)

Children in Years Prep, 1 and 2 are asked to have a Reading Eggs subscription as an addition to their Book Pack costs. The teachers are now using this program on the classroom iPads and we need all Prep -2 families to have paid for Reading Eggs (or be on a payment plan) for their children to be able to access the online program.

### [Uniform](#)

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the website for you to see, including visual items of permitted uniform wear. It is a very attractive uniform with many options and we ask our families to ensure that the children are wearing our uniform with pride.

**These items are not part of our uniform - navy windcheaters, windcheater zip-up jackets (with or without hoods), skirts or any polar fleece items.** Staff will ask students about non-uniform items on the first day (because wet washing happens!), but will issue out-of-uniform notes after that, or refer the non-uniform wearing issue to me so that we can arrange a parent meeting. Please see the Uniform range pictured later in this newsletter.

### [Team Newsletters](#)

At the beginning of each term, our teaching teams prepare a newsletter outlining the term ahead and all that the classes will be doing. The team newsletter is attached to today's newsletter and we'd love you to read it so you can be aware of what we'll be up to in the coming weeks.

### [School Banking](#)

Our children are encouraged to develop saving habits and can make a deposit into their Commonwealth Bank accounts on Mondays. Please leave your bank book with Mrs Kelly in our Office for her to process for you and earn those rewards!

## Featuring our kids

Here are some photos of our kids at play this week.



Adele, Flynn and Clova



Emma



Anna



Gracie



Sophie



Rhianna and Olivia



Bailey N

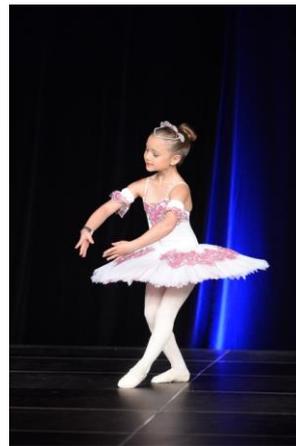


Adele

## Well done to Milly!

Many of our kids share their trophies and ribbons for Dance, Karate, Gymnastics, Swimming at our Monday or Friday Assemblies and we put their photos in the newsletter.

Here are some photos of Milly and her dancing trophies.



## Accident Insurance and Personal Property

Parents and carers of students, who do not have their own student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport, as well as any other transport costs. Parents and carers can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Education Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. As such, we request that students do not bring personal items to school, especially if they are expensive, sentimental or treasured. We are not able to take responsibility for any personal items bought to school by students, staff or community members.

## 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), it is very difficult to catch them up - they 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.

### 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.**

## Parent Helpers needed

Once we are settled in to school and classroom routines are in place, we will call for Parent Helpers for the classroom.

### Tasks will include:

- Hearing reading
- Supporting small group learning
- Admin tasks for teachers

We will have our usual Parent Helpers Info session to support you to be a classroom helper.

## Fundraising News



Our 2018 target is...

\$18,000 ~ \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies. Last year, we raised \$20,261, which was a great effort.

Term One's Fundraising effort is our Easter Raffle, where we ask our families for donations of Easter goodies to make into hampers, for which we sell raffle tickets.

## 2018 Fundraising activities:

### Term 1 -

- Parent Info evening BBQ
- Easter Raffle

### Term 2 -

- Mother's Day Stall - Mother's Day - Sunday 13 May
- Tony's Pies - start of Term 2
- Silver Coin challenge - find clear Perspex money boxes
- Athon - theme still to be decided
- McDonalds Nights

### Term 3 -

- Tony's Pies - start of Term 3
- McDonalds Nights
- Yr 3-4 Camp - Wed 22 - Fri 24 Aug
- (Book Week performance - 31 Aug)
- Father's Day Stall - Father's Day - Sunday 2 Sept
- Yr 2 Camp - 18 -19 Sept

### Term 4 -

- McDonalds Nights
- Shopping Tour
- (Book Packs, Camps)
- Christmas Raffle
- Christmas Concert - Wed 19 Dec

## Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 2 - 15 February

Olivar, Emily W, Ciara, Nixon, Kaelan, Hasali, Tyla, Anna, Kian, Chloe P, Omari, Cailin, Slater, Jessica V, Joel B, Jordan C, Aysha and Jasper C



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:

- Gymnastics photos
- Ms Gashi's page from Year 3/4 G



Ms Campo

**Exford PS Uniform** - School Uniform is compulsory for all children at our school and there is a range of clothing options for children to wear/ Please label **all** clothing - we recommend writing your child's name and surname (in large writing in black texta or permanent marker) on the inside of the collars rather than writing on the little tags. The EPS broad-brimmed hat (with EPS logo) is compulsory wear from September to April every year - during recess and lunch times and also during all outdoor activities

All items purchased elsewhere need an iron-on logo applied. A reminder, however, that all items purchased elsewhere need to be identical in colour, fabric and style. Here are close-up photos of each of our uniform items.



