

# Exford Primary School

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Thursday 1 December 2022



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## Ms Campo's News....

### 2022 Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert

After not being able to have our lovely Christmas Concert tradition over the past two COVID years...it's BACK!! Our Concert will be held on Friday 16 December from 9:30 am and all our families are very welcome to join us. Families are asked to bring their own seating. We will use our existing stage and the area in front of the stage will be reserved for student seating. Behind the row of seats at the back of the Assembly area, we will set up a few rows of chairs for families to sit on when it is their child's class on the stage – and then they would return to their own seating. We didn't hire a stage as we were not sure where our Construction team would be at and whether the oval would be available. I have notified MelbCon that we will need to use the school half of the car park throughout the day and for them to avoid any construction traffic on that day. Please note that parking is always at a premium (even though we have more parking than most schools) and for families to come in a single vehicle if possible.

**Please see the information about the children's (very simple) costume requirements later in this newsletter.**

### 2023 Staffing

#### Next year's teachers

*(Repeated from last newsletter)* We have been supporting the children throughout this year to rediscover their resilience and ability to cope with change. As we know, dealing with change and the mild to severe anxiety this can make people experience, is part of life and part of being human. As a community, our families and our school staff, we shield the children from situations as much as we can - but experiencing and coping with change is something we support them with.

For 2022, we tried to keep things fairly consistent and many children had their teacher and the same class mates for the second year, in response to the impact of Remote Learning on their social and emotional resilience. As part of our strategy to keep supporting our children's wellbeing and their ability to cope with change, all children will have a different teacher from the one they have had this year and we will continue working with the children to feel confident about looking forward to meeting their new teachers and class mates.

We will share the information about the teacher and class matches and ES allocation on our 'Step Up' Day on Tuesday 13 December and will advise parents through Seesaw. Please note that changes to classes and teachers are extremely difficult to make at this point in our planning and organisation.

**NEWS** - Mr Gundry informed me yesterday that he and his family are relocating to Queensland and he will be teaching in a school there from 2023. I have advertised for a teacher replacement: the vacancy closes on Tuesday 13 December and then we will move into Selection Panel mode – so the 'Step Up Day' activity for one class won't happen on Tuesday 13 December, but will happen later in the week, once we have selected a replacement teacher.

Please see the teacher allocations later in this newsletter.

### Coming up

- Tuesday 6 December
  - 2023 Prep Transition Visit 4

### Due to the Office

- Friday 9 December
  - Year 6 Graduation and Year 6 Celebration Day. - Money and consent forms due to the office.

*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

## 2023 Teacher placements

Here are our 2023 Teacher placements for you. I am working on confirming the ES placements. As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, I have matched classes and teaching staff and you will receive this information on 'Step Up Day' (Tuesday 13 December for all classes except for Year 3-4 ???, which will have their turn hopefully on Thursday 15 December.

Teaching Teams	Teachers
Prep Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prep Akamatis – Ms Christina Akamatis</li> <li>Prep Smyth – Ms Hannah Smyth</li> </ul>
Year 1-2 Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1-2 Ambrose – Mrs Karen Ambrose</li> <li>Year 1-2 Roe – Mrs Simone Roe</li> <li>Year 1-2 Romanski – Ms Lisa Romanski</li> <li>Year 1-2 Talevski – Ms Rebeka Talevski</li> </ul>
Year 3-4 Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3-4 ??? (replacing Mr Gundry)</li> <li>Year 3-4 Micallef – Mrs Alyssa Micallef</li> <li>Year 3-4 Monagle – Ms Kellie Monagle</li> </ul>
Year 5-6 Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5-6 Fyfe – Ms Rachel Fyfe</li> <li>Year 5-6 Higgins – Ms Melissa Higgins</li> <li>Year 5-6 Mounsey – Mr Blake Mounsey</li> </ul>
Specialist Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Arts and Tutoring – Ms Zaffie Mastrop</li> <li>French (LOTE) – Monsieur Aziz Mouhamad</li> <li>Phys Ed – Mr Jordan Patty</li> <li>Science – Mr Jordan Patty and Mr Craig Wilson</li> <li>Returning in Term 4 – Tutoring - Ms Katherine Anderson</li> </ul>

## Raffle prizes

We are collecting quite a stash of prizes for our Raffle Draw for our Concert on Friday 16 December.

Our thanks to these families for their generous donations:

- Ali, Adelina and Aydin's family
- Adele H's family
- Mason and Aiden's family

It's not too late to organise something to contribute for our Raffle prize collection – you are welcome to contact our office if you are able to organise something.

