



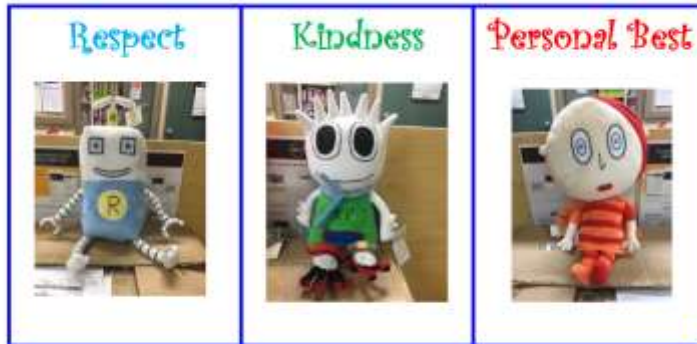
Exford Primary School

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



Artist impression of our new school entry - ready 2022!

At Exford, these qualities are really important:



... 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.20 (Term 4, 2021) Thursday 18 November 2021

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Naomi (Kallan and Ashlyn), Rebecca (Hannah, Joshua and Thomas), Kylie (Peyton), Sharon (Charlie & Archie)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki (SC President)

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Cassar, Ms Mastrop and Mr Wilson

Ms Campo's News...

Covid cases

I know that it must make you feel very anxious to see the Covid case notifications that have been appearing throughout the past two weeks.

We follow all the Covid Operations Guide directives, we have staggered arrival and departure times, keep our classes separate as much as humanly possible and supervise the wearing of facemasks for our Year 3-6 students in the classroom and on the school buses and also facemasks for our Year Prep-2 students. Not to mention that our staff do additional cleaning throughout the day, on top of the daily thorough clean by our cleaning company (who follow Department directions about the cleaning).

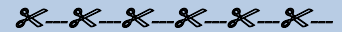
I can't stress enough, if your child is feeling unwell at all (headaches, sore throat, runny nose, feeling lethargic - all Covid symptoms), do not send your child to school. They need to remain at home and go and have a Covid test. We cannot assume that children have 'just a cold' at these times.

We will get through this challenging time together.

Please note that I am waiting on the Department's revised guidelines to be sent out, following the information released by Premier Andrews earlier today. I will send you more information as soon as I have it. ☺



Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Term 4

Thursday 18 & Friday 19 November

2022 Professional Learning for our Leadership Team to prepare for 2022.

Tuesday 23 November

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 1
9 am - Group 1
10 am - Group 2

Tuesday 30 November

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 2
9 am - Group 1
10 am - Group 2

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx

Thursday 2 December

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx

Tuesday 7 December

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 3
9:15 am - 12:15 pm

2022 Year 7 Transition Day - visits to secondary schools

Tuesday 14 December

2022 Step Up Day - arrangements TBC - meet 2022 teacher and class

Wednesday 15 December

Year 6 Graduation - arrangements TBC

Thursday 16 December

Reports sent home to Parents

Friday 17 December

Last Day of School
1:10 pm - Assembly
1:30 pm - Dismissal
1:30 pm - Buses Depart

Absence Learning Plans

If you have made the decision to keep your children at home for the time being, we will need to complete an Absence Learning Plan for them and they will be marked as Absent (Parent Choice). Please note that Remote Learning is only available for children who are isolating or children who have extreme health complications.

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

We will hold our Term 3 Interviews on Tuesday 30 November and Thursday 2 December using WebEx. We will send you the link for the School Interviews website next week for you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Here is the link for you to use to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/vysfm>

2022 School Team

Here is our 2022 Exford School team.

