



Exford Primary School

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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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You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire), Jenny (Aimee), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot, Mr Wilson (non-voting member) and Mrs Bennett (minute-taker and non-voting member)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kryo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

Ms Campo's News...

Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert

We sent home a flier on Monday 3 December with information about our end of year concert, which is not very far away now at all! We are hoping all of our families can come and be part of our lovely end of year tradition. I have included the flier in this newsletter for you.

2019 Classes

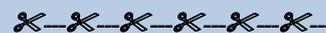
We have made the decision to go with 20 classes for next year (in 2008, my first year at Exford, we had only 5 classes!), this means four Prep classes, rather than having only three large Prep classes.

- Prep Classes x 4
- Year 1-2 classes x 6
- Year 3-4 classes x 5
- Year 5-6 classes x 5
- Physical Education
- Auslan
- The Arts

In order to this, we will shrink the Library space to one classroom so that we can use the other side as a separate classroom.

I am waiting to hear from Minister Merlino's office regarding that lovely election promise! Our School Council President has sent a congratulatory letter, but one which also asks for the plan and the timeline.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2018 Dates

Monday 10 - Friday 14 December

2019 Planning Week

Monday 10 - 2019 Year 5-6 Team
Tuesday 11 - 2019 Specialist Team
Wednesday 12 - 2019 Year 1-2 Team
Thursday 13 - 2019 Year 3-4 Team
Friday 14 - 2019 Prep Team

Instead of having their specialist subjects throughout the week, the children will have them on the one day to free their teachers for planning for 2019.

Tuesday 11 December

2019 Prep Transition Visit No 4 (final)
2019 Year 1-6 new students Transition Visit No 2

Wednesday 12 December

6 pm - final School Council Mtg

Thursday 13 December

11 am - Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Monday 17 December

Moving Day - moving any classroom furniture TBC

Tuesday 18 December

2019 Step Up Day - meet next year's teacher and class
2019 Year 1-6 new students Transition Visit No 3

Wednesday 19 December

Year 6 and Christmas Concert and BBQ - 6:30 pm
Children need to be in their classes by 6 pm.

Thursday 20 December

Semester 2 Reports sent home

Friday 21 December

Last day of 2018 school year!
1 pm - Assembly and 1:30 pm dismissal

2019 School Structure

Here is our 2019 Exford Team!

Leadership Team - Ms Campo (Principal), Mr Wilson (Assistant Principal), Mrs Talbot (Leading Teacher) and Mr Jenner (Learning Specialist Teacher)

Prep team - Ms McFarlane (PLT Leader), Ms Ciantar, Ms Lynch and Ms Monagle

Year 1-2 team - Mrs Ambrose (PLT Leader), Mr Jenner, Ms Micallef (new), Mr Parker, Mrs Roe and Mr Wurf

Year 3-4 team - Ms Littlewood (PLT Leader), Mrs Adams, Ms Gashi, Mr Mounsey (new) and new teacher yet to be confirmed (vacancy closes 14-12-18)

Year 5-6 team - Ms Anderson (PLT Leader), Ms Graham, Mr Gundry, Ms Kappler and Ms Tucker

Specialist team - Mrs Quayle (The Arts), Mr Welshe (Auslan) and PE teacher yet to be confirmed (interviewing tomorrow)

Office Team - Mrs Bennett (Business Manager), Ms Killeen (Office and Bus Co-ordinator) and Mrs Kelly (**Office**)

Grounds - Mr Bowden

Education Support Team - Mrs Bissell, Mrs Cassar, Mrs Callow, Mrs Comer, Mrs Farrugia, Ms Gallo, Mrs Harper, Mrs MacLeod, Mrs Pugh, Mrs Ward, Mrs Was and Mrs Van Gemert

Our class lists are now in their final stage and Mr Wilson and I will now match staff to classes and children as best suits the whole school program.

Tuesday 18 December is our 'Step Up' Day, where the children will spend time in their new classes and with their new teacher. The children will bring home an advice sheet.

Staff Selection

We have completed the first stage of our staff recruitment for next year, selecting:

- Mr Blake Mounsey for Mrs Christensen's 7 year maternity leave replacement and
- Mrs Alyssa Micallef for Ms Pengelly's 12 month replacement position.

I have also advertised a 12 month Physical Education teacher position which has now closed and we will be interviewing all day tomorrow to select a great PE teacher to step into Ms Kappler's shoes.

I have also advertised for the 20th classroom position which closes at the end of next week.

Gotchas

We had a Gotcha Stall on Monday, and we were amazed at the number of prizes claimed - from the Mega Gotcha to knitted toys, we have some very proud kids. The children redeemed over 5000 Gotchas, with some children choosing to exchange their Gotchas for 'certificates' to carry over their Gotchas into next year.