## Woolworths Opalia

Our thanks to Woolworths at Opalia for making a generous contribution of the children's drinks for our Year 6 Graduation event. This is a cost we were able to take out of the charge for our families.

## Moving Day

Monday 13 December is our Moving Day where our teachers move into their 2023 classrooms. The children will then operate out of that classroom for the remainder of the year. (Please see location map later in this newsletter).

## 2022 dates to remember

### Term 4

#### Tuesday 6 December

- 2023 Prep Transition Visit 4

#### Tuesday 13 December

- 2023 Year 7 Transition Day – our year 6 students will spend the day at their secondary schools
- 2023 'Step up' Day – parent advice sheets sent through Seesaw

#### Wednesday 14 December

- Variety Club Xmas Concert – invite only

#### Thursday 15 December

- 2023 'Step up' Day for Year 3-4 ?? – parent advice sheets sent through Seesaw
- Year 6 Graduation Evening
- Semester 2 Student Reports sent home

#### Friday 16 December

- Exford Christmas Concert (9:30 am)

#### Monday 19 December

- Year 6 Celebration Day – Adventure Park

#### Tuesday 20 December

- End of 2022 School year
  - 1.10 pm Assembly
  - 1:30 pm Dismissal

### 2023

### Term 1

#### Friday 27 January

- 2023 Term 1 beings for staff
- Pupil Free Day No 1 for students

#### Monday 30 January

- Pupil Free Day No 2 for students

#### Tuesday 31 January

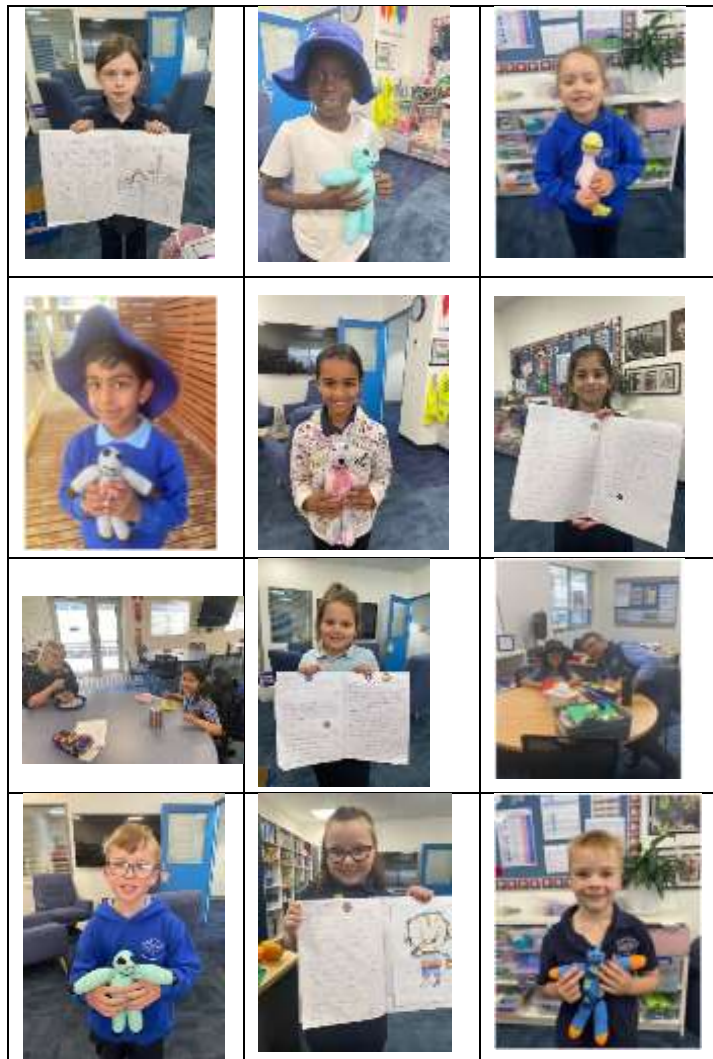
- Year 1 – 6 students begin
  - 1.10 pm Assembly
  - 1:30 pm Dismissal

#### Friday 31 March

- School Photo Day

## Visitors to the Office ☺

I've had some Year Prep and 1-2 visitors this week coming to share their writing and collect their Gotcha prizes. Mr Wilson and I have also been having lunch and morning tea with children who have chosen to spend time with us as their Gotcha prize. All highlights of our day!



