



Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!
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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 and Katy

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Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V7OFJsBcOF3w>

Reminders! These payments are due for all students:

- Student Book Pack Gymnastics Program - cost \$37.50
- Prep -2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription

Ms Campo's News...

The end is in sight!

This week we have interviewed for our executive Assistant role, to replace Mrs Kun. We have selected Ms Kathryn Killeen, who comes to us from Kororoit Creek Kindergarten and she will begin with us on Monday 19 March. This role is 25 % in our Office and 75 % working with and supporting the Principal team.

We have also begun our selection process for the Assistant Principal role, spending all day Friday interviewing applicants. We will conclude our process on Monday 5 March and hope to be able to make an announcement soon after.

Thank you to our amazing staff who have all chipped in to help with the workload caused by being short of two key staff. Thank you to our community for being patient with us when it has taken us longer to do things - such as get the Newsletter out on time, updating the website, fill Uniform orders, change staff names in FlexiBuzz etc!



Reserved and Disabled Car spaces

There are a number of reserved car spaces at the front of the car park. We also have a number of Disabled car spaces for several of our children.

Please respect the Reserved and Disabled car spaces, they are reserved for a reason.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2018 Dates

Term 1

Friday 9 March

MPSSA Summer Lightning
Premiership

Monday 12 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 13 March

Pupil Free Day No 2
(Gymnastics lessons - Friday 16 Feb)

Thursday 15 March

Newsletter

Friday 16 March

9 am - School Council Finance
Committee Mtg

Monday 19 - Friday 24 March

Ms Killeen starts at Exford PS (yeah!)

Planning Week for Term 2

Wednesday 21 March

School Council Meeting No 2

Thursday 29 March

9 am - Easter Bonnet Parade - all our
families are welcome to join in!

2:10 pm - Assembly

2:30 pm - Early Dismissal

Term 2

Monday 16 April

Pupil Free Day No 3

Tuesday 17 April

Term 2 for students begins

Tuesday 17 April

Parent- Student-Teacher
Conferences - Day 1

Thursday 19 April

Parent- Student-Teacher
Conferences - Day 2

Friday 20 April

School Photos - all children need to
be in full school uniform

Apple Learning Experience

Year 3/4 Gashi and Year 3/4 King were the lucky two classes to take part in the two week Apple Learning Experience. Apple educator Phil Cristofaro is working with our students and their teachers to enhance their use of technology in their learning. The students in these two classes have an individual iPad which has been loaned to them (strict loan agreement) and are using the iPad in the classroom and at home.

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all our families who attended our Parent Information Evening last week. As always, thank you to our amazing staff who gave up an evening with their own families to provide this info evening.

School Captains

We will be announcing our School Captains early next week. The selected students and I make a phone call to their parents to share the special news and they will be presented with their badges at an upcoming Assembly.

Year Prep-2 Parent Representative Program

We sent home paperwork for our Year Prep-2 Parent Representative Program on Thursday. I attach the Parent Rep Guidelines to this FlexiBuzz. If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you!

School Uniform

Please note we do not include navy blue windcheater tops or jackets as part of our uniform. No jackets other than our school bomber jacket may be worn.



 These items **are** part of our uniform.

		
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 These items are **not** part of our uniform.

		
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School Council 2018

Thank you to the parents and staff who nominated for our School Council. Our School Council members for 2018 are:

Parents:

- Adele (Olivia & Alexander)
- Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley)
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- Jackie (Claire)
- Jenny (Aimee)
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- Sharon (Harry, Charlie & Archie)
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Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday 21 March at 6 pm the Annual Reporting Meeting and we will also elect our 2018 School Council office bearers for 2018 at this meeting.

Specialist Team Newsletter

At the beginning of each term, our teaching teams prepare a newsletter outlining the term ahead and all that the classes will be doing. The Specialist Team newsletter is attached to today's newsletter and we'd love you to read it so you can be aware of what we'll be up to in the coming weeks.

School Banking

Our children are encouraged to develop saving habits and can make a deposit into their Commonwealth Bank accounts on Mondays. Please leave your bank book with Mrs Kelly in our Office for her to process for you and earn those rewards!

Speaking of banking... 'Gotchas' are Exford's currency of choice!

When we catch our children in the act of being great Exford citizens and showing one or all of our school values, we award them with a 'Gotcha'. 'Gotchas' are saved by the children to spend at Exford's Gotcha Store which opens each week.

PRIZE	GOTCHAS
Sticker	1
Prize box	5
Jump to the front of the canteen queue	5
Lunch with a friend	8
Teacher chair for a day	10
Be the teacher for 10 mins	10
Lunch with the Principal or your choice of teacher	15
Free time (15 mins)	15
Choose a class game	25
Video game time (30 mins)	30
End of term movie and popcorn	50
MEGA Gotcha Award	100

Play Based Learning

I was lucky enough to visit Ms McFarlane's Preps the other day and enjoyed my piece of pizza - made to order!