Our **royal blue** school hat must be this size, colour and must have the white logo on the front.



The **sky-blue (pictured) or navy-blue** polo shirt is available in both short and long sleeves. Long sleeved tops cannot be worn under the short sleeved polos.



Polo shirts purchased elsewhere need a **navy blue / white logo**.

There is also a plain sky-blue round neck short-sleeved t-shirt available to order. T- shirts purchased elsewhere need a **navy blue** logo.

The **navy-blue** polo shirt is available in both short and long sleeves. Long sleeved tops cannot be worn under the short sleeved polos.

Polo shirts purchased elsewhere need a **navy blue / white logo**



The **royal blue** windcheater has a white logo.



The **royal blue** hooded windcheater has a white logo.



The **navy blue** bomber jacket has a white logo.



Our school dress and **navy blue** pinafore - navy or white coloured stockings can be worn with the school dress or the pinafore, but leggings cannot be worn.



The **navy blue** track pants is also available in straight leg by order.



The **navy blue** boot-leg pants for girls.



The **navy blue** skorts are another option for the girls (not netball skirts).

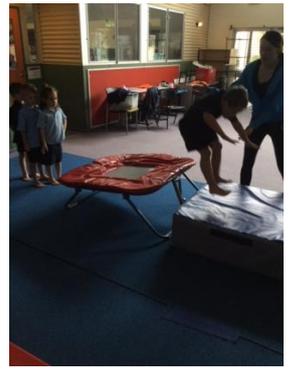
Shorts, cargo shorts / pants can also be worn but must be **plain navy**, without any decals, stripes etc. A reminder that only leather school shoes, ankle boots or runners can be worn to school. Sandals, mid-calf / long boots or slip on shoes are not safe or supportive footwear for active kids.

Winter wear items can be purchased through the Uniform Shop or purchased elsewhere

A copy of our Uniform Policy is also on our website if you would like more detail. Only items which match our official Uniform can be worn.

**Please support our Exford students to wear our Uniform with pride.**

# Gymnastics photos!





## What are 3/4 G's students excited about this year?

I am excited about PE because I like anything to do with sport. – Tidus

I am looking forward to Writing, so I can write Poems and stories. – Max

I am excited that I get to make new friends and learn about PBL. – Jayden

I am excited about playtime and making new friends. – Jabez

I am looking forward to learning more about languages and finding new friends. – Sahan

I am looking forward to the 3/4 Camp because I know it will be fun. – Krysta Ray

This year I am excited about my soccer buddies. - Xavier

I am excited about writing narratives and playing fun sports and games in PE. – Oliver

I am mostly excited about Writing lessons, because it is my favourite subject. - Nikola

This year, I am mostly excited for learning! – Talan

This year, I am excited about getting my pen license. – Ryan

I am excited to make some new friends. – Gracie

I am mostly looking forward to camp and excursions. – Ella

I am excited about learning new things this year. – Sophie

I am excited to getting to know Ms. Gashj more this year. – Phoebe

I am looking forward to camp this year, as we are going somewhere different! – Charlotte

I am looking forward to making new friends. – Caitlyn

This year, I am excited for getting my pen license. – Gus

This year, I am excited about having Ms. Gashj as my teacher. – Brock

I am really excited about learning more in Maths, because I love Maths. – Emily

I am really excited about Camp this year and finding out where we will be going. – Hayden

I am just excited to be able to work with my friends. – Thomas

I am mostly excited about Camp and my amazing teacher! – Olivia

I am very excited about Camp. – Andrew

I am happy about Ms Gashj being my teacher. - Bailey

# OSH Club News

## Before School / After School Care Program



### Program Update

This week the children have been having a blast exploring our new room and toys. The children have also restarted our gardening club planting mint, we are hoping to have our garden fully functioning by next term so we would love to hear what fruits, vegetables and herbs we can grow so if you have an idea please let us know by writing in our communication book (located on the sign in desk). Some of our craft activities have been great hits with the children making Australian animal mobiles, paper plate animals and paper planes. Our most popular activity has been cooking. This week we cooked smiley fruit pancakes and fried rice, cooking is a regular activity on our planner the children really enjoys it and it teaches them some valuable skills such as measuring, following instructions or a recipe ect.

