

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 3 – Term 1, 2024

Thursday 15 February 2024



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Ms Campo's news....



Term One is well underway!

Our classes are all settled in for the term, including our Prep students who have settled beautifully into their new school routines. We invited our Prep children's older brothers and sisters to come out and join in the Prep First Day family moment; it was lovely to see our families sharing this special time in their Prep child's life.

We are sharing the playground well and all our Lunchtime Clubs have begun ... Knitting, Lego, Arts, Origami, Dance, Yoga, Music, Library and Chess Club. Please see the Lunchtime Clubs timetables listed below.

Take Home reading and Homework have begun for our Year 1-6 classes, and these activities will begin for our Preps in the coming weeks. Take Home reading is nightly throughout the week and students are asked to have their reading recorded in their Reading journal (Prep – Year 2s) and in their Exford Diary (Year 3-6s). Homework is sent home on Wednesdays and is due back to school on Mondays.

The final Homework task of Term 1 is the design and creation of an Easter Bonnet, ready for our Easter Bonnet Parade at our final Term 1 Assembly on Thursday 28 March.



Student Wellbeing support

We welcome new team members to the Exford team this year, who join our wellbeing team. We have Jacky, who is a psychologist from the Australian Childhood Trauma Group and Alethea, who is an Occupational Therapist from Horizon Allied Health. They will join our team, led by Mr Wilson and which includes Mrs Villari and Ms Watt, who provides some Art Therapy time.

Alethea will oversee a Perceptual Motor Program which aims to support students' wellbeing and capacity to emotionally regulate themselves through tailored physical activity tasks.

Mr Patty and our Prep teachers and ES teams are providing a Perceptual Motor Program for our Prep children, which they attend several times a week. This supports students gross and fine and perceptual motor skills development.

Coming Up

- Friday 16 February
 - 2024 Prep students presented to our community with their Exford certificate
- Tuesday 20 February
 - 1.30pm – 4.40 pm – Day 1 of Meet the Teacher
- Thursday 22 February
 - 1.30pm – 4.40 pm – Day 2 of Meet the Teacher

➤ Bookings can be made through XUNO

Due to the Office

*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

Late Arrival / Early Dismissal

If your child is arriving late to school, adults must bring the child into school and sign them in at the Office. Signing them in through Xuno and then sending the child / children inside on their own is not okay. It is a legal requirement that parents bring children into the Office and sign them in.

Can we ask parents **not** to collect children early unnecessarily, please? It is really very disruptive for our classroom programs for there to be constant requests for children to be sent to the office with their bags. Students need to remain at school until 3:30 pm, which is our dismissal time, unless there is an unavoidable appointment or a regular therapy appointment.

It is also hugely disruptive for our Office team to keep having to stop what they are doing to organise children to come with their bags.

We understand that our car park is hard work at the moment, but also remind parents that they can arrive up until 3:40 pm to collect children. A reminder that our dismissal time is 3:30 pm and we ask our families to respect the class learning program and the 'setting the scene for tomorrow' discussions that occur in the afternoons by not collecting their children early without having an appointment.

Staying home

When children are unwell, it is recommended that they have an absence day so that they don't pass germs on to other children or staff. If the child has had diarrhoea or vomiting, they must stay at home the next day (24 hours clear of symptoms). Replacing our teaching and Education support staff is still very challenging and also interrupts the children's learning program in the classrooms. Our Prep – Year 2 classes are split across the other Prep - Year 2 classes if the teacher is absent. The same arrangement occurs for our Year 3-6 classes, with the children being split across the same Year 3-6 classes. If we have multiple teachers absent in the same area, leadership or specialist class staff would be pulled from their roles to support the class programs.

Gotcha toys

Thank you to Angie, Frankly's mum, who has been helping our Gotcha making team for the children. Very much appreciated!

Mr Wilson has some friends who help to knit and make toys, and Mr Campo's mum and aunty both knit toys for our children as well. Our Gotchas toys are very popular rewards for earning Gotchas.



'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

We will hold our 'Meet the Teacher' interviews on Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 February. To make a booking please log in to your XUNO dashboard and navigate to the Parent Teacher Interviews tab.