## Fundraising

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 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert Raffle
- Are you able to help to organise or provide donations for our Christmas Raffle? If you can, please contact Ms Campo or Mr Wilson on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au)



**Our 2022 target is...**  
**\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$3,411.20**

## 2023 Class locations

### 2023 Exford PS Classroom placements

Year 3-4 Micallef	Year 5-6 Mounsey
Gallery Building	
Year 5-6 Fyfe	Year 5-6 Higgins

Junior Learning Building (Room 7) Year 1-2 Talevski		Junior Learning Building (Room 8) Year 1-2 Romanski
Junior Learning Building (Room 5) Year 1-2 Roe		Junior Learning Building (Room 6) Year 1-2 Ambrose (PLT Leader)
Staff Resources Room		Children's toilets
Junior Learning Building (Room 3) Year 3-4 <del>???</del>		Junior Learning Building (Room 4) Year Prep Smyth
Junior Learning Building (Room 1) Year 3-4 Monagle		Junior Learning Building (Room 2) Year Prep Akamatis

Administration Building
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## Lost Property

As the weather warms up and the children remove their jumpers in the playground. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Lost property is emptied each night and items with names are returned to the children the next day.

We are unfortunately, still getting unnamed items handed in to lost property. The lack of a clearly written name delays or prevents the return of items to children.



## 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](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

# Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 18 November - 1 December**  
**Kingston, Charlie.M, Gurmanvir, Te Wai, Cameron, Faatea,**  
**Navroop and Rose.**

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.





# Christmas Concert Information



Friday 16 December - Concert begins at 9:30 am.

Our end of year Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert is a lovely Exford tradition that we've been missing through these past COVID-affected years and we hope all our families are able to come and join us - the children need to be in their classrooms by 8:50 am and the Concert starts at 9:30 am. Families are welcome to have picnic lunches in our school grounds afterwards.

## Concert arrangements

**Parking** - please be aware that there is never enough parking!

**BYO Seating** - Seating for our families is BYO camp chairs.

**Reserved Seating** - there is some reserved seating for our families who are involved in the Fundraising group who work at the FR efforts until the start of the Concert.

There is also a student seating area - students need to remain with their classes throughout the Concert. Extended family members and friends are also welcome.

## Entry

There are no ticket / entry costs, however, our Concert event is also our last major fundraising event for the year and every cent of our Fundraising dollars provide 'Reading Eggs' program for our Year Prep-4 students and iPad technology for every student at our school. In the past, we always aim to raise funds for our children through the sale of the Raffle tickets (pre-sales included).

**STRICTLY NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING** - as a school event, our Concert evening has a strictly NO ALCOHOL policy and no smoking is permitted within the school grounds or within 400 metres of a school entry.

**Student Arrival time** - The children need to be at school at 8:50 am and go to their classrooms, ready for the final costume adjustments. They will come out to the stage area ready for a 9:30 am (ish!) start.

**Raffle Tickets** - We ask our families to support the school by buying and selling our Raffle tickets. There are many great prizes available to be won. We will acknowledge all the wonderful local businesses who have supported us in our final newsletter. Raffle tickets were sent home and we have more available if you are able to sell more and there are ticket sales available up until the start of the Concert.

We will draw the Raffle prizes out throughout our Concert...hope you have your tickets in the draw!

**2022 Student Award** - We will present our Student Awards throughout the Concert - we have included some new awards from 2022 onwards.

### Summary of nominations for 2022 Student Awards

#### Yr 3 - Melissa Gates Award (Perpetual Trophy)

This student demonstrates courtesy, kindness, friendliness and co-operation to others.

#### The Arts - Personal Best Champion (Year Prep-2 and Year 3-6)

This student has consistently demonstrated their Personal Best in The Arts at Exford PS

#### French - Personal Best Champion (Year Prep-2 and Year 3-6)

This student has consistently demonstrated their Personal Best in French at Exford PS

#### Phys Ed - Personal Best Champion (Year Prep-2 and Year 3-6)

This student has consistently demonstrated their Personal Best in PE at Exford PS



#### **Yr 6 - The Hawke Award (Federal Member of Parliament)**

This student has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the school community.

#### **Yr 6 - Exford Excellence Award (Perpetual Trophy)**

This student is the Year 6 student of the year and exemplifies excellence as a student and as an Exford role model.



### **2022 Exford PS Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert - Friday 16 December @ 9:30 am**

#### **Costumes**

Our very special end of year Christmas and Year 6 Concert is only a month away now and these are the simple costumes we ask our families to organise for the evening.

Given the uncertainty, we didn't book a stage and will use our school stage. The seating area in front of the stage is for the students. Families can set up their seating

(I wonder what our cheeky and imaginative E5 team will get up to this year...nothing will top their Grinch and Elf efforts!)