We are trying to gather some more resources for our recycling station so if you have any of the following could you please bring them in plastic bottles, cardboard tubes (no toilet rolls), can tabs and bottle caps

#### Friendly reminders:

**PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSHClub that they are NOT booked on the School bus. This is very important as if your child does not remember to go to OSHClub, 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

OSHClub Team!



### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Sharon    Assistant: Rebecca    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.*

## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS



In the Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners across Victoria, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach.

The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

The Victorian Government will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate teachers and principals and equip them with the right knowledge and skills for a modern classroom.

To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our teachers too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our teaching workforce.

### WHAT ARE THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS?

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, teachers will receive one day per term when they are out of the classroom to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD

Your child's teacher will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. Your child will directly benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

On these days, an alternate teacher will be provided with the learning plan for the day and be well equipped to assist your child with their learning needs.

We are scheduling the professional practice days ahead of time so there is minimal impact to students and, where possible, there is consistency in teaching.

If you would like more information on the professional practice days and when they are planned, please contact your School Principal.

# Using FlexiBuzz - Exford's school app!!

Please come and see us if you need help with setting your Tiq Biz up.

**STEP 1** – Download FlexiBuzz app from the App Store

**STEP 2** – Search for Exford Primary School

**STEP 3** – Tap School logo on home page to bring up Diagram 1

**Please note:** To access Eynesbury bus, uniforms and interviews buttons, slide area (to left) under logo where Absence, Canteen and Contact are visible (next to Calendar).

**STEP 4** – Tap dashes (top right corner) as shown in Diagram 1 to show boxes as Diagram 2.

(When you can see the word 'Add', you need to add your choices.)

**STEP 5** – Select your child/ren's classes and Eynesbury if your child/ren catch the bus as shown in Diagram 3.

(When you can see the word 'Remove', you have made your choices.)

Diagram 1

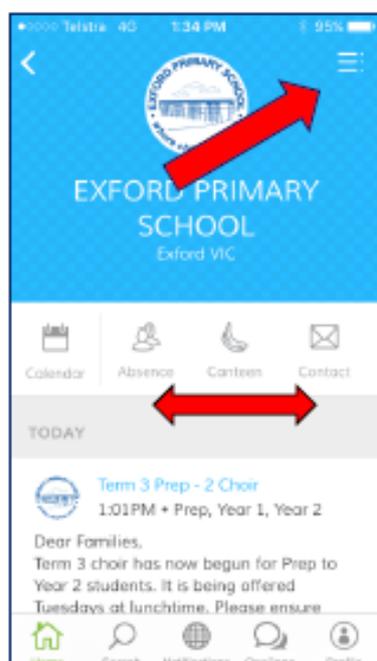


Diagram 2

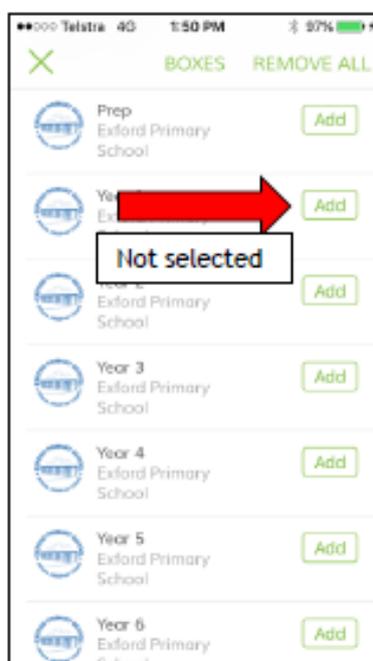
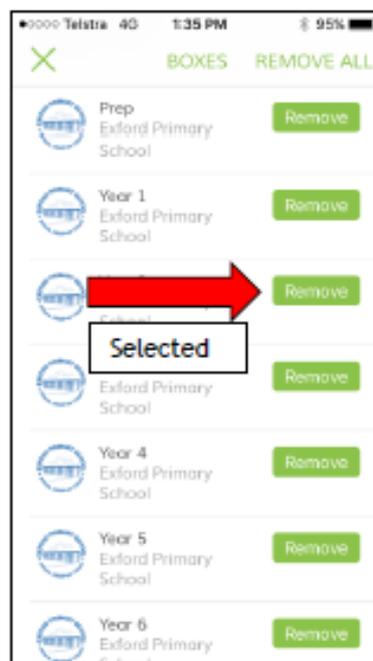


Diagram 3



# SUPPORT & TRANSITIONS

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXHIBITION

*A great opportunity to chat with disability service providers about NDIS, student career pathways, transition options and support services.*

Thursday 8th March  
5.00pm to 6.30pm

LOCATED IN THE VCAL ROOMS





# MELTON BLUE LIGHT

FRIDAY  
16TH  
FEB

BEACH PARTY THEME!