I have now matched teachers to classes - here are our 2022 teacher placements

- Principal Class - Ms Lisa Campo and Mr Craig Wilson
- Learning Specialist Teachers - Ms Jaclyn Littlewood and Mr Nathan Jenner
- Prep Micallef - Ms Alyssa Micallef (PLT Leader)
- Prep Smyth - Ms Hannah Smyth
- Year 1-2 Ambrose - Mrs Karen Ambrose (PLT Leader)
- Year 1-2 Higgins - Ms Melissa Higgins
- Year 1-2 Monagle - Ms Kellie Monagle
- Year 1-2 Roe - Mrs Simone Roe
- Year 3-4 Gundry - Mr Ross Gundry
- Year 3-4 Patty - Mr Jordan Patty
- Year 3-4 class - NEW Teacher
- Year 5-6 Mounsey - Mr Blake Mounsey (PLT Leader)
- Year 5-6 Mastrop - Ms Zaffie Mastrop
- Year 5-6 Talevski - Ms Rebeka Talevski
- Tutor - Ms Kat Anderson
- The Arts - Ms Abbey Watt
- Health and PE - Ms Kate Tucker (returning to EPS)
- Language Other Than English - French - Mr Aziz Mouhamad
- Office Team - Mrs Lisa Humplik (Business Manager), Mrs Megan Harper, Mrs Kerrie Kelly and Ms Kathryn Killeen
- Grounds - Mr Phil Bowden
- Classroom Education Support - Mrs Michelle Cassar, Mrs Nicole Clare, Mrs Joanne Comer, Mrs Sharyn Farrar, Ms Rheanna Gallo, Mrs Susanne Greenslade, Ms Bernice Hudson, Mrs Rachel MacLeod, Mr Damian Major, Mrs Kim Scalzo, Mrs Lisa Van Gemert. Mrs Susan Villari and Mrs Loren Ward

2022 Prep Transition Visits

We are able to offer some Prep Transition visit times for our 2022 Preps. Parents are able to bring their children and stay for 5-10 minutes (face-masks are essential) to help to settle the children and then we ask parents to wait in their cars until the end of the session. Parents must use our QR code to check in on arrival and then on their return to collect the children. Parents must follow our Covid-Safe practices at all times.

Visit No 1 - Tuesday 23 November

- Group 1 - from 9 - 9:50 am
- Group 2 - from 10 - 10:50 am

Visit No 2 - Tuesday 30 November

- Group 1 - from 9 - 9:50 am
- Group 2 - from 10 - 10:50 am

Visit No 3 - Tuesday 7 December - we aim to have the children with our 2022 Prep teachers and in their 2022 class. On this day, we will ask parents to bring their children to the oval to meet the teachers and the children will go to the classroom from there

- Class 1 - from 9:15 am - 12:15 pm
- Class 2 - from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

We have sent parents of 2022 Preps their individual program details via Seesaw.

Please contact me if you have any thoughts about your child's friendships so that we can take it into consideration as we plan our 2022 Prep class groups.

Year 6 Graduation Event

We will hold our Year 6 Graduation Event at the school as we did last year and it will be streamed live to our parents. Stay tuned for more information.

2022 Year 6 Commemorative wear

Our 2021 Year 5 students have now ordered their 2022 Year 6 school jackets and polo shirts. The students run a design competition each year for the design for the back of the Year 6 school jacket.



School Upgrade

Exciting to see the Admin building taking shape!



SunSmart times ... No hat, no play!

A reminder that we are now in SunSmart season and children need to wear their Exford PS school hat daily for the recess and lunch breaks, PE lessons and any game times. Children without hats need to sit in the shade or on the stage.

New hats can be purchased only at school through our Uniform shop via our Office (no other hat can be worn).

We also encourage families to provide their children with sunscreen roll-on to keep in their school bag.



Office News

School Camps and Sporting activities

As you know, we are not able to proceed with our Camps or sporting activities and all have needed to be cancelled. Please contact Mrs Humplik in our office for the Camp or sporting activity payment refund - we would prefer not to hold payments over to cover next year's expenses. lisa.humplik@education.vic.gov.au

Lost Property

As we look forward to the children returning to school fulltime, can we ask you to check that all items of school clothing are clearly marked, particularly items that are removed during the day, such as hats, jumpers, scarves and beanies.

Lost property is checked daily and items which are clearly labelled can be returned to the child without delay.

Book Club

Welcome to Term 4 and a special Home Edition of Book Club!

Please look out for your physical catalogues for a **BUMPER CHRISTMAS ISSUE 7** arriving once your school reopens.