#### **Year Prep Micallef**

##### **Girls**

- Colourful/bright coloured top
- Black pants/shorts/skirts
- Hula skirt (only if you can find one)

##### **Boys**

- Hawaiian shirt (if you can't find one, just a bright/colourful top will be okay)
- Black pants/shorts

Mrs Micallef will supply the leis for the children to wear

#### **Year 1-2 Ambrose**

##### **Boys**

- Blue school shorts and a plain white t shirt (a bow tie will be provided)

##### **Girls**

- A party dress (any colour), hair tied up with ribbons or scrunchy.

#### **Year 1-2 Monagle**

##### **Girls**

- Pink Tutu with red T-shirt or red Tutu with Pink T-shirt
- With sparkly necklaces
- Dressy shoes
- Lollipop crown being made at school

##### **Boys**

- Black Pants or shorts with a Black T-shirt
- Black Shoes
- Hats and giant Lollipop prop provided by school

#### **Year Prep Smyth**

- Black bottoms (e.g. Pants, shorts, leggings, skirt etc.)
- Bright coloured top (e.g. One solid colour, rainbow, multicolour, Fluoro. (Can be a short or long-sleeved top)
- Girls to have their hair in a high ponytail or two high pig tails.

#### **Year 1-2 Higgins**

- Black on our bottom half,
- A plain white shirt and they need
- A hat.
- Some of the students have also asked if they can wear bowties, but that's not a must.

#### **Year 1-2 Roe**

##### **Boys**

- To wear a white t-shirt and black shorts.

##### **Girls**

- To wear only one colour (either pink or purple) t-shirt with black skirt or shorts.

Mrs Roe will provide the extra costume pieces - bow ties flower necklaces/feather boas



#### Year 3-4 Fyfe

- Summer clothes, eg: plain shorts (any colour), open shirts e.g.: Hawaiian with a white singlet

#### Year 3-4 Tekin

- Students to wear a white T-shirt and black bottoms (leggings, shorts, trackies, etc)

#### Year 5-6 Mounsey



- Plain RED shirt that we can put Velcro or Marker on it.
- Black shorts or trousers
- Runners and socks

Kmart link:

<https://www.kmart.com.au/product/short-sleeve-plain-tee-s144325/?selectedSwatch=Salsa>

#### Year 3-4 Gundry

Fluoro 90s style!

- Pants/shorts/T-shirts -fluoro in colour.
- Anything bright will do.
- Have crazy/frizzy/curly hair and headbands/sweatbands

#### Year 5-6 Mastrop

- Black jacket/ coat for everyone
- Cheerleaders: White t-shirt, navy blue skirt or skort, blue or silver pom poms
- Basketballers: white T-shirt and blue shorts

#### Year 5-6 Talevski

**Girls:** Option of a bright coloured dress with bike shorts OR skirt/leggings with a bright coloured T-shirt.

**Boys:** Black or dark shorts (school shorts are fine) and a bright coloured/multi-coloured T-shirt.



# Student of the week



## Week 7

## Week 8

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Adelina	Respect	Chloe	Respect
Year Prep Smyth	Hana	Personal Best	Aishleen	Respect
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Charitha	Personal Best	Aina	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Sohang	Respect	Christian	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Kabir	Personal Best	Clara	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Sumair	Personal Best	Nihal	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Olivia	Personal Best	Faatea	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Awheata	Personal Best	Emma	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Josh	Respect	Josh	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Dayne	Respect	Lily	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Arbab	Kindness	Brydie	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Jessica	Respect	Sokaina	Personal Best
The Arts	Seerat	Personal Best	-	-
Physical Education	Arnoor	Personal Best	Mimi	Respect
French	Fletcher	Respect	Taela	Personal Best
OSH Club	Olive Family	Respect	Noah	Personal Best

**Congratulations to the following students who received  
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 7 & 8**



In Maths, we have started to learn about Algebra! We are using a range of problem solving skills to find unknown variables (who knew that you would use LETTERS in Maths!)

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# Newsletter

November 2022

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## Welcome to Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Wurundjeri and Wadawurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which gather today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



## OSHClub Exford Newsletter Weeks 7 & 8, Term 4

### Term 4 update

Hello, hello!

We are on to the home stretch of term 4! The last couple weeks at OSHClub have been so much fun, having all our clubs in full swing and finishing our extra learning activity - basketball, we've been busy learning new things and getting very crafty!

In the mornings we have been keeping it super relaxed and focusing on morning habits that can help us feel happy and healthy! Eating a nutritious breakfast, stretching, and playing inside games to get our brains moving!

