

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 22 – Term 4, 2023

Thursday 30 November 2023



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Ms Campo's news....

The end of the year is nearly here!

There are only three Mondays left of the 2023 school year and three jam-packed weeks to go. These are some of our activities over the next weeks:

- Our Year 6 students will have their special excursion to the Adventure Park on Monday 4 December
- We are packing up for our move into the new Senior Learning Building (Removalists begin on Thursday 14 December)
- Thursday 14 December – Variety Christmas Party for those who have registered (this will be marked as 'other educational activity' in terms of attendance)
- Classes are rehearsing their performances for our lovely end of year Christmas Concert, which will be held on Tuesday 19 December at the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall
 - Costume info is in this newsletter
- Our Year 6 Graduation event will be held on Tuesday 19 December at the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall (in the evening)
- We will finalise the 2023 Semester Two reports and these will be sent home on Thursday 14 December
- Finalising our teacher and class matches ready for Step Up Day
- Our 2024 Prep and new Year 1-6 children Transition program is almost finished
 - Monday 11 December - 2024 Exford Step Up Day will be on including 2024 new Year 1-6 kids – letters will be posted to Seesaw after the Step Up Day activity
 - Tuesday 12 December - 2024 Preps – final Transition visit – with next year's teacher – letters will be posted to Seesaw next week
 - Tuesday 12 December – 2024 Year 7 students have their Transition Day at their secondary college

Time in Lieu (TIL) repayments

Our staff are taking their Time in Lieu in response to their attendance at Camps and other after school activities (e.g. Year 1 'Dinner and a Show' and Year 6 Graduation.) Whilst the granting of TIL in the 2022 Victorian Government Schools Agreement was certainly a win for school staff who have long attended after hours activities in their own time, it is proving very challenging to implement as there are no replacement staff nor funds to pay for overtime payments. This means that classes need to be split and /or teaching and leadership staff are being pulled out of their other roles to cover teacher absences (normal and TIL related absences). ES office and integration aide staff are simply not replaced.

We will be reflecting on how we can reduce the range of activities which incur TIL – many events will be rescheduled to occur only in the school day from 2024, to minimise the impact of TIL payments on our classroom programs.

Coming Up

- Monday 4 December
 - Year 6 Celebration Day
- Tuesday 11 December
 - Step Up Day
- Tuesday 12 December
 - 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 4
 - Year 6-7 Transition Day
- Thursday 14 December
 - Semester 2 Reports sent home
 - Variety Xmas Party - Prior registration required

Due to the Office

- Friday 8 December
 - Year 6 Graduation – Money and form due in XUNO
- Friday 15 December
 - Christmas Concert – Money and form due in XUNO

*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

2024 Planning

We have now finished all our planning for the 2024 school year. If your child / children will not be at Exford PS from 2024, it is really important that we know immediately – it may affect class lists and friendship placements, our financial planning and our class sizes.

If your child will not be at Exford, please contact the school this week on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au .

Year 6 Adventure Park excursion

Our Year 6 students will be heading off on their last primary school excursion on Monday 4 December for a fun day at the Adventure (water) Park – and the weather is going to be fabulous! Students can bring \$10 spending money for a drink and ice-cream – money needs to be given to the classroom teacher for safe-keeping. No mobile phones or expensive cameras are permitted. Students can bring an inexpensive disposable camera for the day.

Furniture for sale

As we pack up the school, ready for our move into the Senior Learning Building, we will sell furniture items we no longer need.

We have ordered new classroom furniture across the school and will sell off our old classroom furniture. All funds go to paying our iPad leases for the children. Please contact the Office if you would like to purchase any item.



We have approximately 100 adjustable height student tables for sale \$40 per table.



Table from old ICT room - \$25

Measurements –
1800 mm (w), 800 mm (d), 720 mm (h)

Measurements –
1200 mm (w), 600 mm (d), 800 – 1000 mm – adjustable height

Dresser - \$40

Measurements –
1650 mm (w), 730 mm (d), 450 mm (h)



Dresser - \$100 – solid pine

Measurements –
1400 mm (w), 450 mm (d), 900 mm(h)



Dresser - \$100 – solid pine

Measurements –
1600 mm (w), 400 mm (d), 1100 mm(h)

3 deep drawers with a cupboard on either side



Cupboard from old Office - \$100

Measurements –
1460 mm (w), 450 mm (d), 1760 mm (h)



Shelf - \$20

Measurements –
1460 mm (w), 450 mm (d), 1760 mm (h)



