

Exford Primary School

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Ms Campo's News....

Welcome

We had a very exciting Assembly last Friday, we celebrated our Preps starting school by presenting them with their 'Starting School' certificate, a lovely Exford tradition. We also welcomed Steve McGhie MP and Ms Heathfield, our Executive Area Director to the Assembly. Steve presented our Preps with their bag of children's books to commemorate their school start.

(Please note that not all children with photo consent wanted to be in the photo.)



Steve and Ms Heathfield joined us for a tour of our Stage 1 works and were duly impressed with the pace of the works. See the photo page later in this newsletter.

Coming next week

MPSSA Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 students at Melton Waves.

Student Support Group Meetings held via WebEx (For students with a diagnosed disability or learning need).

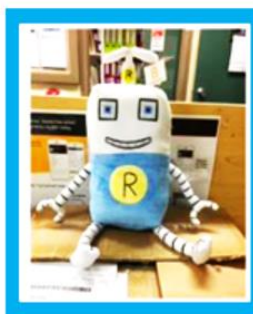
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Year 1 – 2 Werribee Zoo excursion note & money is due back 7th March

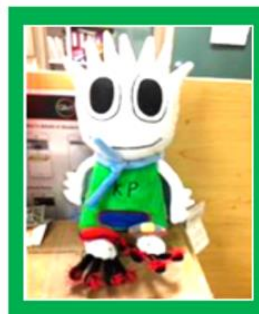
Book your interview time

Parent Teacher Interviews – March 1, 2 and 8 – see info

*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

Year 6 Commemorative windcheaters and polos

Our Year 6 students were very excited to receive their Year 6 Commemorative clothing order on Friday morning and proudly showed them off at our Assembly.



2022 School Council

Thank you to the parents and staff who submitted a nomination for a position for School Council. This is our School Council membership for 2022 (and 2023).

2022-2023 membership

• Chantelle (Grace and Adele)	• Naomi (Kallan)
• Rebecca (Hannah)	• Sharon (Charlie and Harry)
• Mrs Harper (staff)	• Mrs Villari (staff)
• Ms Campo (Executive Officer – ongoing member of School Council)	

2022 membership

• Awais (Ahmad)	• Mandeep (Sumair)
• Harpreet (Heera)	• Shae (Alyce and Charlotte)
• Mr Wilson (staff)	• Jacki (community member)

We had our first School Council meeting for 2022 last night.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Szelest and her husband with their happy news. Mrs Szelest will be mum to two little boys now, she'll be outnumbered at her house!



2022 School and Vice School Captains

We selected our Year 6 School and Vice School Captains yesterday. These student leadership positions are very important ones and are held in high esteem by our school community. Congratulations to the twelve Year 6 students who chose to be included in the process and for presenting their speeches to the Year 5-6 cohort.

Congratulations to our 2022 School Captains – Dayne and Cooper and to our 2022 Vice School Captains – Raisa and Charlie. They will receive their badges at our Assembly on Monday morning.



We will begin selecting our Student Ambassadors next, student leadership positions which are open to Year 3-6 students.

Dates to Remember 2022

Term 1

Monday 21 February

- Student Support Group Meetings – Day 1

Tuesday 22 February

- MPSSA Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 students at Melton Waves

Thursday 24 February

- Student Support Group Meetings – Day 2

Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and Tuesday 8 March

- 2022 'Meet the Teacher' interviews (WebEx)

Friday 11 March

- Year 1 – 2 Werribee Zoo Excursion
- MPSSA Lightning Premiership for Year 5-6 students.

Monday 14 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 18 March

- 2022 School Photos Day – All children must be in full school uniform.

Monday 21 March

- Harmony Day

Thursday 24 March

- Year 5-6 GRIP Student Leadership Conference. (in the city)

Monday 4 – Friday 8 April

- Teeth on Wheels Van at EPS

Friday 8 April

- 8.50 am Assembly – including our Easter Bonnet Parade
- End of Term 1 (2.30 pm dismissal)

Term 2

Tuesday 26 April

- Term 2 commences for Staff only

Tuesday 26 April

- Pupil Free Day No 3

Wednesday 27 April

- Term 2 commences for Students

Seesaw Families

Seesaw is a digital student portfolio that gives students an audience for their work. It also enables us to communicate with families. All families should now have access to their child's Seesaw account, via the Seesaw Families App. If you are having any difficulty gaining access or viewing your child's portfolio, please contact Mrs Harper in the Office.



CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use only towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students.

If you applied for the CSEF at Exford Primary School in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to apply in 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- **Changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021

If a form was not lodged in 2021, parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in Term One, as payments are made from March onwards. However, schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term Two each year. Application forms can be collected from the office or obtained directly from the website.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

We will hold our 'Meet the Teacher' interviews on Tuesday 1 March, Wednesday 2 March and Tuesday 8 March.

Bookings:	Open
Event code:	2aa7x
Teachers:	12
Bookings:	0
Parents:	0
Booking link and QR code	

Bookings can be made using the following link: You need to use the current booking 'Event Code' 2aa7x.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?z=1aZGXQ>

Uniform

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the website for you to see, including photos of permitted uniform wear.

