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<u>At Exford, these qualities are really important:</u>

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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NEWSLETTER No.3 (Term 1, 2021) Thursday 4 March 2021

You are represented on School Council by:

<u>Parents:</u> Amanda (Caitlyn), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Laura (Ollie), Naiomi (Kallan and Ashlyn), Rebecca (Hannah, Joshua and Thomas), Sadia (Inaaya) Sharon (Charlie & Archie)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki (SC President)

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Cassar, Mr Wilson and TBC

Reminders! These payments are due for all students:

- ☐ Student Book Packs (Paperchase)
- ☐ Prep 2 children only Reading Eggs subscription
- ☐ Year Prep 4 children only Mathletics subscription

<u>Ms Campo's News...</u>

Student Attendance and Tutoring

Given the challenges of 2020's Remote Learning, we strongly encourage students to be at school <u>EVERY SINGLE DAY</u>, unless they are unwell. Wherever possible, we encourage families to make appointments outside of school hours and if not possible, to make the appointments early morning or late afternoon so that the children are at school for as much of the day as possible.

We urge parents not to keep the children home for any reason other than ill health or an unavoidable appointment (please don't keep children at home for <u>social</u> reasons e.g. birthdays, shopping, family visits). Every day in the classroom and at school counts - even more so than in previous years.

The Tutor programs the Department has implemented this year across all schools is now underway and if children miss a session, it cannot be made up. Ms Anderson is our designated Tutor teacher and she is currently working alongside the Year 3-6 classroom teachers so that between them, they can provide additional targeted teaching in reading. We will move the additional support to other year levels next term.

We remind parents to use our FlexiSchools app or to email the school on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au to advise us of a student's absence. It is a DET requirement that every day's absence is explained in writing.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!

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Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Term 1

Thursday 4 March

'Meet the Teacher' interviews

Monday 8 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 10 March

Pupil Free Day No 3 - staff professional learning

Friday 26 March School Photos

Thursday 1 April

Easter Bonnet Parade at 8:50 am End of Term 1 2:30 pm dismissal

Term 2

Monday 19 April

Term 2 Begins for students and staff

Tuesday 27 April

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Thursday 29 April

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Sunday 25 April

ANZAC Dav

Wednesday 5 May

MPSSA Cross Country

Friday 21 May

EPS Athletics Carnival - Bridge Road

Tuesday 26 May

Western Region Divisional Cross Country

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety
Program

Friday 4 June

MPSSA Winter Sport Lightening Premiership

Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

We hope you have all taken up the chance to meet with your child's teacher. If you were not able to make your appointment, please contact your child's teacher to make another time.

Monday 8 March

A reminder that Monday 8 March is the Labour Day Public Holiday, so there is no school for anyone.

Wednesday 10 March

A reminder that Wednesday 10 March is our Pupil Free Day No 3 and we have Misty Adoniou coming to work with our staff. Please appreciate that this was her only available date for 2021 (we had to cancel our 2020 booking with Misty) - she is in demand!

2021 School Council

Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council.

Initially we had more parent nominations than the number of vacancies, but not all were comfortable to take part in an Election.

Therefore, I would like to welcome our 2021 School Council members:

Our Parent School Council members for 2021 are:

- Amanda (Caitlyn)
- Cherry (Jaron)
- Joel (Gus)
- Laura (Ollie)
- Naiomi (Kallan and Ashlyn)
- Rebecca (Hannah, Josh and Thomas)
- Sadia (Inaaya)
- Sharon (Charlie and Harry)

Our Community members of Council for 2021 are:

- Jacki
- Graham

Our Staff School Council members for 2021 are:

- Ms Campo (Executive Office)
- Mrs Cassar
- Mr Wilson
- Staff vacancy

Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Payments for Reading Eggs (Year Prep - 2) and Mathletics (Year Prep - 4) are still open. If you have an amount due, payments can be made via QKR, at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, you can visit our Office to make a payment.

School Photos

Photo envelopes have been sent home with your child / children. They are to be returned to the office on or before our School Photo Day, which is Friday March 26.

Family photo forms are available at the Office.