That's a lot of endorsements our students have earned through demonstrating our school values this year!

Year 6 Graduation

We acknowledged our Year 6 students at our Graduation Ceremony at the Eynesbury Marquee yesterday. Their graduation is such an important milestone, as our Year 6 students move from young childhood to young adulthood. We take absolute pride in their achievements and the amazing young people they have become.

Thanks must of course go to our Year 5-6 team who planned and prepared for last night's ceremony.

Thanks must also go to the families of our students, and all the staff who have jointly supported our Year 6 students to be the very best versions of themselves. We wish them every success as they move on to secondary school and this new phase of their lives.

Farewell to ...

We say farewell to Mrs Elliott, Mrs Pelly and Mrs Donnelly, who won't continue at Exford next year. Mrs Elliott is seeking a school closer to home, Mrs Pelly has a position at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and Mrs Donnelly has a position at Coburn PS.

Ms Pengelly, as you know from an earlier newsletter, is taking 12 months leave to pursue her studies in student wellbeing and counselling.

We wish them all every success and happiness in their new roles and thank them all for their efforts on behalf of our students.

Remembrance Day

Caitlyn, Ava and Hayley travelled with their family to Canberra to be present and represent Exford PS at the 100 year commemoration of Remembrance Day. Here is Ava's written account and some photos.

On the 11th of November, Hayley, Caitlyn and I had attended the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial in Canberra. The three of us had the feeling of being proud to place down the beautiful wreath on the evening of the Last Post service. Placing the wreath down was on behalf of Exford PS. In the Anzac Hall, we had breakfast and whilst we were eating, there were people talking about what had happened in the First World War. At the Last Post, we met Dr Brenden Nelson and Daphne Dunne. We saw the field of poppies to remember the people who had died in the First World War. Our school had also participated in knitting the poppies.



2019 Book Packs

The 2019 Book Pack lists will be sent home on Friday 23 November, including the Parent Payment Policy. Students will receive their Book Pack in class once it has been paid for.

This includes the 2019 Gymnastics program (payment needs to be complete before the program begins).

Mrs Bennett will open QKR for these payments in mid January (she will send a FlexiBuzz to let parents know) and it will close on Monday 28 January so that all payments are 'rolled over' that evening so Mrs Bennett can have an accurate list for the staff to use to collect the Book Packs. She will then re-open QKR on Tuesday 29 January for the remainder of the week.

Students who haven't yet had their Book Packs purchased will receive a book and writing implement.

Parent Payment Plans are always available, please see Ms Bennett if this is needed.

2019 Managed Bring Your Own Device

Thank you to all the families who responded to the iPad survey earlier this term. School Council has looked at all the responses and has decided to continue with our leased iPads, but also offer a voluntary Managed BYOD program. I will send the Exford PS Managed Bring Your Own Device booklet for you hopefully tomorrow, when I get confirmation of the Parent Portal details, which should be open next week. The iPads will be delivered directly to the school after the holidays (eta 29-1-2019) for our technician to set up.

Students will still have access to the shared iPads which the school provides through the school budgets and through our Fundraising dollars. Students bringing their own iPads will have the iPad for their own use.

Our students use the iPads extensively during the school day, using apps to reinforce and engage learning, for reflections and for posting to their Seesaw portfolios.

2019 Eynesbury Bus

Progress report - I have been asked to prepare some potential bus timetables (for four buses) which I have submitted and these have been endorsed by the Student Transport Unit. Next stage is with Public Transport Victoria - so fingers crossed, everyone!

Student information

Have you changed your address or phone number this year? If you have, could you make sure that you have given us this information so that our student details are all correct, please.

You can email that information directly to Mrs Kelly on kelly.kerrie.n@edumail.vic.gov.au or use the Contact the Office tab in FlexiBuzz.

Election Day BBQ - Sat 24 Nov

Thank you to the following people for helping at the BBQ on Election Day Saturday.

- Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava and Hayley)Jacki (Claire)
- Lorelle (Sophie, Ryan and Amelie)
- Sharon (Harry, Charlie and Archie)
- Ms Graham and Dale
- Mr Bowden
- Mr Wilson and Mrs Wilson
- Mr Campo

We raised \$700 from the BBQ to add to our Fundraising total.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert will be held on Wednesday 19 December. This is our major and final event for the year and we need lots of helpers.

Our Raffle tickets have been sent home and we encourage you to sell them all!