In the meantime, while we are still schooling from home, we've created this **special digital catalogue** for parents to keep their children inspired to read and learn—with 8 additional pages of fun Home Learning ideas and delivery available direct to the home!

[bc-digital-issue-8_p3.pdf \(scholastic.com.au\)](https://www.scholastic.com.au/bc-digital-issue-8_p3.pdf)



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.

Fundraising News



Our 2021 target is...
\$5,000 - \$10,000.

Our Tally so far... \$3,572.00

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 4 - End of year Christmas Raffle

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 - 18 November.

Joshua, Elijah, Nihal, Hannah, Kiranjit, Adele V, Adrian, Kirat, Elodie, Kaiden, Peninniah, Gurshameer and Marli.



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 (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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Including pages from:

- 100 days of Prep
- Year 1 - 2 Ambrose
- Year 4 - 5 Mounsey

☺ Ms Campo

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



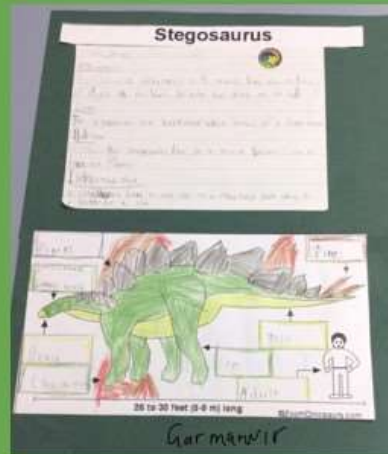
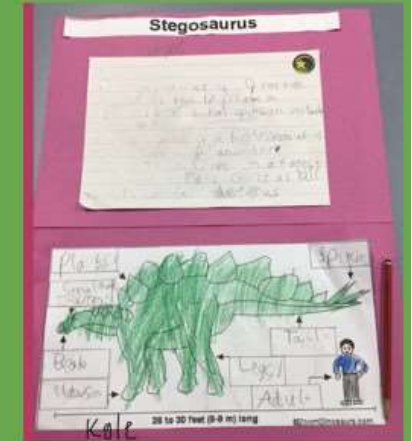
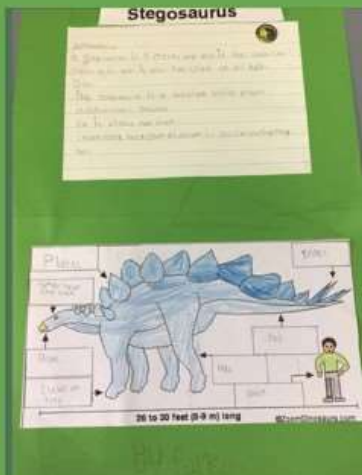
Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for **Week 5** and **Week 6**

	<u>Week 5</u>		<u>Week 6</u>	
	<u>Student</u>	<u>Exford Value</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Exford Value</u>
Prep Monagle	Nihal	Personal Best	Ryder	Personal Best
Prep Smyth	Avnoor	Respect	Levi	Respect
1 / 2 Ambrose	Ayaan	Personal Best	Gurmanvir	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Hazel	Personal Best	Aviraj	Personal Best
1 / 2 Jenner	Te-Wai	Personal Best	Jonah	Personal Best
1 / 2 Parker	Ivy-Leigh	Personal Best	-	-
3 / 4 Gashi	Japreet	Respect	Ruby-Rose	Kindness
3 / 4 Roe	Emma	Personal Best	Georgia	Kindness
3 / 4 Patty	Paige	Personal Best	Sokaina	Personal Best
4 / 5 Mounsey	Sienna W	Kindness	Aran	Respect
5 / 6 Gundry	Sheza	Personal Best	Thomas	Personal Best
5 / 6 Mastrop	Roqia	Respect	Jessie-Lee	Personal Best
5 / 6 Talevski	Harrison	Personal Best	Zoe	Kindness
The Arts	Emity	Personal Best	-	-
Physical Education	-	-	-	-
French	Penninah	Personal Best	Harrison	Personal Best
OSH Club	-	-	-	-