Shelf from old ICT Office - \$30

Measurements –
1300 mm (w)
700 mm (d)
720 mm (h)



Shelf from old ICT Office - \$30

Measurements –
660 mm (w)
800 mm (d)
720 mm (h)



2023 dates to remember

Term 4

Monday 4 December

- Year 6 Celebration Day
- Homework returned – Homework program ends for 2023

Monday 11 December

- 2024 Step Up Day

Tuesday 12 December

- 2024 Prep Transition Visit No 4
- Year 6-7 Transition Day

Thursday 14 December

- Semester 2 Reports sent home
- 2023 Variety Xmas Party

Tuesday 19 December

- 9:30 am - End of year & Christmas Concert (in Bacchus Marsh)
- Year 6 Graduation Evening

Wednesday 20 December

- Term 4 ends - 1:10 pm Assembly
- 1:30 pm dismissal

2024 Term 1 Dates

Monday 29 January

- Term 1 begins for Exford staff only
- The Senior Learning Building great unpack!

Tuesday 30 January

- Exford staff only

Wednesday 31 January

- 8.50 am – 3.30 pm – Term 1 begins for Year 1 - 6 students only.

Wednesday 31 Jan – Monday 5 February

- 2024 Prep appointments for teachers to complete the English and Maths Online learning tasks with our Prep Children
- Please keep your appointment – replacement times slots are not available until after the Prep children have begun school.

Tuesday 6 February

- 10 am – 2.30 pm – 2024 Preps begin their first day!

Wednesday 7 February

- 8.50 am – 2.30 pm – 2024 Preps Day 2

Thursday 8 February

- 8.50 am – 3.30 pm – 2024 Preps begin full time attendance

Christmas Raffle



CHRISTMAS Raffle

Our EPS Christmas Raffle Tickets have been sent home with all children.

Tickets are \$1.00 each (in books of 10)

Donations for Raffle Prizes are kindly accepted. Donations can be dropped off at our Office.

Raffle prizes to be drawn at our 2023 End of Year Christmas Concert
19 December
Bacchus Marsh Town Hall

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DISNEY 100 YEARS OF WONDER

Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, 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



Our 2023 target is...

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

Our Tally so far...

\$6,566.17

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

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 and to be at school EVERY day.

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 XUNO 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 19 - 30 November

Danyal, Kingston, Gurmanvir, Prabhy, Te Wai, Faatea and Navroop.

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.





Personal Best

Student of the Week

Respect



Week 7

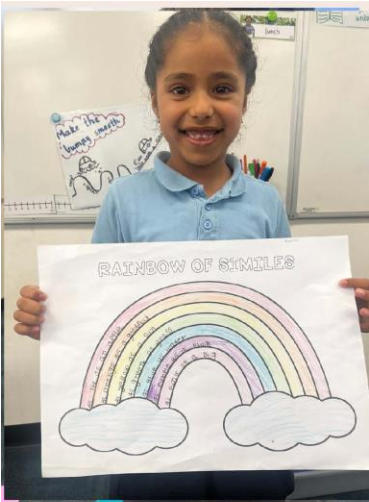
Week 8

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Casey	Kindness	Mackenzie	Personal Best
Year Prep Smyth	Levi	Personal Best	Aleeza	Respect
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Aydin	Personal Best	Ryder	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Avlyn	Personal Best	Aurora	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanski	Malika	Personal Best	Zaynab	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Grace. P	Personal Best	Levi M	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Kardinya	Respect	TJ	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Emily	Personal Best	Afraa	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Gurman	Personal Best	Druv	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Alexia	Respect	Rina	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Japreet	Personal Best	Ashton	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Annabella	Respect	Cadin	Personal Best
The Arts	TJ	Personal Best	Adelina	Respect
Physical Education	Liam. P	Personal Best	TJ. O	Respect
French	Khai	Kindness	Ayanna	Personal Best
Science	Layla	Respect	Xian	Kindness
Wellbeing	-	-	-	-
Ms Campo	-	-	Levi. W	Respect
Mr Wilson	Emeline	Personal Best	Aurora	Personal Best

