

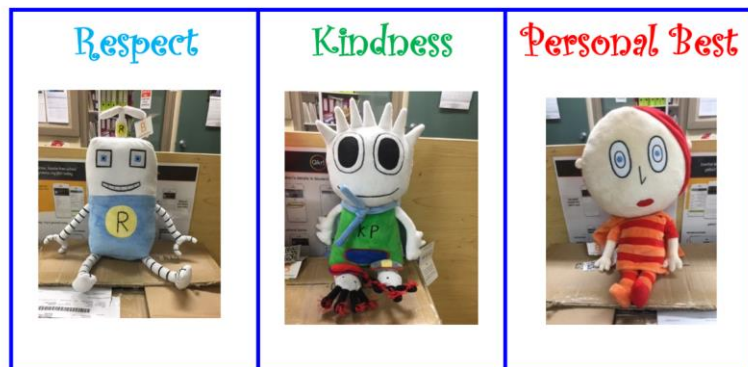


Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!
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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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You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Emma (Ella & Maddie), Laura (Olivar & Ruby), Mark (Harriet), Michael (Eamonn), Naomi (Kallan & Ashlyn), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Harry)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki

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

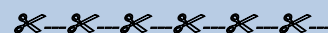
Ms Campo's News...

How exciting!

When we were notified that Steve McGhie, our local MP, was going to come out for a visit (and a week before the State Budget's release!), we were pleasantly optimistic about some additional funding hopefully coming our way so that we could build all of our Junior Learning Building. I was not expecting to be told that funding would be allocated to complete our whole Master Plan! (See page 3 for more details)



Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2020 Dates

Term 4 2020

Every Wednesday @ 5 pm

2021 Enrolment Tour (WebEx)

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (until further notice)

Canteen open for lunch orders only
- please order through the app only, there will be no cash accepted

Friday 20 November 2020

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 9 December 2020

6:30 pm- School Council (WebEx)

Tuesday 15 December 2020

2021 'Step Up Day'

Wednesday 16 December 2020

Year 6 Graduation - details TBC

Thursday 17 December 2020

2020 Semester 2 Reports sent home

Friday 18 December 2020

2020 School year ends

2021...here we come!

Wednesday 13 January
Book Pack orders due

Wednesday 27 January
- Pupil Free Day No 1
Term 1 Begins for Staff only

Thursday 28 January
Staff only - Pupil Free Day No 2

Friday 29 January
Year 1- 6 students begin school

Thursday 4 February
10 am - 2021 Prep children start

2021 School Model and Staff

The staff have considered the possible school organisation models over the past term and at last night's School Council meeting we ratified the way our classes will be set up for 2021.

With the opening of Eynesbury PS, we will have 13 classes at this point (we are not far away from being able to afford 14 classes). I do not match teachers to classes until we have finalised the class lists.

Children will meet their 2021 classes on our Step Up Day, on Tuesday 15 December 2020.

- Prep classes - 3 classes
- Year 1-2 classes - 4 classes
- Year 3-4 classes - 3 classes
- Year 5-6 classes - 3 classes
- The Arts
- Auslan (we have advertised the vacancy left by Mr Welshe)
- Physical Education

Staffing -

Knowing that we would be reducing in size due to the opening of Eynesbury PS, we employed a number of teachers on 12 month contracts for the 2020 school year.

Even knowing that they would most likely move on after 12 months, we have been absolutely blessed with the calibre of teachers we have had at Exford and it's really sad to say farewell to them ... when we wish we could be keeping them all.

We say congratulations and farewell to these teachers who move on to other schools - and their new schools are so very lucky to have them.

- Ms Drita Ademi * Ms Tia Willan
- Mr Leslie Butler * Ms Lani Coverdale -
- Ms Taylor Reid * Ms Samantha Coletta
- Ms Meg Gleeson * Ms Althea Lavulavu

Congratulations to:

- Mrs Natalie Talbot, our Leading Teacher - she has been selected as the new Educational Improvement Leader for the South Western Region for the next two years
- Mr Chris Malane who has been selected as the new Leading Teacher at Concord School.
- Ms Alanna Kappler who has been selected by Bacchus Marsh Grammar School
- Mr Andrew Welshe who has been selected by Armstrong Creek School for 12 months
- Ms Kate Tucker who has been selected by Buninyong PS for 12 months
- Mrs Alyssa Micallef will be taking maternity leave from the start of 2021 and hopes to return part time later in the year
- Mrs Robbie Farrugia will retire at the end of this year

2021 Prep Transition

We will be able to have an on-site Transition program for our 2021 Prep children earlier than expected.

We will be able to have up to ten children at a time, accompanied by one parent per child, for 3 x 45 minute sessions. We will have an information session for the parents on the first day.

The dates for the visits are -

- Thursday 26 November
- Thursday 3 December and
- Thursday 10 December.

We will send out invitations to our enrolled Prep children through their Seesaw feed.

Bus children

We have been having discussions with the Bus children throughout this past week about acceptable behaviour whilst at the bus stops in the morning, travelling to and from school on the bus and whilst waiting after school. All children are subject to the rules of travel as agreed to when completing the Public Transport Victoria Bus forms.