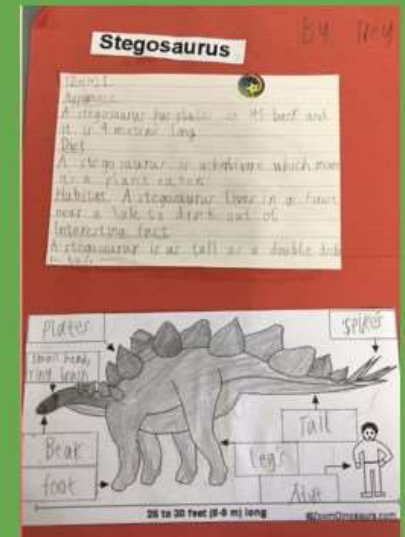
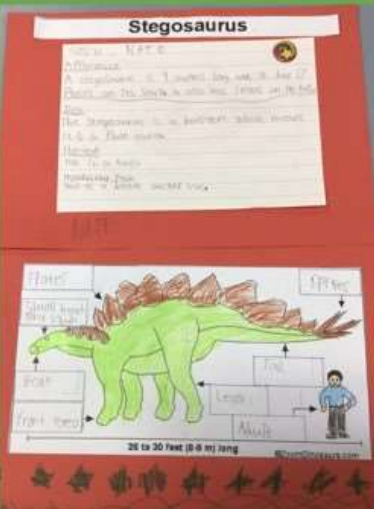
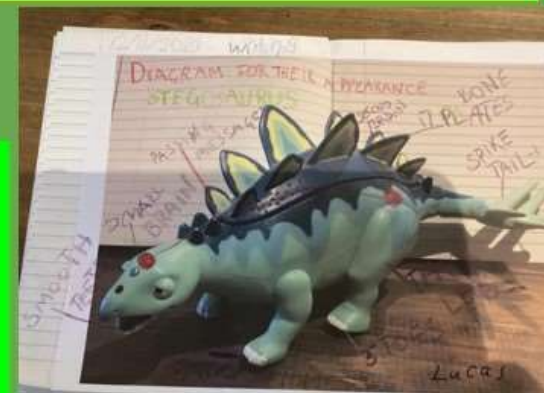