Office News

Easter Raffle (Fundraiser)

During March, we ask our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make up into Easter Raffle Hampers. Raffle tickets were sent home with your child/children on Friday 26 February, for you to sell to family and friends.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the final Term 1 Assembly on Thursday 1 April at 2:10 pm.

Please send along your Easter goodie donations!



CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.

Who can apply?

Families holding a valid means-tested concession are eligible to apply.

Please visit our Office to collect CSEF forms if you believe you are eligible for the CSEF payment.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink.

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.

Sick Bay Spare Clothing

If your child has borrowed spare clothing from our Sick Bay, can we have those items returned, please.

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 school every day - especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020.

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.

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 FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au - all student absences must be explained in writing.

Fundraising News



Our 2021 target is...

\$15,000 - \$20,000.

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.

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 1 Easter Raffle
- TBC 'A-thon' activity
- Term 4 End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

Our Term 1 Fundraising activity is our Easter Raffle and we ask our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make Easter hampers as prizes. We will send home Easter Raffle ticket books next week and we ask our families to sell the tickets to families and friends.

If you are interested in helping out with the Fundraising activities at our school, please contact Ms Campo through the FlexiSchools 'Contact the Principal' link.

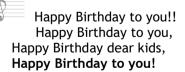
Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 18 February - 3 March 2021

Lakotah, Allison, Kendra, Mirha, Blake, Mary, Moshdeep, Natalia, Ruby, Afraa,

Kiarra & Candy.





We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

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2021 School Captain speeches

Thank you to all the students who chose to share their School Captain speeches through our school newsletter. Congratulations to all our Year 6 Students who participated in the selection of our Year 6 School leaders.

Phoebe - School Captain

Hi, I'm Phoebe and I'm your School Captain for 2021! I am so honoured to be your School Captain!!

To quote Martin Luther King Jr, he said, 'If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward!!'

I personally love this quote, since I believe you should never give up, giving up is just proving that you can't do it and you should never have that mindset.

I can't promise you that will have a longer recess or get a slushy Friday but what I can promise you, is that I will always make sure you move forward with learning and having fun. I love Exford, it's a great place and I've been at Exford for nearly 7 years. In my experience, you never want to leave Exford, you always enjoy yourself which is one of my goals as your School Captain to make sure it stays that way.

While I'm your School Captain, I promise you that I will show you all the amazing things you can do. I'm Phoebe Zammit and thank you for listening.

Jack - School Captain

Hi, my name is Jack.

Thank you for voting me as your School Captain.

Let me tell you a bit about myself, I have been at Exford PS since Prep. I love sport, my favourites are footy and athletics.

As your School Captain, I will look out for all the kids at school, make them feel included and safe and happy. Now that I am School Captain, it would help me overcome my fears of talking in front of lots of people on stage and help me to be noticed. It has also made my family proud.

I would make a fantastic School Captain because I am a nice person and friendly to everyone and I think that would make kids feel more comfortable coming to talk to me in the playground, if they are upset or if they are hurt. I will show respect by listening to what everyone has to say, and I will try my hardest to be the best School Captain I can be

As your School Captain I will always show the school values of Kindness, Respect and Personal Best. Thank you for your time!

Sophie - Vice Captain

Hi, my name is Sophie and I am your School Vice-Captain.

For those of you that don't know me, I am a caring and friendly person.

Some of my best memories have been made here at Exford and I want everyone to have the same amazing experiences and continue to create a fun and safe space for you all to make your own special memories.

I would like to encourage you all to try your hardest and never give up.

We may be small, but all have big dreams and Exford is the place to make it happen.

Just as Dr Seuss once said...
Don't give up,
I believe in you all,
A person is a person,
No matter how small.

Thank you for voting for me. I will always try to help and guide you so that you can reach for your goals and be the best that you can be.

Thank you.

Jaron - Vice Captain

Good day to all teachers and my fellow students!

For those who don't know me, my name is Jaron. I started Exford Primary School in Prep and I stand before you today as your Vice School Captain for this school year.

I believe the role of a Vice School Captain is not just a title, but it means being a good leader and a representative of our school.

As I mentioned before, I would recommend to the leadership team to encourage each student to actively participate in school activities. Another one is a charity event to help those in need, especially in these tough times.