Remembrance Day



On Wednesday 11 November - Our School Captains led the Remembrance Day Ceremony for our school. They read the Ode and the Last Post was played before the minute's silence and the Rouse was played to conclude the ceremony.

Photo Day

On Wednesday, we also had our Photo Day. Whilst we weren't able to take our usual class group photos, we were able to take individual photos to make collage class photos. We are approving the proofs currently.

Mobile Phones / Smart Watches

A reminder that mobile phones and Smart Watches are not to be brought to school by students unless parents have had a conversation about the circumstances where a mobile phone may be needed (e.g. after school sporting activities) with either Mr Wilson or myself.

Our School Upgrade

As we have already shared with our community previously, our school's Master Plan includes replacing almost all of the relocatable buildings at our school and building new ones, as well as bring mains water and sewerage to the school and upgrading our power capacity.

The funding for Stage 1 and 2 has already been allocated and construction will begin in Term 1 2021 and occur concurrently.

- Stage 1 -
 - Mains Water, mains sewerage, power upgrade
 - Fire Services Road
 - New Administration building, including the Staffroom and staff facilities
- Stage 2 -
 - Junior classroom building with 8 classrooms, staff work space and internal toilets for the children

The other elements of our Master Plan were subject to additional future funding ... which has now been identified. (Woo hoo!!).

Please note that we are yet to receive any details of the timing of funding tranches.

- Other elements of our Master Plan
 - Rework our BER (Gallery) building for our Library and Rich Learning area
 - New Art room
 - Senior classroom building with 12 classrooms - 2 level - 6 classrooms on each level
 - Community Hub - Gymnasium and Canteen
 - Redo oval - in new position

I would like to acknowledge the relentless efforts of our School Council, who have waged a campaign for nearly seven years, to have our school's facilities upgraded.

Our School Council would also like to acknowledge Steve McGhie, our local Member of Parliament for his persistent work in keeping our school's profile high and to Minister Merlino for his commitment made to the children of Exford PS back in 2018.

Covid-19 times

These times are certainly worrying and challenging and they will affect us all differently. Feeling tired at this stage is very normal, but we encourage you to seek help if feeling overwhelmed.

Here's a few links for you:

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>
<https://www.beyondblue.org.au>
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Sunscreen

A reminder to parents to send along a sunscreen roll-on bottle for the children to use in class before they go outside at recess and lunch time. Staff are not able to apply sunscreen to children, but do supervise them to apply it for themselves.



Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 19 November - 2 December 2020

Ivy-Leigh, Zoe, CharieM, Mia B, GUrnoor, Olivia B, Jared D, Zoe E, Will D, Faatea,

Narvroop, Rose A, Jaxson P, Ella B, Liam M and Ethan D



Happy Birthday to you!!
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear kids,
Happy Birthday to you!

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Here is a page from:

- The Year 1-2 classes
- A selection of photos from our Archibald Prize Arts Competition



Ms Campo

All of the Year 1/2 classes have silkworms eggs and are observing them every day to see if they have hatched. We are recording our observations in our Silkworm Diary.



The cocoons can be yellow or white

The cocoon is made with one long piece of silk. It can be one kilometre long.



The silkworms eat Mulberry leaves. In our classroom we have special chow to feed the silkworms

The silkworm stays inside the cocoon for 2 to 3 weeks.



In the last stage the silkworm turns into a moth.



Silkworms hatch from eggs. They are only 2mm long.

The eggs are very fragile. Some of our worms have died.



Ms Reid's class has one silkworm that has grown to 4mm

SILKWORMS IN YEAR 1/2A, 1/2J, 1/2R, 1/2M



The cycle goes from egg, to larva, to pupa, then a moth.

Incredible Invertebrates by Year 1/2

On Monday 16th November, all the students in Year 1/2 participated in an Ecolinc video conference to learn about Invertebrates. We learnt that Invertebrates are animals without backbones or a bony skeleton. We investigated the features of the invertebrates that live in different habitats such as: wetlands, trees, flowers, underground, grasslands and inside our house. Here are some of the things we learnt in our discussion.



A spider has eight eyes.



A yabby has tens legs and moves backwards in the water.



Ants live in colonies.



A cricket makes a chirping sound by rubbing its wings together.



We acted out the life cycle of the butterfly.



A spider's web is very strong.



Worms live underground and have no eyes.



A butterfly has a proboscis to drink the nectar. It is like a straw.



A leaf insect can camouflage in a tree. It has tiny hooks at the end of its legs so it can hang onto a branch.

Invertebrates are a type of animal and there are millions of them.

In 1/2 science we have been learning about silkworms and...

A silkworm develops from an egg to a worm.

Silkworms are really tiny.

Silkworms can wiggle.

In Thailand you can eat silkworms.



Silkworm eggs are really small.

Here's some interesting things about silkworms

They turn into moths.

They make silk.

Silkworm cocoon is made out of a third of a row silk.

Silkworms eat mulberry leaves.



Some silkworms live on raspberries.





Archibald prize pictures





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