Here are some of our Raffle prizes so far:

Our current Raffle prizes

- Ace Airport parking
- Lombards voucher
- Big Four membership
- Rebel Sport \$
- Sovereign Hill
- \$100 Woolies Voucher
- Bounce Inc trampoline
- Family Pass Family Pass
- Museum - 2 adult passes (children are free)
- Reading Cinemas - 2 vouchers
- Red leather satchel to value of \$500
- Harry Potter book set
- Chemist Warehouse set
- Hair Styling Pack
- Voucher for Latin Foods
- Hypno-therapy session
- \$50 Woolies Voucher
- Food Hamper

Can you help in any of these ways?

- Source / provide donation of goods to go into our selection of prizes for the Christmas Raffle
- Help to wrap the Christmas Raffle prizes / hampers
- Help with the BBQs - cooking, serving, shopping
- Costume / stage props making (see your child's class teacher)

Attendance ... Every Day Counts

A reminder that family holidays should be taken during school holidays wherever possible and **not during term time**. When children miss out on learning due to prolonged absence (e.g. a holiday in school time), it is very difficult to catch them up - they often miss entire units of class work.

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.

Student Absences

A reminder that we need parents to use FlexiBuzz **on the day** of their child's absence and for you to use the Eynesbury Bus tab if they will not use the bus and / or be absent. Parents only have their own children to make a notification about, versus our office staff needing to make a phone call to every family whose child is absent.

The Absence / Eynesbury Bus tabs in FlexiBuzz send an email to the student's teacher, to Mrs Kelly (our attendance officer), to Ms Killeen (bus) and to me.

Did you know that:

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.

Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.



Our 2018 target is...

\$18,000 - \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$12,330.82

Fundraising in Term 4

Christmas Raffle Hampers

As we move into Term 4, our Fundraising attention turns to our Christmas Raffle, which is our biggest Fundraising effort in the school year. If you are able to assist with sourcing raffle prizes, please contact the school on mcdonald.jacki.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or on killeen.kathryn.k@edumail.vic.gov.au

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays - 6 - 19 December

Lincon, Jade T, Tyson, Levi E, Natasha, Abbie, Seth H, Havana, Oliva Sm, Zoya, Evlyn, Serena, Lucy B, Lachlan B, Leviticus, Shubhbani,

Charlotte, Phoebe Z, Michael H, Emma K, Kai B and Bailey W



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 birthday cupcakes are always welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song (and a photo for Seesaw!).



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!

Please see the pages from -

- Moustache Day

☺ Ms Campo

2018 Moustache Day

Mr. Wilson, Mr. Welshe and Mr Gundry have been growing their annual moustaches for the month of 'Movember'. They are trying to raise money and awareness for men's health issues.

As we do each year, we are encouraging the children to come to school with a fake moustache of some kind to help support this great cause, too. Friday 30 'Movember' will be our 2018 'Moustache Day' and we encouraged the kids and staff to wear that moustache with pride and to bring along a gold coin donation. All donations were appreciated, we raised \$230 and all proceeds goes towards the Movember Foundation.

Thanks for your support. Mr. Gundry, Mr Wilson and Mr. Welshe





Christmas Concert Information



Wednesday 19 December - Concert Night.

Our end of year Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert is a lovely Exford tradition and we hope all our families are able to come and join us - the children need to be in their classrooms by 6 pm and the Concert starts at 6:30 pm.

Concert seating

Our Concert seating is a BYO event and we ask that our families only bring chairs with **big flat feet** (see picture). Any chairs with small feet will dig holes in the synthetic oval surface and will make our warranty ineffective. I will have staff at the gates to check incoming chairs to make sure all chairs are safe for the oval - I doubt we'd be successful in asking for a second oval!

The style of chairs pictured are safe for our oval - due to the way their feet distributes body weight.



Chairs of this style with small feet **cannot** be used on our oval.



Extended family members and friends are also welcome. There are no ticket / entry costs, however, our Concert evening is also our last major fundraising event for the year and every cent of our Fundraising dollars provide technology for **every student** at our school. We always aim to raise between \$3000 - \$5000 on the evening, through BBQ sales and sales 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 and in their classrooms by 6 pm, ready for the final costume adjustments. They will come out to the stage area ready for a 6:30 pm start.

BYO Seating - Seating for our families is BYO, either on picnic rugs or camp chairs - please adhere to the chairs' feet surfaces so as not to damage our oval.

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.

BBQ Sales - We ask our families to support the school by buying their dinner and non-alcoholic drinks at the BBQ - vegetarian options on offer (cooked to order). The BBQ will be selling from 4:30 pm onwards.

BBQ Help needed - We need helpers to cook the BBQ and to help with sales - please volunteer your services if you can.

