



**Exford
Primary
School**

Where Children Count!
www.exfordps.vic.edu.au



**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.2 (Term 1, 2021)
Thursday 18 February 2021

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Michael (Eamonn), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Naomi (Kallan and Ashlyn).

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki (SC President)

Staff: Ms Campo, Mr Jenner and Mr Wilson (visitor)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

Reminders! These payments are due for all students:

- ☐ Student Book Packs (Paperchase)
- ☐ Prep - 2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription
- ☐ Year Prep - 4 children only - Athletics subscription

Ms Campo's News...

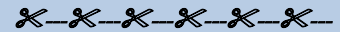
What a lovely first few days of school!

It is so good to have all of our kids at school now, with our Preps having their first day today. We welcome all our new students and our new families to our school. Mr Wilson and I have been visiting all the classrooms and they are all beautifully settled. The children are enjoying being part of their new classes and getting to know each other and enjoying a less crowded oval and play space. A big thank you to our dedicated staff, who have done so much preparation either at home or by coming into school in their holidays to prepare for the children's arrival. A huge thank you to our Office team who have been very busy over the past couple of days processing student payments and uniform orders.

Apologies for the late newsletter

Apologies for the newsletter not being sent out on Thursday evening, I left both my laptop and my USB drive behind at school last night - enough to give any busy person palpitations!

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Term 1

Tuesday 2 March

'Meet the Teacher' interviews

Thursday 4 March

'Meet the Teacher' interviews

Monday 8 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 10 March

Pupil Free Day No 3 - staff
professional learning

Tuesday 23 March

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Thursday 25 March

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Friday 26 March

School Photos TBC

Thursday 1 April

Easter Bonnet Parade (TBC)

End of Term 1

2:30 pm dismissal

Term 2

Monday 19 April

Term 2 Begins for students and staff

Sunday 25 April

ANZAC Day

Wednesday 5 May

MPSSA Cross Country

Friday 21 May

EPS Athletics Carnival - Bridge Road

Tuesday 26 May

Western Region Divisional Cross
Country

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety
Program

Friday 4 June

MPSSA Winter Sport Lightening
Premiership

Arriving at school

As we have communicated, children are welcome to arrive at school from 8:45 am, which is the time the vehicle gates open.

Please note that our teaching staff, including Mr Wilson and I, commence our work day and happily commence our responsibility for looking after students at 8:45 am.

We remind all parents that unless visiting the Office, access is through the vehicle gate, not the front gate due to our Covid social distancing practices. Adults visiting our school are asked to wear a face mask when they cannot maintain social distance.

'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

We have rescheduled our 'Meet the Teacher' interviews to Tuesday 2 March and Thursday 4 March and Mrs Harper in our Office will transfer the bookings over. If you have made a booking for last week's cancelled interviews, you will receive an email of your time. Mrs Harper has opened the bookings for 1 & 3 March and so you can reschedule the time to another time if you would prefer, or you can make an appointment if you hadn't got around to it yet.

MEET THE TEACHER BOOKING CODE

Bookings: **OPEN**

Event Code: **yx555**

Teachers: **14**

Booking Link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=1rwsRa>

Introducing Bus 3 - Mt Cottrell, Strathtulloh, Weir Views and Exford route

Please be aware that only children formally in our enrolment zone and who live 4.9 + km from school are entitled to a place on the bus. As we have been given a 57 seater bus, we have spare spaces and are able to offer places progressively to children living 4.8 km, 4.7 km, 4.6 km progressively - we are working our way down the list. Please contact Mrs Harper in our Office if you have any bus enquiries.

2021 LOTE subject

Our language other than English has been Australian Sign Language for many years. In Mr Welshe's absence (our Auslan teacher) and our lack of applicants when advertising a vacancy, we have advertised for a French language teacher. We have selected French as it is the language of our main feeder secondary school.

2021 School Council

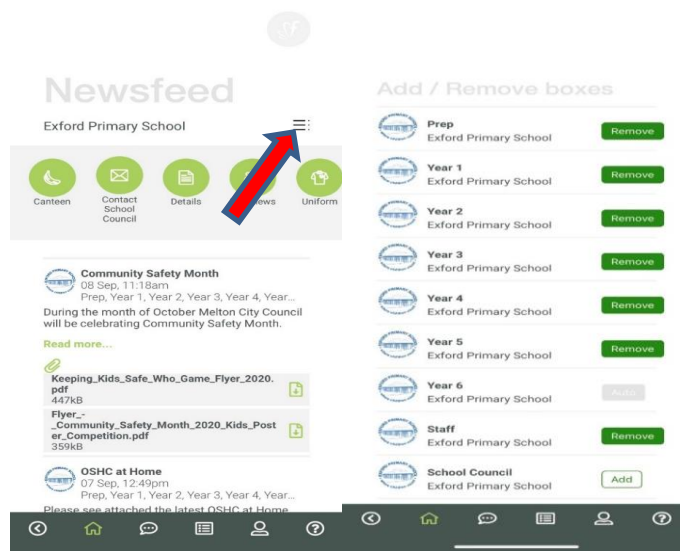
After our February School Council meeting, a number of parent and staff vacancies have now become available. I have included more information as an attachment to this newsletter.