<https://docs.xuno.com.au/portal-how-to-book-parent-teacher-interviews>

2024 dates to remember

Term 1

Friday 16 February

- 8.50 am Assembly – 2024 Prep students presented to our community with their Exford certificate

Tuesday 20 February

- 1.30 - 4.40 pm – Day 1 of Meet the Teacher – you will be able to book through XUNO once opened.

Thursday 22 February

- 1.30 - 4.40 pm – Day 2 of Meet the Teacher – you will be able to book through XUNO once opened.

Wednesday 28 February

- Wadduring Welcome to Country and Smoking – for the start of the construction for our Gymnasium

Thursday 7 March

- **School Photos Day – see flyer below**

Friday 8 March

- Year 1 – 2 Melbourne Zoo excursion

Monday 11 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday – No school today

Wednesday 13 March

- NAPLAN testing begins for Year 3 and Year 5 students.

Thursday 28 March

- Easter Bonnet Parade – 8:50 am Assembly (children design and create their Easter Bonnets as part of their Homework tasks in their previous weeks)
- End of Term 1 (2.30 pm dismissal)

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use only towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students.
- If you applied for the CSEF at Exford Primary School in 2023, you do not need to complete an application form in 2024 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to apply in 2024 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2024 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year.
- **Changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2024.

If a form was not lodged in 2023, parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in Term One, as payments are made from March onwards. However, schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term Two each year.

Application forms can be collected from the office or obtained directly from the website.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital student portfolio that gives students an audience for their work. All families should now have access to their child's Seesaw account, via the [Seesaw Families App](#). If you are having any difficulty gaining access or viewing your child's portfolio, please contact Mrs Harper in the Office.



Uniform

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the website for you to see, including photos of permitted uniform wear. Please see the attached uniform page for your future reference.

These items are not part of our uniform –

- Navy windcheater
- Windcheater zip-up jackets (with or without hoods)
- School dresses other than the EPS school dress
- Skirts of any kind (except the skirt part of the Winter pinafore) – including netball skirts - only skorts can be worn.
- Any polar fleece items



Staff will not ask students about non-uniform items on the first day (because wet washing happens) but they will issue out-of-uniform notes after that or refer the non-uniform wearing issue to Mr Wilson or Ms Campo, so that we can arrange a parent meeting.

These items are only available through our EPS uniform shop:

- Exford PS school dress
- Exford PS bomber jacket
- Exford PS Windcheater / Hoodie
- Exford PS school hat
- Exford PS Library bag

The Exford PS uniform is a very attractive uniform with many options, and we ask our families to ensure that the children are wearing our uniform with pride.

Schools' Privacy Policy

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy, www.exfordps.vic.edu.au/www-content/uploads/pdf/Photographing-Filming-and-Recording-Students-Policy.pdf describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use student images in our newsletter, Xuno and in Seesaw safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's image / information in the newsletter, in Xuno or in Seesaw, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

SunSmart



A reminder that we are now in SunSmart season and children need to wear their Exford PS school hat daily for the recess and lunch breaks, PE lessons and any games.

Children without hats need to sit in the shade or on the stage. New hats can be purchased only at school through our Uniform shop via our office (no other hat can be worn). We also encourage families to provide their children with sunscreen roll-on to keep in their school bags.

We are expecting our delivery of hats to arrive in the next week or so, fingers crossed!

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 1 – Easter Raffle
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



Our 2022 target is...

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

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

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



To our students who celebrated their birthday 1 January - 1 February

Raiken, Emeline, Ahana, Evan, Aina, Kabir and Logan.

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.

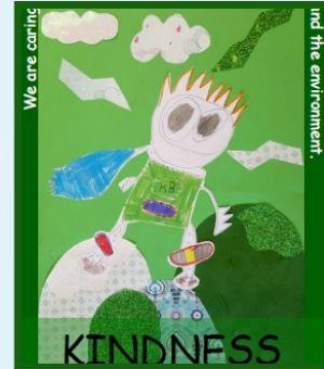
Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.