In the afternoons we are taking every opportunity to get outside when the weather lets us! We have been loving playing octopus, ABC pacman, and basketball. We've been getting very into crafts lately, including making bookmark wands, 3 marker challenge and colour by numbers/brain teasers!

Mon-Fri 6:30-9:00am | 2:45-6:00pm  
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1300 395 735





## Coming Up

DEC  
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### Hanukkah

Celebrating the festival of lights over 8 days with our Jewish Community.

DEC  
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### Last Day of School

Come to OSHC at 1:30pm for an end of year party with games and treats!

DEC  
21-22

### Full Day Program @ OSHC

6:45am - 6:00pm program running at OSHClub.

## Special Announcements

### HOLIDAY DISCOUNT!

Book in for our holiday period - 21st & 22nd of December and 9th to the 30th of January before December 21st will receive 20% off!  
If you require any help with bookings or creating an account, please call us on 0419 207 638.

## Quality Area Reflection

### Quality Area 5

Our deep dive into focus area 5 is coming to a close as the team at Exford OSHClub feels that we have developed strong and trusting relationships with the children that attend our service. Although we have welcomed some new faces we have still maintained and formed new lasting friendships that help us develop our service. We will continue to work on allowing the children to shine and provide activities that they would like to see at OSHClub as well as begin looking more closely at a different quality area! Our relationships with the children go stronger every session as we are able to share life experiences, laugh together and create lasting memories!

## Club News

### Our Term 4 Clubs

This term we will be providing two clubs.

Starting Thursday (20th of October) we will be starting SPACE CLUB! Over 8 weeks the kids will be learning about each planet within our solar system as they build each planet using paper mache. Starting with the planets closer to the sun, they will run through all 8 planets, learn about the sun and moon and touch on our special dwarf planet - Pluto at the end.

Sporting Superstars takes place on Monday afternoon at 3:45pm as of the 7th of November.

In this club we will explore five different sports over six weeks as we learn drills, techniques, and the rules of these games. Learn to play these awesome sporty games. The sports will include soccer, handball, cricket, parkour, and volleyball. We will conclude on week 6 with a SUPER SPORTS CARNIVAL!





## Coordination Corner

- Parents and families are reminded that term four requires hats and sunscreen for outside play. Please bring hats every morning and afternoon as we supply sunscreen.
- Please ensure to book your children in using your parent portal as we cannot guarantee a spot for your child. In the case of an emergency booking please call us directly.
- Also, when dropping and picking up the children please ensure to always come into our OSHClub room as a legal and safety requirement.

## Photo Gallery



## Recipe

### Pancakes!

Serves 8 pancakes

#### Ingredients

- All-purpose Flour
- Baking Powder
- Milk
- Eggs
- Cinnamon, Salt, or Sugar

#### Method

1. Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl.
  2. Combine all the wet ingredients with the dry ingredients and mix well.
  3. Add cinnamon, salt, or sugar for taste.
  4. Get cooking! use a spoon to scoop small portions of batter to a hot stove and flip when bubbles begin to form.
  5. Serve with topping of your choice!!
- My favourite topping is strawberry jam and whipped cream.







Year 1 Magic Show & Dinner





Year 1 Magic Show & Dinner



# 2022 - Exford PS's Term 4 Lunch Time Clubs for our Kids - Monday 28 November 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1:30 - 2 pm		 Yr 3-6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in her room (come to Front office) 	 Year Prep - 6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	 Year Prep - 6 Knitting Club with Ms Campo in the French room 	
	 Yr Prep-2 Lego Club With Ms Higgins in her classroom	 Yr Prep -2 Lego Club With Ms Higgins in her classroom	 Origami Club - Year 3-6 kids with Mrs Roe in her classroom	 Prep - 2 Story Club with Ms Smyth in the Library	 Origami Club - Year 3-6 kids with Mrs Roe in her classroom
2 - 2:30 pm	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Bramich in the Art room	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Bramich in the Art room	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Littlewood in the Art room	 Year 3-6 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic with Mr Patty in the Gallery	 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic Club with Mr Mounsey in the Gallery
		 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 Library Time with Ms Anderson	 2 pm - Arts Club with Ms Littlewood in the Art room
		 Board Games Club - BYO & school games with Mr Gundry in Ms Mastrop's room	 Year 3-6 Coding, Lego and Lego Technic Club With Mr Patty in the Gallery	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Mr Gundry in Ms Mastrop's room	 Board Games Club BYO & school games with Mr Gundry in Ms Mastrop's room
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