Rescue Mission!

Last Wednesday afternoon, our Year 3-4 team were meeting and were distracted by the sounds of a kitten under the decking outside the Art room...we were able to entice it out to feed it, but not to catch it. We fed it again on Thursday and were able to catch the little one on Friday and that lucky kitten now has a home with one of our staff!



Car Park

Our car park is a very busy place, with 100 % of our children being brought to school in a car or on one of the Eynesbury buses. The car park has strict speed limits which we ask all drivers to obey. It is also has a **one way** entrance and exit. Keeping our kids safe is a responsibility we all share.

When parking, we ask that you park accurately and considerately, using the parking markers to guide you. There are never enough spaces in school car parks, but our car park is one of the biggest of schools in Melton. Please be a courteous driver and take it in turns to exit the car park.

Please don't park in the closed off car parks next to the entrance and exit of the car park as it makes turning into or out of the car park very difficult for the bus drivers.

A reminder that babies and young children are never to be left in cars unattended.

Anaphylaxis and Epilepsy training

This week, our staff have undergone our twice yearly Anaphylaxis refresher training and have also completed our refresher training on Epilepsy.

Parent Helpers - Working With Children's Checks

All Classroom Helpers require a Working With Children Check (volunteer status) when helping in Exford classrooms. We also ask you to complete a confidentiality agreement and a Child Safe Code of Conduct form.

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.

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.

Parent Helpers needed

Once we are settled in to school and classroom routines are in place, we will call for Parent Helpers for the classroom.

Tasks will include:

- Hearing reading
- Supporting small group learning
- Admin tasks for teachers

We will have our usual Parent Helpers Info session to support you to be a classroom helper.

Fundraising News



Our 2018 target is...

\$18,000 ~ \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies. Last year, we raised \$20,261, which was a great effort.

Term One's Fundraising effort is our Easter Raffle, where we ask our families for donations of Easter goodies to make into hampers, for which we sell raffle tickets.

2018 Fundraising activities:

Term 1 -

- Parent Info evening BBQ
- Easter Raffle

Term 2 -

- Mother's Day Stall - Mother's Day - Sunday 13 May
- Tony's Pies - start of Term 2
- Silver Coin challenge
- Athon - theme still to be decided
- McDonalds Nights

Term 3 -

- Tony's Pies - start of Term 3
- McDonalds Nights
- Year 3-4 Camp - Wed 22 - Fri 24 Aug
- (Book Week performance - 31 Aug)
- Father's Day Stall - Father's Day - Sunday 2 Sept
- Year 2 Camp - 18 -19 Sept

Term 4 -

- McDonalds Nights
- Shopping Tour
- (Book Packs, Camps)
- Christmas Raffle
- Christmas Concert - Wed 19 Dec

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 16 Feb - 1 March

Seth P, Millie B, Matilda, Wilson, Rhys, Madi E, Lohie J, Pearl s, Ty, Blake O, Alex C, Mary, Maurice, Ruby N and Elle P



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 cup-cakes** 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:

- Year 5-6 Camp pages
- Mrs Christensen's page from Year Prep C
- Mrs Quayle's page from Art



Ms Camps

Prep C have been developing their knowledge of 'Investigations' as part of our Play Based Learning. Check us out in action! This week our theme was bugs and camping! So much exploring to be done.



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What is happening in the Art Room?

In Prep, we are experimenting with different ways of putting paint on paper.



Luisa - Prep M Baxter - Prep M Skylar - Prep C Bailey - Prep C
Using our hands is fun!

In Year 1-2, students are learning to distort shapes to create a 3D effect.



We created some very 'cylli' characters!

In Year 3-4 we are learning to shape clay by rolling it in different ways and to join clay.



Jaxon 3-4P Thomas 3-4M Charlotte 3-4P Madison 3-4M

In Years 5 & 6 we are learning mindfulness drawing techniques. We have looked at the history and style of Paisley patterns and will be exploring other drawing styles later in the term.



Lyla - 60 Sarah 60 Chloe -60 Imani - 60 Michael - 60



WE LOVE CAMP RUMBUG!

5/6 Camp 2018



Recently the year 5/6's went on camp. What I really enjoyed was canoeing, tree climbing, low ropes and heaps more!

- Ava 5A



At Camp Rumbug, they had activities that other camps haven't had, like the Tree Climb. The Tree Climb was my favorite activity: the girl running Tree Climb was really supportive. She said to set a goal; I said I'd go to the top. When I was up at the top, I thought I was going to fall because she said to let go of the tree, so I did and I fell a bit, but it was all fine in the end. When I got to the bottom, everyone clapped and I felt really good. I did it in like three minutes, and it was really fun. The tree was 15 meters in height. That night, we went camping in the tents. It was really cool, and that night we played Spotlight Tiggy and it was really cool. After that, we had a campfire, which was really cool and we also had marshmallows. They were really nice, as I love them. I would recommend this camp for all ages it was a great experience.