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

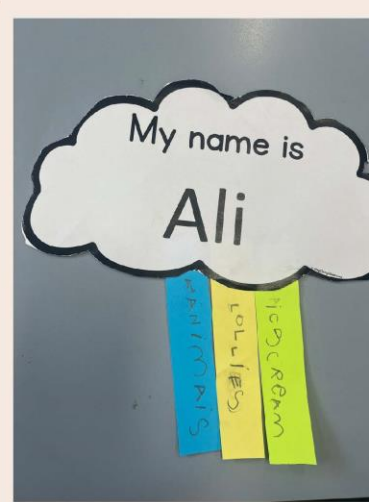
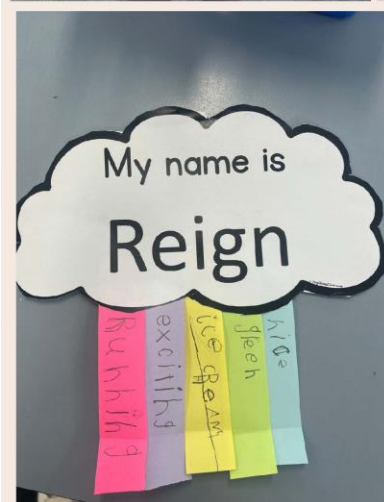
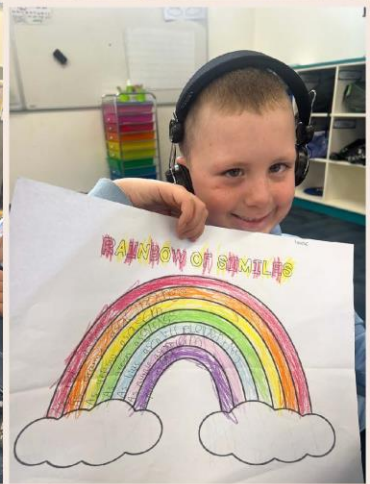
Kindness





In Prep Akamatis, we have been learning about poetry. We have been exploring and creating different poetry in writing.

We explored using similes in poems, as well as creating acrostic poems using our name.



Our food scrap garden!

Year 3-4 Monagle

This term, Year 3-4s have been experimenting with growing their own food! As part of our Project Based Learning, students were given a challenge to re-grow fruit and vegetables from food scraps to see if they could successfully create their own low cost fruit and veggie garden!



We were very successful!



Lesley is proud of Karman's rockmelon and apple seedlings!



Seana can hardly believe Olivia's apple and capsicum seedlings!



Big smiles from Nate about his successful capsicum and apple plantings.



Our window looked so beautiful and green during this term!



Lachy was amazed by Abbey's lemon and papaya plants!



Jack grew carrot and tomato seedlings!

Dhruv tried to grow an avocado and Alize tried kiwi fruit, they haven't sprouted yet!



Christian was proud of his watermelon! The onion he potted simply decomposed!

Marli, Talha, Sumair and Ayaan can't believe the growth in our garden!



Marcus took his tomato home. It's outgrown its pot!



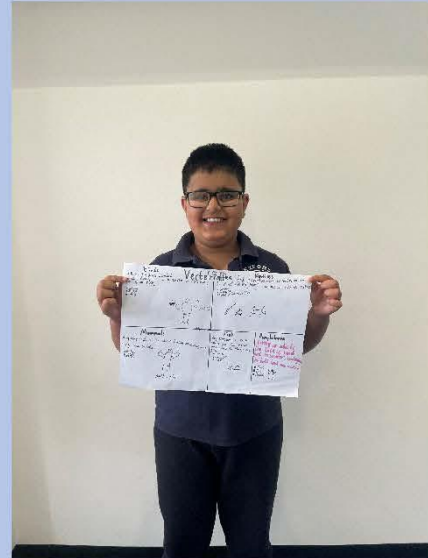
Amber's pumpkin seedlings really took off!

Look at Gurman's sweet little apple plant!



Science in Year 3-4

This term in Science, the Year 3-4 students have been learning about the diversity of life and how species are related throughout history. Students have also investigated classifications of living things, such as plants and animals. The students have been learning about Vertebrates recently and they created posters about their research.





Christmas Concert Information



Tuesday 19 December 2023 - Concert begins at 9:40 am (depending on arrival time)

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 8:50 am and we will leave for the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall at 9:10 am.

Concert arrangements

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

BYO Seating - There is some seating at the Hall, however some of the 300 seats will be reserved so we recommend you bring some camp chairs.

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 400 metres of the Community Hall.

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 and transport to the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall. We will be sending out a ~~Xmas~~ task for you to complete - whether your child / children will go home with you after the Concert or will return to school with the school group via buses.

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!

2023 Student Award - We will present our Student Awards throughout the Concert.

2023 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.

