

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 23 – Term 4, 2023

Thursday 14 December 2023



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## Ms Campo's news....

### The last week of the 2023 school year is upon us!

Where has this year gone?! Here we are, almost at the end of the school year. Our last big jobs are being crossed off our list – Kinder to Prep Transition, Year 6-7 Transition, Step Up Day and Semester 2 reports which went out today. All we have left to do is the Big Move into the Senior Learning Building (which starts tomorrow) and our lovely end of year Christmas Concert on Tuesday 19 December and then, Wednesday, the last day of the school year will be upon us.

There will be a final newsletter next week with photos from our concert.

### 2024 Book Packs

A reminder to order your child's 2024 Book Pack by **Wednesday 20 December** – all Book Packs ordered by this date will be delivered in time for the start of the school year. Book Packs ordered by the final deadline (2 Feb 2024) will be delivered later in February.

Payment plans (via the ZIP Pay option) are also available.

### Raffle tickets

A reminder to keep selling our Christmas Raffle tickets to family, friends and colleagues if you could, please? All funds raised help to pay for the leases for the classroom iPads and also for the Reading Eggs program. We have some amazing prizes for our Raffle. Mrs Kelly from our Office will come to the Christmas Concert for any last minute sales.

**Online ordering will close on 2 FEBRUARY 2024.**

#### Online Ordering Procedure

Parents can contact the school office for assistance to place the book list order if they do not have any access to the internet at home.

1. Go to <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au>
2. Enter this School Access Code: **BTSEXPS**  
**Access code must be entered. Searching for school will not work**
3. Click 'Create Order'
4. Enter students first and last name, choose year level from the drop-down list click 'Continue'.
5. Click 'Add Order to Cart'
6. You may then either Checkout or Add Another Student.

Please check your E-mail for order receipt. *If you do not receive email confirmation, please contact Paperchase directly to confirm your order was placed correctly.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Payment must be made during the online ordering process, by **Visa or Mastercard** (credit card or debit card accepted). ZIP Pay also available\*

\* ZIP - Interest free, nothing to pay upfront, flexible repayments. You will need an active Zip account. Conditions apply:  
<https://zip.co/create-an-account>

### Coming Up

- Thursday 14 December
  - Semester 2 Reports sent home
- Tuesday 19 December
  - End of year and Christmas concert at the Bacchus Marsh Town Hall
  - Year 6 Graduation evening at the Bacchus Marsh Town Hall
- Wednesday 20 December
  - Term 4 ends
    - 1.10 pm Assembly
    - 1.30 pm dismissal

### Due to the Office

- Monday 18 December by 3:45 pm
  - Raffle tickets handed in, please

*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**

## Reports

Semester Two reports were sent home today. Please note that the attendance data needs to be reported on – however, for our children impacted directly by the bus accident, we have made a comment on page 2 of the report acknowledging the effect on attendance and that the children have done their very best.

## Gotcha Knitted Toys

The knitted toys are a much loved part of our Gotcha Prize list and keeping up with the demand has been a bit of a challenge this year. I would like to thank these wonderful people for helping to keep our Gotcha toy production continuing in this challenging year.

### Thanks to

- Val, Mr Campo's mum and Mr Campo's Auntie Margie
- Mr Wilson's team - Mrs Wilson, Rhona, Jill, Susan and Debbie
- Mary, Mrs Villari's mother-in-law
- Jenny, Ms Rundell's mum
- Thanks to the parents who helped out this year with toy making –
  - Gabby (Izzy) \* Angie (Frankly)
  - Sam (Max) \* Belinda (Olivia)
  - Pooja (Ari, Ayanna and Amber)
  - (If I've left a helper off the list, my apologies and please remind me so I can include you next time 😊).

I would also like to acknowledge our amazing Year 5-6 Knitting Club kids who have been helping to put together the last lot of Gotcha toys for 2023. They have given up their own Knitting Club time at recess and lunch times to help me put together Daisy-May dolls, Super Heros, flamingos and sloths! The big kids have loved being part of presenting our little ones with their Gotcha prizes and watching the smiles bloom on little faces – true spirit of giving and another example of the wonderful Exford community spirit at work!

## Gotcha Prizes

In addition to our Gotcha knitted toy prizes, we've had children claiming their Hot Chocolate in the Staff Room prizes...we had a room full of chocolate moustaches! Other prizes were Game Boy time, lunches with staff and Movie time prizes. Thanks to our amazing staff for making this happen for our kids.



We have gathered up all the kids' Gotcha tickets and have put them into storage until next year; they will be given back to the children next year.

## Christmas Concert reminders

The children and staff are excitedly looking forward to our concert next Tuesday at Bacchus Marsh Town Hall. Doors will open for our families at approximately 9:50 am for a concert start of 10:15 am. Please note that we will seat all our students before opening to our families.