Office News

FlexiSchools

We have had some parents who have had a blank 'My Place' front page when using the FlexiSchools app. This then prevents them from navigating to any other pages, specifically the Exford PS page. I have spoken with FlexiSchools and there are no known outages. If you continue to experience any difficulties using this app, please email help@flexischools.com.au with screen shots, so they can assist you further.

A reminder to also ensure you have rolled over your child/children by selecting the relevant boxes, as pictured below:



CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.

Who can apply?

Families holding a valid means-tested concession are eligible to apply.

Please visit our Office to collect CSEF forms if you believe you are eligible for the CSEF payment.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink.

Introducing our 2021 School Captains!

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students who participated in our School Captain elections. In our next newsletter, we will include the speeches of all students who would like their speeches shared with the community.



School Captain
Jack

School Captain
Phoebe



Vice School Captain
Sophie

Vice School Captain
Jaron

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.

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.

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.

Fundraising News



Our 2021 target is...
\$15,000 - \$20,000.

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.

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 1 - Easter Raffle
- TBC - 'A-thon' activity
- Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

Our Term 1 Fundraising activity is our Easter Raffle and we ask our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make Easter hampers as prizes. We will send home Easter Raffle ticket books next week and we ask our families to sell the tickets to families and friends.

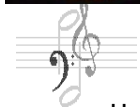
If you are interested in helping out with the Fundraising activities at our school, please contact Ms Campo through the FlexiSchools 'Contact the Principal' link.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 5 February - 17 February 2021

Kaelen Anna, Kian, Sahasra, Cailin B, Slater B, Noa H, Sienna W, Ayaa R, Prynce I, Jasper C, Lucas A and Trey G



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


Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo

Exford Primary School Uniform Requirements

Dear Families,

Now that the year is underway, you may have received a uniform note for your child. We are seeing a number of children wear these uniform items which are not part of our Exford PS school uniform.

A number of students are wearing a <u>navy-blue</u> zip up jacket - this is not part of our uniform.	A netball / sport skirt is not part of our uniform	
		
These uniform dresses are not part of the Exford PS uniform.		This is the only school dress which can be worn, and it is only available from our school Office.
		 <p>Please note that only <u>navy-blue</u> or <u>white</u> stockings or leggings can be worn with the school dress.</p>
These are the school windcheaters which can be worn.		This is the only jacket which can be worn, and it is only available from our school Office.
		
Our school hat (with the Exford PS logo on the front) is only available from our school Office and must be worn at recess, lunch and other outdoor times (including PE lessons and Sports activities).		

Please come and see us in the Office if you have any questions about our school's uniform or require assistance in providing your child with uniform. We encourage our children to wear our uniform with pride!

Yours Sincerely,

Lisa Campo
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



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

Prep Monagle	-	-
Prep Smyth	-	-
Prep Wurf	-	-
1 / 2 Ambrose	Eliza Rose	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Abbey	Respect
1 / 2 Jenner	Kiarra K	Kindness
1 / 2 Parker	Christian	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi	Kailen	Personal Best
3 / 4 Patty	Ryan	Personal Best
3 / 4 Roe	Elissa	Personal Best
4 / 5 Mounsey	Jasper	Kindness
5 / 6 Gundry	Phoebe	Respect
5 / 6 Mastrop	Caitlyn	Personal Best
5 / 6 Talevski	Casie	Personal Best
The Arts	Sheza	Personal Best
Physical Education	-	-
French	-	-
OSH	-	-

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



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

Prep Monagle	Dishen	Personal Best
Prep Smyth	Kaiden	Kindness
Prep Wurf	Japji	Personal Best
1 / 2 Ambrose	Jordan	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Bailey	Personal Best
1 / 2 Jenner	Lawrence	Personal Best
1 / 2 Parker	Edwin	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi	Caleb. S	Kindness
3 / 4 Patty	Aleks	Personal Best
3 / 4 Roe	Sam. T	Personal Best
4 / 5 Mounsey	Noah. C	Personal Best
5 / 6 Gundry	Jai	Personal Best
5 / 6 Mastrop	Gus	Kindness
5 / 6 Talevski	Marshall	Respect
The Arts	Rylan. G	Personal Best
Physical Education	-	-
French	-	-
OSH	-	-

What a great start to ART!

I have had the pleasure of meeting all students now and beginning their first art projects of 2021!

Students are coming to the Art room excited and ready to give it their personal best. Here are some photos of what we have been working on so far!



5/6 - Landscapes



3/4 -
Self-portraits





1/2 - Clay



Prep - Clay & fine motor exploration



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN PE...