This is also the best time to join hands together as we face a new Covid normal life and we must do our best to keep a safe and healthy school environment.

Respect, Kindness, Personal Best are Exford School values and my guide as your new Vice School Captain. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Allyson

Hi, my name is Allyson and I have a question for you. Would you rather vote for your friend who does not have a very good speech or someone you don't really know, but they have an amazing speech? I bet most of you would choose your friend. But would you rather a leader that would not help at all or a leader that would try their best and try to help everyone, when they need it? I promise to be the leader that does their best and tries to help everyone. That is why I believe you should consider voting for me for School Captain. I also promise to show the school values of Kindness, Personal Best and Respect, to everyone and everything.

Gurnoor

Hello, my name is Gurnoor. I am really passionate about becoming a School Captain. In our school we have our three values, they are Kindness, Respect and Personal Best. Each teacher wants us to have our three qualities of these values. In kindness you have the quality of being kind and generous. Kindness can be a small thing like saying good morning, or good afternoon to someone to make their day. In respect we should listen to our peers and anyone talking like the teacher, we should also listen to. Also, we should respect our environment and nature. Personal best is being a great school role model, we have a big growth mindset, we should all be grateful to our school and our teacher and students.

If you would like to vote for me, please vote, if not, thank you for listening to my speech.

Gus

Hi everyone,

My name is Gus and I want to be a School Captain at Exford Primary School, in 2021.

What I want this year is for my actions to inspire others, to learn more, do more and dream big. I want the kids of Exford Primary School to always know they can do anything they think they can do. I want us all to work together, dream big and make this school the very best it can be. The best for all students, the academics, the sporty kids, the creative ones and everybody in between. We are one and need to support each other through our school journey. So today I ask for you to support me. Let me lead you through a great 2021. And remember, people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones that do.

Thank you

Isabella

Hello everybody, I'm Isabella and I'm nominating myself to be School Captain. This is my third year attending Exford, I believe that I would be a good mentor and ambassador for the school. I believe that this job is hard, but I enjoy challenges. I wear my school uniform with pride, I take good care of the school, while I enjoy my days at Exford. I will carry the school values wherever I go, in the school yard and around the public. The school values are my values. I wish all the students who nominate themselves, good luck.

Talan

Hello, my name is Talan and I'm here to tell you how I would be a good School Captain.

I was going to write my speech on this piece of paper, but it was tearible.

Sorry about the silly joke, but I can't help to be a mushroom, you know I'm a fun guy.

Now Let's get serious, as you might know, I live in the bush at Greendale and with my Dad in Eynesbury. I have a lot of pets from dogs to lizards to sheep. I really enjoy going wakeboarding, riding my scooter and jumping on my trampoline. In my spare time I like to earn pocket money by doing chores at my neighbour's house and I like helping with my little sister. I've been going to Exford for six years and I've love it.

Now, why you would vote for me. I think I would make a good School Captain because I love helping others. I believe I'm a good role model to all students and I would love to wear the School Captain's badge on my jumper and lead the way to making Exford Primary the happiest school ever.

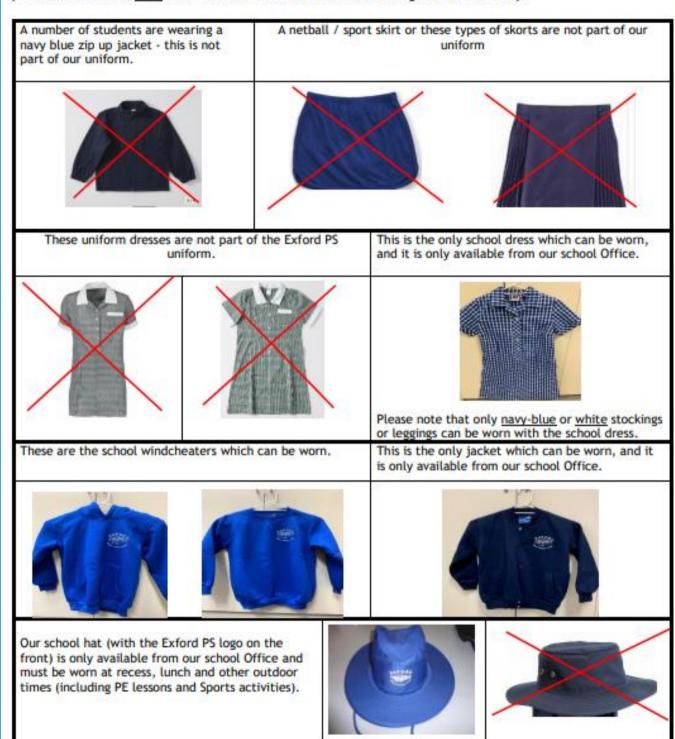
I think I'm ready to be a School Captain, because at home I'm already a leader and a role model to my brother and sister and if you know my brother, he's a handful.