2023 Costumes

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

Year Prep A

Boys: Green t-shirt with black pants.

Girls: Green t-shirt with black skirt/pants and gold headband or gold ribbon.

Year 1-2 Ambrose

Boys	Plain black or blue shorts and plain black t-shirt.
Girls	Plain black or blue shorts or leggings and a plain red t-shirt.
Accessories	Grass skirts and leis (provided by Mrs Ambrose)

Year 1-2 Romanski

Pants	Plain black bike shorts, shorts, or leggings.
Top	Plain Red T-Shirt.
Accessories	All = Flower Lei. Girls = Flower for hair and grass skirt.

Year 1-2 Talevski

Top	A coloured t-shirt in the colour yellow, orange, mustard or brown (resembling a lion)
Pants	Black or navy bottoms (pants/leggings/shorts)
Accessories	Lion headband & face paint will be provided by Mrs Blais

Year 3-4 Micallef

The kids will need to wear a plain white t-shirt with black pants (can be pants, shorts, skort, skirt, etc).

Year 3-4 Monagle

Students have picked which version of Mickey or Minnie Mouse they want to be.

Mickey Mouse: Long or short sleeve black top, red shorts, yellow/red/black or white shoes, white gloves

Minnie Mouse: long or short sleeve black top, red/pink skirt or tutu, white gloves

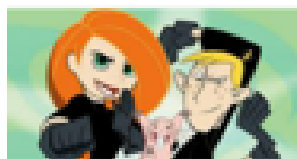
Steamboat Willie Mickey: Long or short sleeve black top, white shorts, black/white shoes, white gloves (no colour in this outfit)

Fantasia Mickey Mouse: baggy red t-shirt, gold waist tie (rope) around waist, blue hat with stars, white gloves, own choice shoes

** Mickey and Minnie ears will be made at school

Year 5-6 Higgins

The students are going to be dressed as Kim Possible and Ron Stoppable. Kim wears green pants with a black shirt (long or short is fine) and Ron wears grey/black pants with a black shirt.



Kim and Ron are Super Spies, so the students need to be dressed like spies, too.

Year Prep S

Seahorse
Auroa, Gursurat, Seha) and Sienna
Pink or Purple Top and Pink or Purple or Black Pants/Shorts

Fish
Betty, Danyal, Deegan, Hunter, Reham
Orange or Yellow Top and Orange or Yellow or Black Pants/Shorts

Jellyfish
Gani, Kabit, Krupa, Riley
White Top and White or Black Pants/Shorts

Crab
Monson, Max, Levi, Dylan
Red Top and Red or Black Pants/Shorts

Mermaid
Aleza, Ella, Evelyn
Own costume from home

Year 3-4 Jones

Girls are wearing a blue top and black pants/shorts. Ms Jones will make them police badges to wear.

Boys are wearing a green top with a black tie and black shorts/pants.

Year 5-6 Fyfe

If your child is part of BLUE team, please wear a BLUE t-shirt and any BLUE accessories that you might have - headband, hair ties, clips, bandana, hat, etc.

If your child is part of RED team, please wear a RED t-shirt and any RED accessories that you might have - headband, hair ties, clips, bandana, hat, etc.

If students do not have a red or blue t-shirt, students can wear a white t-shirt with any red or blue accessories that they have.

Students are encouraged to wear shorts - preferably denim, black, or white.

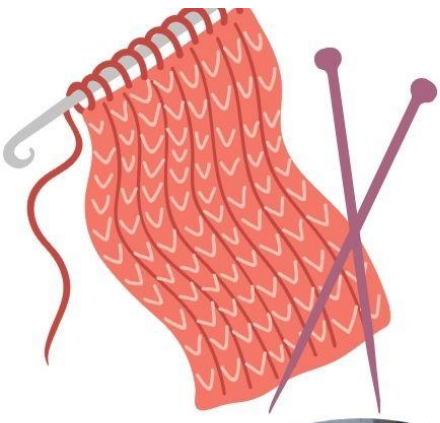
Year 5-6 Mounsey

Girls: All red, preferably red dress or red shirt and skirt/shorts

Boys: All white, preferably plain white singlet or t-shirt we can put Basketball numbers on and white shorts

No patterns on costumes please.

Year 5-6 Knitting Club



KNITTING CLUB



Knitting is a soothing, relaxing hobby. You can pick up your needle and yarn anytime. Sit back and relax.



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TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023
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