These items are not part of our uniform –



- Navy windcheater
- Windcheater zip-up jackets (with or without hoods)
- School dresses other than the EPS school dress
- Skirts of any kind (except the skirt part of the Winter pinafore)
– only skirts can be worn.
- Any polar fleece items.

Staff will not 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 Mr Wilson or Ms Campo, so that we can arrange a parent meeting.

These items are only available through our EPS uniform shop:

- Exford PS school dress
- Exford PS bomber jacket
- Exford PS Windcheater / Hoodie
- Exford PS school hat
- Exford PS Library bag

The Exford PS uniform is a very attractive uniform with many options, and we ask our families to ensure that the children are wearing our uniform with pride.

Annual Privacy Reminder 2022

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

Canteen

The Canteen will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. The canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesdays, until further notice. No over the counter sales. To order please visit the following web page: www.quickcliq.com.au

Fundraising

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics 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 1 – Easter Raffle
- Term 2 – Mother's Day Stall
- Term 3 – Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



Our 2022 target is...

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

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

Specialist Timetable

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

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 school every day – especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020 and 2021.

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 FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au – all student absences must be explained in writing.

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthday 3 - 17 February
Slater, Cailin, Logan, Sienna W and Jasper.

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.



Student of the week



Week 2

Week 3

Student

Exford Value

Student

Exford Value

Year Prep Micallef

Year Prep Smyth

Year 1 - 2 Ambrose

Year 1 - 2 Higgins

Year 1 - 2 Monagle

Year 1 - 2 Roe

Year 3 - 4 Fyfe

Year 3 - 4 Gundry

Year 3 - 4 Tekin

Year 5 - 6 Mounsey

Year 5 - 6 Mastrop

Year 5 - 6 Talevski

The Arts

Physical Education

French

OSH Club

No Student
of the Week
Certificates
for Week 2.

Chloe

Kindness

Rachael

Respect

Lucas

Personal Best

Mahayla

Personal Best

Minnie

Personal Best

Sumair

Personal Best

William

Kindness

Addisson

Personal Best

Joshua

Kindness

Slater

Personal Best

Lachlan. M

Personal Best

Ella

Kindness

Ella. C

Personal Best

Liam. P

Respect

Lachlan. B

Personal Best

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

Our First Week in Prep Micallef!



Our First Week in Prep Smyth!



2022 - Exford PS's Lunch Time Clubs for our Kids - Monday 14 February 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:30 - 2 pm	 Year 1-2 Knitting Club with Ms Campo (Air Purifier)	 Year 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room (Air Purifier)	 Year 1-2 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room (Air Purifier)	 Year 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room (Air Purifier)	 Year 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room (Air Purifier)
	 Origami Club - Year 3-4 kids with Mrs Roe in her classroom MASKS ON	 Prep - Knitting Club with Mrs Micallef and Ms Smyth in the OSH Club room	 Origami Club - Year 5-6 kids with Mrs Roe in her classroom MASKS ON	 Prep - 2 Story Club with Ms Smyth in the Library	
2 - 2:30 pm	 Yr 1-2 Lego Club With Ms Higgins in her classroom		 Yr 3-4 Lego Technic Club With Mrs Fye in her classroom MASKS ON	 Year 5-6 Lego Technic Club with Mrs Fye MASKS ON	 Yr 3-4 Lego Club With Mrs Fye in Ms Higgins' classroom MASKS ON
		 Yr 3-6 Arts Club with Ms Watt in the Art room MASKS ON	 Yr 3-6 Arts Club with Ms Watt in the Art room MASKS ON	 Year 3-4 PE room - Board Games Club BYO & school games With Ms Talevski MASKS ON	 Year 5-6 PE room - Board Games Club BYO & school games With Ms Mastrop MASKS ON
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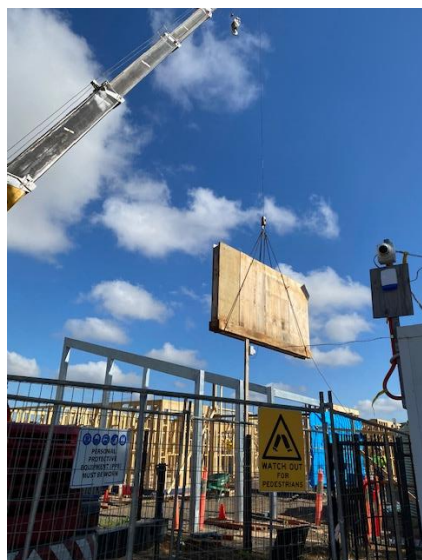


Mrs Micallef - GOTCHA Stall in the Gallery - starting Monday 21 Feb





*Progress photos -
it's looking
amazing!!*



Our precious Mosaic Wall being swung into position.



Roof trusses were being installed today.



The front entrance to the new Office and foyer



Teaching / sensory space between the classrooms



Looking down the corridor - Junior Learning Building



JOIN THE EAGLES FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

All Welcome!

One in every eight Eynesbury households is part of the club,
so its a great way to make friends, have fun and get fit.

Football players wanted for the following teams

Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Club 18s (Social Senior football)

Netball players wanted for the following teams

Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Seniors

Training starts mid Feb

Football Enquiries
Aaron Wright
0419 662 901



Netball Enquiries
Tracey Wright
0400 562 317