That's why I think I should be a School Captain.

Exford Primary School Uniform Requirements

Dear Families.

Now that the year is underway, you may have received a uniform note for your child. We are seeing a number of children wear these uniform items which are <u>not</u> part of our Exford PS school uniform. Any uniform items purchased elsewhere <u>must</u> look like the uniform items available through our Uniform shop.



Please come and see us in the Office if you have any questions about our school's uniform or require assistance in providing your child with uniform. We encourage our children to wear our uniform with pride!

Yours Sincerely,

Lisa Campo Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week

Certificates for Week 4 and Week 5

	Week 4		Week 5	
Prep Monagle	Student	Exford Value	Student Flynn	Exford Value Personal Best
Prep Smyth			Charli	Personal Best
Prep Wurf			Levi	Kindness
1 / 2 Ambrose			Jasleen	Respect
1 / 2 Higgins	No Student of the Week		Annabel	Personal Best
1 / 2 Jenner	Certifica	tes this week,	Afraa	Kindness
1 / 2 Parker	due to 3	day lock down	Mahayla	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi			Hannah	Kindness
3 / 4 Patty			Mary	Kindness
3 / 4 Roe			Ella.B	Personal Best
4 / 5 Mounsey			Brydie	Respect
5 / 6 Gundry			Annika	Personal Best
5 / 6 Mastrop			Jeremy	Personal Best
5 / 6 Talevski			Harrison	Respect
The Arts			Lorahli	Respect
Physical Education			Alize	Respect
French			-	-
OSH Club			-	-

Our Language Experiences

The Nature Walk

Prep Monagle

On Monday our class went on a nature walk together around our school. We found interesting items like leaves, flowers, feathers and rocks. We bought them back to the classroom and then 'wrote' about our experience. We have been learning how to draw using shapes and are beginning to label our drawings with the first letter of a word.















FIXED

I can't do anything.

They aren't listening.

This is hard.

In 3/4 Gashi, we have been learning to understand why the word 'YET' is so powerful! In order to do that, we engaged with a challenging task. We were given 20 sticky dots, and 20 pieces of card to work together as part of a team to construct the tallest tower. The real challenge, however, was to see if we were using a fixed mindset or a growth mindset!

GROWTH

I can't do this yet.

That's a good idea.

Let's work

together.





This activity was inspired by the book 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds

It is about a girl who didn't believe in herself, and the only



say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child's school memories captured forever

on Friday 26th March 2021

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
 All payments are due by photo day.
- You may pay online using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
 Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.
- All forms are to be returned to Exford PS Office, on or before photo day.





Helping everyone to be mentally healthy.

Join HUGH from The Resilience Project for our Parents and Carers Webinar March 22nd 7pm - 8pm

Hugh will share his inspiring story with you all and how The Resilience Project will impact our students at Exford Primary School, as well as how the principles of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness can help you at home.

Please contact the office to register your interest in the event.













KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

When Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March 2021

Time 6pm to 8pm. Dates and locations are listed overleaf. Bookings for open week not required.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn everything you need to know about the registration process for three and four year old funded kindergarten in 2022.