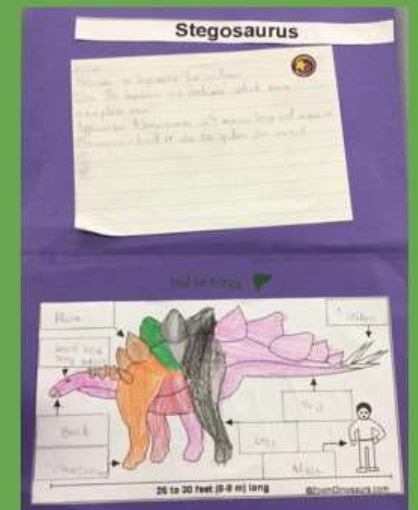
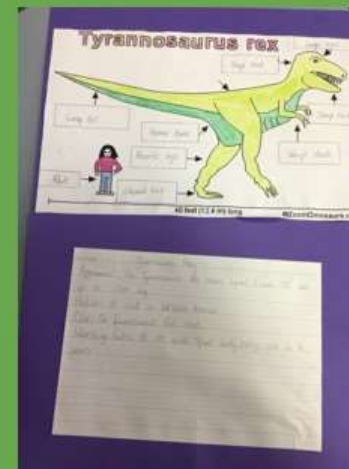
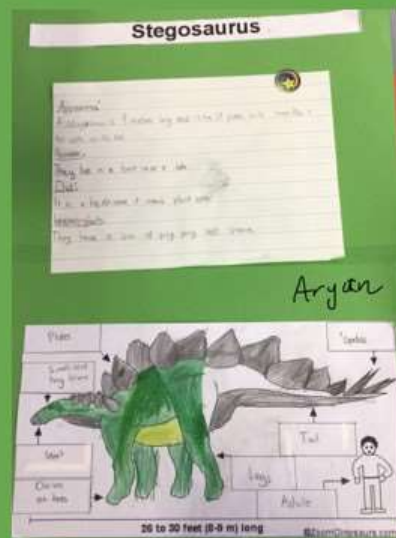
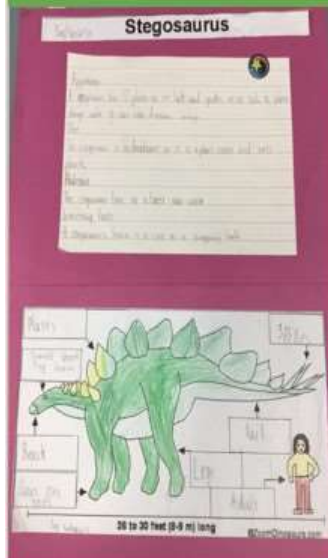
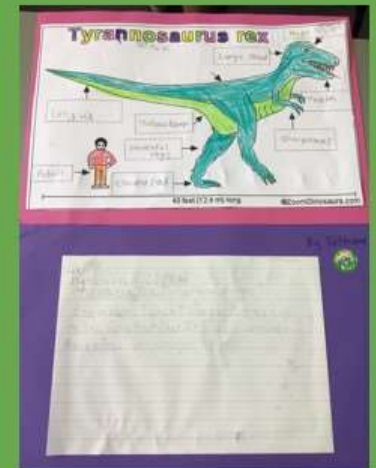
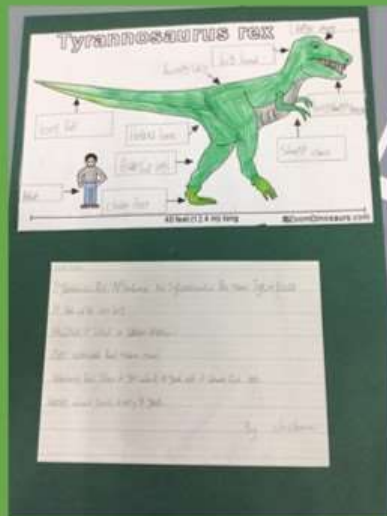
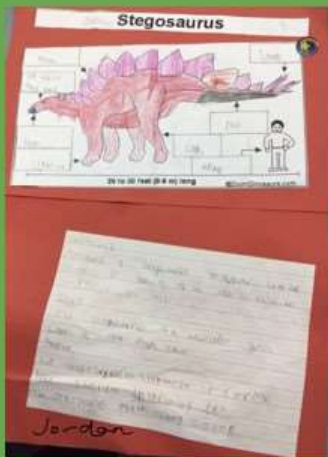




Information Report Writing by 1/2 Ambrose



We have been learning about the structure of an information report. We investigated the Stegosaurus and the T-Rex and made a poster.



4/5M - WE'RE BACK!

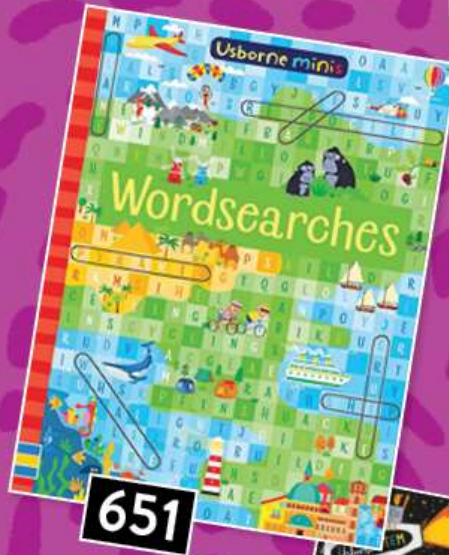
What a tumultuous few weeks it has been, thrust in and out of Remote Learning and adapting on the go. Despite the setbacks and challenges that continue to arise 4/5M (and all of Exford PS) have overcome them. Throughout the past few weeks, we have re-established our classroom routines and norms (not being able to snack whenever we want has been a challenge!) In 4/5M we have also been working and playing and learning collaboratively, dusting off the board games to re-engage with our classmates.

Giving our eyes and mind a break from technology has been great fun (and much needed) in the classroom. Getting back in touch with our friends to play and catch up on all the latest happenings of the past few months has been a highlight. It is almost the end of the year and 4/5M can't wait to finish it in STYLE!



Book Club

Special
Home
Edition
OUT NOW!



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