6-8PM | PRIMARY AGE

\$5 ENTRY AT THE DOOR | NO BACK PACKS NO PASS OUTS

THE GAP ON GRAHAM, 5 GRAHAM ST, MELTON

CHILDREN TO BE DROPPED OFF & COLLECTED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN  
CONTACT

STEPHEN.TURNER@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU  
OR THEGAPONGRAHAM@GMAIL.COM



MELTON BLUE LIGHT  
ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13



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# Detox your Home at Melton City Council's free household chemical drop off program

Do you have unwanted household chemicals you no longer use? Some of these products could harm you, your family and your pets.

Household chemical products can also pollute the environment for future generations as well as harm their health, which is why you shouldn't throw chemical products out with your regular rubbish collection or pour them down the drain. Doing so would pollute our waterways, harm animals and vegetation, contaminate our drinking water supply and make rivers and beaches unsafe for swimming.

The good news is you can reduce the risk of poisoning, environmental pollution and bushfire hazards, as well as improve recycling rates, by dropping off unwanted chemicals at the Melton Recycling Facility Detox your Home event.

We encourage parents/guardians to take advantage of this **safe, free and easy-to-use service for householders** to dispose of common, highly toxic household chemicals without harming your health, your family's health or the environment. Please note that students should not handle household chemicals without adult supervision.

When: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Time: 10.00am-1.00pm

Where: Melton Recycling Facility, 33 Ferris Rd, Cobblebank (Melton South)

Do the right thing by your loved ones, the local community and the environment and get rid of unwanted - and potentially dangerous - household chemicals through Detox your Home.

The collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

## What you need to do

Simply register online or over the phone, then turn up on the day with your unwanted items, and the expert Detox your Home team will do the rest. Register online to choose your preferred time slot:

[sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

## What can I bring to a Detox your Home mobile event?

Detox your Home is a free program designed specifically to collect unwanted or out-of-date household chemicals. Less toxic items - paint, household batteries and fluorescent lights - can be disposed of throughout the year at a permanent drop-off site.

Visit [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) for a full list of accepted items and a list of permanent drop-off sites.



### What is School Wide Positive Support (SWPBS)?

The aim of SWPBS at Exford Primary is to implement a consistent, evidence-based framework for preventing and responding to student behaviour. This is a whole school approach that will further strengthen our positive, calm and safe learning environment so that all students are able to maximise their academic and social growth.

### What does SWPBS look like at Exford Primary?

#### ➤ Exford Primary **VALUES**:

##### *Kindness*

- We listen. We encourage. We are helpful. We use manners. We are mindful.

##### *Respect*

- We are caring, thoughtful and friendly towards people and the environment.

##### *Personal Best*

- We show our personal best everywhere all the time. We have a positive attitude We strive to be better than yesterday
- Our students know our values and what they mean

#### ➤ Exford Primary **TEACHES POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

- We explicitly teach positive behaviours
- We recognise that learning social skills and positive behaviours is a process that everyone moves through at a different pace
- Inappropriate behaviours are seen as social learning errors and learning opportunities are provided to help teach the expected behaviours

#### ➤ Exford Primary is **POSITIVE**

- We acknowledge positive behaviour wherever we see it
- We use a variety of praise methods
- We aim for 6:1 positive : corrective interactions with students

#### ➤ Exford Primary is **CONSISTENT**

- We have a clear set of behaviour expectations built around our values
- Expected behaviours are known and understood by all of the school community
- We have a common language
- We have a consistent message across the whole school



### Remind

Remind student of expected behaviour.

*'This is your first reminder.'*

### Remind

Remind student again of expected behaviour.

*'This is your second reminder.'*

### Reteach

Sit with student and explicitly teach expected behaviour.

*'You are at the reteach stage which means an incident report will be filled out'.*

### Relocate/ Reflect/ Cool Down

Student relocated within the classroom.

*'You are going to work here and reflect on your actions.'*

**INCIDENT  
TO BE  
LOGGED**

### Remove

*'You have continued to disregard the school value of (name it). You are going to have some time with (leadership). We look forward to you joining us again.'*

**LEADER  
SHIP TO  
LOG  
INCIDENT**