Student of the Week

Week 1

Prep Akamatis	Zeke	Kindness
Prep Gleeson	Archie	Kindness
Prep Mastrop	Piper	Kindness

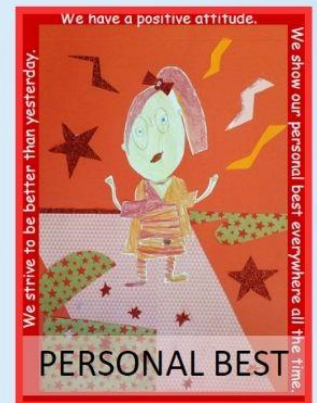


Year 1-2 Ambrose	Nekina	Personal Best
Year 1-2 Blasis	Hunter	Personal Best
Year 1-2 Jones	Riley	Personal Best
Year 1-2 Roe	Tyler	Kindness



Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Avnoor	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Kyle	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Mounsey	Aiden	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Romanski	Seerat	Respect

Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Alyce	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Micallef	Will	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Odgers	Arabella	Personal Best



The Arts	Ella	Kindness
PE	Ryder	Personal Best
French	William	Kindness
Science	Alina	Personal Best
Wellbeing	Charlie	Kindness
Ms Campo	Kyle	Respect
Mr Wilson	Talisha	Kindness

Congratulations to our 2024 Year 6 students on receiving their much-prized Year 6 polo shirts and windcheater.

Class of 2024



PHOTO DAY
IS COMING



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EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHOTO DAY: Thursday 7th March 2024

HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

Step 1

Click on the link below to access your ordering portal.

<https://exfordprimaryschool-vic.msp.photos>

Step 2

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

[Sign in with Student Details](#)

Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. If you have an existing account, please use those login details. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling photo orders.

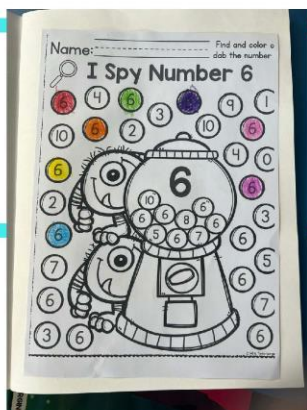
Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by **Midnight on Wednesday 6th March 2024**.

The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however once the job has gone to the lab for printing, any late orders will incur a later order charge.





We have had a fantastic start to the school year. The Prep children have settled in well and have been participating in lots of fun and engaging activities.



Year 3-4 Fyfe

What a wonderful way to start 2024! We have been very busy decorating our brand new classroom! The view from our new room is AMAZING, and we certainly love watching the sheep in the distance.

All of us have enjoyed getting to know each other and making new friends, and we are settled and ready for a fantastic year together!

Here are some of our photos from our first day of school...

Year 3-4 Fyfe



Year 3-4 Fyfe



Year 3-4 Fyfe



Year 3-4 Fyfe



Explore OSHClub



OSHClub News!

Welcome to our new families as well as returning families.

We are excited for a year of building relationships and lots of fun!

We have started the year off with a variety of activities, friends and lots of outside play.

Reminders

- ✓ Parents, please walk children into the OSHroon when dropping them off.
- ✓ Please bring a hat for your child, a spare non-school hat is okay.

EVENTS



February 15th

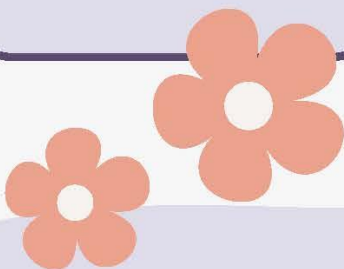
Pizza Party!

Join us for an afternoon of pizza, pizza and more pizza.

February 22nd

(Taylors Version)

Join us for a Taylor Swift themed afternoon, with music, crafts and more!



Last Week in OSH Club!

In our program last week, we had sessions full of creativity and play. Children engaged in valentines day themed crafts as well as a variety other crafts, making our own popstick people village. Our sessions of outdoor play are a mix of physical activity and opportunity for children to engage with one another in a collaborate way.



For any concerns or questions
please contact us:
Email: exford@oshclub.com
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