- Jack 6B





I loved Camp Rumbug! Camp Rumbug pushed me out of my comfort zone. Most of the activities were different to other camps that we have been on in the past. Tree Climbing and Abseiling really pushed me to my limits because I was afraid of heights, but once I got to the top of the Tree Climbing I wasn't as afraid as I was before. The abseiling was really easy considering I had done the Tree Climbing before the Abseiling Wall and the Tree Climbing was taller than the Abseiling Wall anyway. The hardest thing about abseiling was when you had to lean back of the top of the wall. Camp Rumbug was a great camping experience as well because we actually got to sleep in tents for a night as well. On the last night we had a campfire with marshmallows and we also played spotlight tiggys. The staff were extremely friendly and I would definitely go there again.
- Isabella 66



The moment I tasted the food it was like a party in my mouth, with Hawaiian dancers holding pineapples, smothered in spaghetti! The bacon was cooked nicely and it had that smell that could make you drool, and camp food doesn't usually taste that nice, so the lunch ladies tried really hard to make the food nice.

- Tom 6P





This year the 5/6's went to the fabulous Camp Rumbug. We successfully completed canoeing, raft building, camping, abseiling and more. It was so much fun, we never stop smiling. A challenge that I had to overcome was walking up and down the hills many times! The scenery was beautiful!
- Chloe 6OM6



My favorite part of camp was Aeroball because it was Basketball mixed with trampolines, which made it way easier to shoot the ball. It also it made Basketball safer, if you fell you wouldn't hurt yourself because you would just fall on the trampoline and bounce back up.
- Hayley 6OM6



Do you want to have fun while being active? Camp Rumberg will not only give you a fantastic view, but also promotes physical activity. This camp provides you to go above and beyond your limits in a fun and easy way. Your adrenaline is pumping in every activity and gets your body moving by either running, walking, jumping, swinging and climbing. And who doesn't want to get active while having fun?

- Gemma 5T



I'm proud that I made it to the top of the tree in tree climb. One reason why I'm proud that I made it to the top of the tree is that I have never climbed to the top of a tree before. I loved calling 'I'm the King of the Penguins?' at the top.

- Caleb 5P



At Camp Rumberg I enjoyed the fun games we played before dinner and having fun with my friends.

- Matilda 5A



Camp Rumberg was a phenomenal experience for all of us. It provided us with a way of seeing the wildlife in their habitat, which we all loved.

It also pushed us to do new things that we may never do again, such as... abseiling, raft building and especially the Mud Run. I loved it because we saw amazing wildlife and it made us have more courage than we may not have had.

- Mackenzie.P 5T



BEST CAMP EVER!

OSH Club News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

This fortnight at OSH Club we have been engaged in indoor activities, such as 'Just Dance', kinetic sand, knitting and different board games etc. The children have also been really interested in playing families, Sharyn brought in some dress ups last week and this has been a huge hit with the children, being used every session in one activity or another. We also got to spend some time outside when the weather permitted, spending most of the time playing group games, such as 'Jump the Creek', 'Octopus' and 'Chinese Walls'. Children were really thrilled to spend time outside in the sun and fresh air.

If you have any suggestions please use the suggestion/communication book on the sign in/out table. We are looking forward to your suggestions so we can make our program even greater.

We are trying to gather some more resources for our recycling station so if you have any of the following could you please bring them in - plastic bottles, cardboard tubes, can tabs and bottle caps

Friendly reminders:

PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. This is very important as if your child does not remember to go to OSH Club, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.

If your child is due to be absent or needs to be booked in on late notice (less than 24 hours) please ensure you call and leave a message to ensure we have adequate staffing. Although this is only for emergencies. Please make the bookings online as much as possible.

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

Thankyou from the

OSH Club Team!



Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Sharon Assistant: Rebecca OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Co-ordinator direct at the program.

Melton City Council
Parenting Program



- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the three choice model
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

WHEN: Tuesday 6th, 13th & 20th of March

TIME: 10.15am to 12.15pm

WHERE: Arnolds Creek Children's & Community Centre
19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness 3337

COST: Free

RSVP: Melton City Council Family Services
E: joanneh@melton.vic.gov.au
P: 9747 7200

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EARLY!**
Don't miss out!

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SUPPORT & TRANSITIONS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXHIBITION

A great opportunity to chat with disability service providers about NDIS, student career pathways, transition options and support services.

Thursday 8th March
5.00pm to 6.30pm

LOCATED IN THE VCAL ROOMS