PREP - YEAR 2

Our amazing Prep's enjoyed their first lesson of PE on our sun-basked oval! We played Mr Young's version of good ol' fruit salad and a new game called 'Toy Story'!

Year 1/2's have been focussing on our 3 rules of PLAY: 1) SAFE play, 2) FAIR play, and 3) WE play, enjoying games such as Hoop Cars and Pot Holes with our whole class!



UPPER PRIMARY

3-6's have been focussing on Inclusion, Fair Play and Safety in PhysEd. Students had a great time taking over from Mr Young last week and explaining the rules to their parnter themselves! Perhaps they could explain the rules to you at home...



KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

MPSSA Swimming Carnival @ Melton Waves Date: TBC

MPSSA 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiershp March 26th

5/6 Table Tennis Clinics 11th March (at school event)



Helping everyone to be mentally healthy.

Join HUGH from The Resilience Project for our Parents and Carers Webinar March 22nd 7pm - 8pm

Hugh will share his inspiring story with you all and how The Resilience Project will impact our students at Exford Primary School, as well as how the principles of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness can help you at home.

Please contact the office to register your interest in the event.



KINDERGARTEN READINESS MONTH

Come along and explore your local kindergarten, meet teachers, and learn about the kindergarten registration process for 3 and 4 year old funded kindergarten in the City of Melton



KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

When Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March 2021

Time 6pm to 8pm. Dates and locations are listed overleaf. Bookings for open week not required.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn everything you need to know about the registration process for three and four year old funded kindergarten in 2022.

OPTION 1:

Date Thursday 25th March

Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinder1.eventbrite.com.au

OPTION 2:

Date Monday 29th March

Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinder2.eventbrite.com.au

Please note information sessions will be held online via the Zoom platform



For more information please email: kindergartens@melton.vic.gov.au
2022 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 24 March 2021



KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child. Please note COVID safe practices will need to be followed on site as directed.



DATES AND LOCATIONS

All sessions will run between 6pm and 8pm

KINDERGARTEN

ADDRESS

MONDAY 15 MARCH

Springside Kindergarten

22-50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs

TUESDAY 16 MARCH

Fraser Rise Kindergarten

46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise

Botanica Springs Kindergarten

246 Clarkes Road, Brookfield West

Brookfield Kindergarten

14-16 Black Dog Drive, Brookfield

Melton Uniting Kindergarten

15-19 Yuille Street, Melton

WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH

Arnolds Creek Kindergarten

19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness

Cambrian Kindergarten

58-66 Cambrian Way, Melton West

Brookside Kindergarten

17-20 Federation Way, Caroline Springs

Melton Central Kindergarten

237-239 Station Road, Melton

Bellevue Hill Kindergarten

14 Royal Crescent, Hillside

Diggers Rest Kindergarten

48-66 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest

Kingsway Kindergarten

1 Kingsway, Melton

Melton West Kindergarten

2 West Melton Drive, Melton West

Mt Carberry Kindergarten

31-41 Exford Road, Melton South

Parkwood Green Kindergarten

88-94 Catharin Drive, Hillside

Rockbank Kindergarten

26 Old Leakes Road, Rockbank

Burnside Kindergarten

23 Lexington Drive, Burnside

Taylor's Hill Kindergarten

58-60 Jacaranda Drive, Taylor's Hill

Timbertop Kindergarten

1 Timbertop Parade, Aintree

Creekside Kindergarten

3-37 The Crossing, Caroline Springs

THURSDAY 18 MARCH

Bridge Road Kindergarten

260-266 Bridge Road, Strathulloch

Kororoit Creek Kindergarten

130 Tenterfield Drive, Burnside Heights

Eynesbury Kindergarten

756 Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury

*Please note Grasslands Kindergarten is currently under construction

For more information please email: kindergartens@melton.vic.gov.au

2022 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 24 March 2021





JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

*"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice,
it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"*



Register at parkrun.com.au

and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

notes:

Eynesbury Heritage Trail junior parkrun
Every Sunday 8am

Family Learning Program

Do you want to improve your skills in:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking
- Numeracy
- Digital literacy



Meet new people and learn at the same time!

When: Every Thursday from February 25th

Time: 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Cost: Course and Childcare **FREE**

Must register as places are limited.

GAME ON!

Do you enjoy playing chess, cards or backgammon?
If yes, then come and join our 'Game On' sessions.

When: Every Tuesday from February 23rd

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Men Only Event



Coffee Chat Craft

Come have a coffee and chat while knitting or crocheting!
Meet new people, make new friends. Practice your English!

When: Every Monday from February 22nd

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Women Only Event



LEATHER CRAFT

Join our expert leather craftsman show you how to make a wallet.

When: Wed March 17th & 24th

Time: 4:00PM- 6:00PM

Cost: \$40 for 2 sessions

All tools and material included.

Registrations Essential.