OPTION 1:

Date Thursday 25th March Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinder1.eventbrite.com.au

OPTION 2:

Date Monday 29th March Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Bookings essential via: kinder2.eventbrite.com.au

Please note information sessions will be held online via the Zoom platform

For more information please email: kindergartens@melton.vic.gov.au 2022 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 24 March 2021





KINDERGARTEN OPEN WEEK

Come along and explore your local kindergarten. Meet teachers, ask questions and gather information to help inform your decision in which kindergarten to enrol your child. Please note COVID safe practices will need to be followed on site as directed.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

All sessions will run between 6pm and 8pm

KINDERGARTEN	ADDRESS		
MONDAY 15 MARCH			
Springside Kindergerten	22-50 Becca Way, Caroline Springs		
TUESDAY 16 MARCH			
Fraser Rise Kindergarten	46 City Vista Court, Fraser Rise		
Botanica Springs Kindergarten	246 Clarkes Road, Brookfield West		
Brookfield Kindergarten	14-16 Black Dog Drive, Brookfield		
Melton Uniting Kindergarten	15-19 Yuille Street, Melton		
WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH			
Amolds Creek Kindergarten	19 Claret Ash Boulevard, Harkness		
Cambrian Kindergarten	58-GG Cambrian Way, Melton West		
Brookside Kindergarten	17-20 Federation Way, Caroline Springs		
Melton Central Kindergarten	237-239 Station Road, Melton		
Bellevue Hill Kindergarten	14 Royal Crescent, Hillside		
Diggers Rest Kindergarten	48-66 Plumpton Road, Diggers Rest		
Kingsway Kindergarten	1 Kingsway, Melton		
Melton West Kindergarten	2 West Melton Drive, Melton West		
Mt Carberry Kindergarten	31-41 Exford Road, Melton South		
Parkwood Green Kindergarten	88-94 Catherin Drive, Hillside		
Rockbank Kindergarten	26 Old Leakes Road, Rookbank		
Burnside Kindergarten	23 Lexington Drive, Burnside		
Taylors Hill Kindergarten	58-60 Jacaranda Drive, Taylors Hill		
Timbertop Kindergarten	1 Timbertop Parade, Aintree		
Creekside Kindergarten	3-37 The Crossing, Caroline Springs		
THURSDAY 18 MARCH			
Bridge Road Kindergarten	260-266 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh		
Korproit Creek Kindergarten	130 Tenterfield Drive, Burnside Heights		

756 Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury

Eynesbury Kindergarten

For more information please email: kindergartens@melton.vic.gov.au 2022 Kindergarten applications open Wednesday 24 March 2021



[&]quot;Please note Grasslands Kindergarten is currently under construction



JOIN THE JUNIOR PARKRUN FAMILY

- WALK, JOG, RUN, VOLUNTEER -

or simply come and watch - it's up to you!

FAMILY-FRIENDLY 2K EVENTS

Every Sunday morning

EVERYONE WELCOME

Walk, jog, run, hop, skip or jump - it's up to you!

HAVE FUN BEING ACTIVE

Share high fives and big smiles!

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

Adults can join in with the kids too!

FREE & EASY TO TAKE PART

No special kit needed - wear whatever you like

MAKE FRIENDS

Meet lots of new people

FEEL HAPPY AND PROUD

Try your best and celebrate your achievements

"We all do it together as a family. The volunteers are really nice, it's fun and you can walk if you want to!"

Register at parkrun.com.au

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Eynesbury Heritage Trail junior parkrun Every Sunday 8am



PASSION FOR THE GAME!





Family Learning Program

Do you want to improve your skills in:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking
- Numeracy
- Digital literacy



When: Every Thursday from February 25th

Time: 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Cost: Course and Childcare FREE

Must register as places are limited.

GAME ON!

Do you enjoy playing chess, cards or backgammon? If yes, then come and join our 'Game On' sessions.

When: Every Tuesday from February 23rd

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Men Only Event



Coffee Chat Craft

Come have a coffee and chat while knitting or crocheting! Meet new people, make new friends. Practice your English!

When: Every Monday from February 22nd

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Women Only Event



LEATHER CRAFT

Join our expert leather craftsman show you how to make a wallet.

When: Wed March 17th & 24th

Time: 4:00PM-6:00PM Cost: \$40 for 2 sessions

All tools and material included.

Registrations Essential.