### Listed below are some reminders for the day:

- All students must arrive at school promptly by 8:50 am as our buses will begin departing at 9:10 am
- Students are to bring a snack and water bottle in a named plastic bag
- As previously indicated, students are to come to school already dressed in their allocated costume.
- If students are returning to school after the concert, then they will also need to bring their school bag and lunch for the day.
- Students are to remain seated with their class for the duration of the concert.
- At the concert's conclusion, children who have permission to leave with their parents will need to be collected and signed out from their class area. Please await instructions from Ms Campo / Mr Wilson prior to taking your child. Dismissal will begin with our Year 6 students as they will be returning later for their graduation.
- Please indicate tomorrow via the XUNO survey whether your child will be picked up after the concert.
- During the concert our Christmas Raffle winners will be drawn as well as announcing the various school award winners

## 2023 dates to remember

### Term 4

#### Thursday 14 December

- Semester 2 Reports have been 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

## Thunderstorm Asthma warnings

Please note that whenever there is a Thunderstorm Asthma warning issued, we keep the children inside in the climate-controlled classrooms at recess and lunchtimes, to be on the safe side. We had an inside day yesterday due to the warnings.

## 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 \$35 per table.

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



Table from old ICT room - \$15

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

Dresser - \$20

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



Dresser - \$80 – 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 - \$90

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



Shelf - \$15

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



Shelf from old ICT Office - \$15

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



Shelf from old ICT Office - \$15

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



## 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

## Raffle Prizes

Here is a list of just some of our Christmas Raffle items. We'd love you to keep selling the raffle tickets – all funds raised help to pay for Reading Eggs and the iPad leases for our classroom iPads.

- Apple Smart watch
- Spit roast BBQ
- 10 kg chocolate bar
- Hampers
- Zoo passes
- Eynesbury Golf vouchers x 2
- Eynesbury restaurant vouchers x

Big thanks to these mums who came to help with the wrapping:

- Jaya (Marcus)
- Natalie (Rodney)
- Sarah (Willow and Charli)



**Our 2023 target is...**

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

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$6,566.17**

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

# Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 1 - 14 December**

Emily, Lachlan M, Georgia, Gurshan and Charlotte.

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

Respect



of the Week

Week 9

Week 10

Year Prep Akamatis

Year Prep Smyth

Year 1 - 2 Ambrose

Year 1 - 2 Roe

Year 1 - 2 Romanski

Year 1 - 2 Talevski

Year 3 - 4 Jones

Year 3 - 4 Micallef

Year 3 - 4 Monagle

Year 5 - 6 Fyfe

Year 5 - 6 Higgins

Year 5 - 6 Mounsey

The Arts

Physical Education

French

Science

Wellbeing

Ms Campo

Mr Wilson

OSH Club

Student

Exford Value

Ciarah

Personal Best

Sehaj

Kindness

Darren

Personal Best

Avnoor

Kindness

Bilal

Respect

Willow

Respect

Jasleen

Personal Best

Gurshan

Personal Best

Lachy

Kindness

Arabella

Personal Best

Noah

Personal Best

Candy

Personal Best

Sohang

Kindness

Tyler

Personal Best

Kallan

Personal Best

Adele V

Kindness

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Alayna C

Kindness

Alexia

Kindness

Student

Exford Value

Asthon

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Kalolaine

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Aurora

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Grace

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Alina

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Kabir

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Aarish

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Talisha

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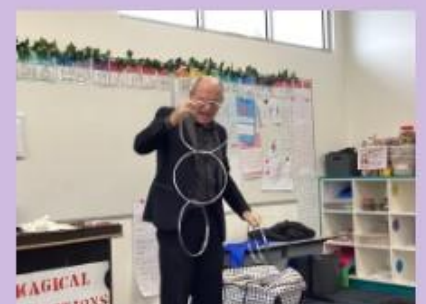
*Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for Week 9 & 10*

Kindness



# YEAR 1 MAGIC SHOW & DINNER

*The Year 1 students had an exciting time at the Magic Show and joined in with some of Pete's tricks. There were magic coins, card tricks and water tricks, just to name a few. They shared some tasty pizzas after the show. A great event with lots of surprises.*













# Christmas Concert Information



Tuesday 19 December 2023 - Concert begins at 10:15 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 Xuno 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 Roe

Top	Plain white t-shirt (no pattern or logos)
Pants	Yellow pants/ gold pants
Accessories	Mickey Mouse ears

#### 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, 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

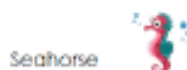
#### Year 5-6 Higgins

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, Gurseerat, Sehaj and Sienna

Pink or Purple Top and Pink or Purple or Black Pants/Shorts



Fish

Betty, Danyal, Deegan, Hunter, Rehmat

Orange or Yellow Top and Orange or Yellow or Black Pants/Shorts



Jellyfish

Garv, Kabir, Kruze, Riley

White Top and White or Black Pants/Shorts



Crab

Monson, Max, Levi, Dylan

Red Top and Red or Black Pants/Shorts



Mermaid

Aleeza, Ella, Everly

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.



# 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

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DISNEY 100 YEARS OF WONDER



TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2023  
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