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 tickers were sent home last week and we have more available if you are able to sell more.

Dining area - we will set up a dining area in the Assembly space as **NO FOOD** can be eaten on the oval - only water can be consumed on the oval (chemicals / sugars in other drinks will damage the oval surface).

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

End of year Christmas and Year 6 Graduation Concert

Prep Christensen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mermaids to wear rainbow/bright coloured leggings and t shirt (or plain white) Crabs to wear red pants or shorts and red t shirts Dolphins and sharks to wear light blue or grey pants/shorts/leggings and light blue or grey t shirt Octopuses to wear orange pants or leggings and orange t shirts Fish to wear blue t shirts and blue shorts (any blue is fine) Plain white clothes also suitable and we can decorate them at school ☺
Prep Ciantar	For our costume, the students will need to wear a white top and black bottom (shorts or pants). We are making them some cardboard sharks that will accompany their costume.
Prep McFarlane	<p>PREP M - Song - 'I Just Can't Wait To Be King' from 'The Lion King'.</p> <p>Top: Gold/yellow/brown t-shirt Bottom: Black pants/leggings/shorts Shoes: Any comfortable footwear Hair: Teased like a lion's mane (optional) Other: Lion's mane headband (please see Seesaw note)</p>
Year 1-2 Ambrose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/2A GIRLS- Blue school skorts, plain red t-shirt (available at BIG W), red ribbon in your hair 1/2 A BOYS - Blue school shorts, plain white t-shirt (available at BIG W), red cap (available at BIG W)
Year 1-2 Elliott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White top (short sleeve or long) Black pants (or dark blue school pants, school shorts or school skirt) Black sunglasses (not compulsory, only if you have a pair already) Black Jacket (not compulsory, only if you have one already)
Year 1-2 Monagle	<p>Our performance is classic Hollywood, 'Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend' and 'Singing in the Rain'.</p> <p>Girls need to wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pink dress pink gloves sparkly accessories (two dollar shop) <p>Boys need to wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> black top hat hold umbrella (I might pick these if parents can pay) bow tie black pants black or white shirt
Year 1-2 Roe	We are doing the song Can't Stop the Feeling from the Trolls Movie. I would like the kids to dress up in Fluoro colours like in the movie. Their hair is to be like in the movie sticking up. If they have no fluoro colour just bright coloured clothes.
Year 1-2 Wurf	Children need to wear a yellow top and black shorts
Year 3-4 Adams	Year 3-4 Adams are dancing to the song called 'It's a Hard Knock Life' from the musical, 'Annie'. If all students could please wear clothes that look old and/or dirty in any colour. Students could also have messy hair styles and dirt marks on their faces if they wish to.
Year 3-4 Gashi	<p>Boys and Girls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denim or leather jacket (weather depending) Ripped jeans or shorts / flared pants (if you have them) Tie-dye t-shirt or just a 'loud' coloured t-shirt Comfortable shoes Big hair (think Saturday Night Fever!)
Year 3-4 Littlewood	Boys and girls - wear either Basketball or Cheerleading theme -
Year 3-4 Lynch	Students need to wear a plain black t-shirt with a plain colour shorts, skirt or pants.
Year 3-4 Pelly	<p>Cowboy theme</p> <p>Girls - checked shirt, denim jeans / shorts and boots and hat Boys - white t-shirt, denim jeans / shorts and a hat</p>

Year 5 Anderson	Cowboy/Cowgirl hat Flannel shirt or plain white or black t-shirt Denim Jeans Runners
Year 5 Pengelly	Boys and girls Black pants: leggings, shorts, or jeans White t shirt PJ button top over the top Comfy shoes to dance in Optional: sleep eye mask (on head, not covering eyes)
Year 5 Tucker	We're doing a song from 'Grease' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys - jeans and a plain white t-shirt Girls - 50's styles skirt and top
Year 6 Graham	6 OMG Greatest Showman Dance Costumes 2018 <u>Ringmaster Group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logan: Red Ringmaster outfit- red coat, white top, black pants.. Ryley: Black pants and white shirt with rolled up sleeves. Jarrood: Black pants, white shirt, either black red or gold vest. Tom: Black pants, white shirt, either black red or gold vest. <u>Character Group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah: Bearded woman outfit. Jeremy: Black pants and purple top (with sparkle if possible). Chloe: Purple trapeze outfit. Maneth: All white outfit including, if possible long white wig. Aydin: Christmas style toy soldier (red, white, gold, blue) Mia: Blue circus outfit. All other students: dressed as vintage circus characters in red, black, white, gold or silver colours only.
Year 6 Gundry	80s rock outfits - (Google if you need inspiration!)



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