

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 3 – Term 1, 2022

Thursday 3 March 2022



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Ms Campo's News....

Term 1 is moving along!

Well, here we are, almost to the end of Week 6 of the first term this year. Everyone has settled into the year and our classes are working hard – particularly on their Literacy and Numeracy programs. Our 2022 Tutor program is also now underway, with Mrs Szelest, Ms Littlewood and Mr Jenner taking on our Tutoring program in Ms Anderson's Term 1 absence.

Teacher absences

As you can tell, from some of our messages to classes, there are no replacement teachers available at all to cover teacher absences. At Exford, we are shielding our classroom programs, the teachers' collaborative planning time and our Tutoring program. Now that our Tutoring program has begun, Mr Wilson and I are the only staff available to take class absences. Whilst we are thoroughly enjoying being in the classrooms (sorry Ms Smyth, do I really have to give Prep Smyth ...aka Prep Campo... back to you?!), it does mean that we are often not available during the day for a chat or that we may take longer to respond to emails, as we still have our own workload to complete. Fingers crossed as the next class of Graduate teachers finish their courses later this year, teacher supply may begin to flow again. We ask for your understanding if we are slow to respond to your requests. We are looking on the bright side of things, many schools have not even been able to fill their classroom teacher vacancies and have had to abandon their Tutoring programs entirely, in order to try to cover their classroom programs.

Student Wellbeing Program

We have introduced a Student Wellbeing program this year, supported by Mr Major (one of our Education Support staff) and Mr Wilson. Given the challenges of the past two years, where students have had limited opportunities to engage with other kids socially, our program focuses on emotional regulation, on being able to manage our feelings when we are upset, coping with losing in a game, solving problems in friendships and they are also exploring a growth mindset through learning to juggle. As with our Tutoring program, there will be a number of intake rounds, and we will have a conversation with parents prior to children being involved.

Construction ... oh, it's looking good!

We have included some construction photos for you to see – the plastering of the internal walls of the Junior Learning Building is 95 % completed and they have begun applying the cladding to the external walls. The Admin building is nearly ready for the brick work to begin.

Due to the Office

Year 1-2 Werribee Zoo excursion note & money is due back **Monday 7 March by 9:15 am**, please

On Next Week

- Tuesday 8 March - 'Meet the Teacher' – Session 3
- Friday 11 March - Year 1-2 Werribee Zoo Excursion
- Friday 11 March - MPSSA Lightning Premiership for Year 5-6 students.

*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

Excursions and Camps

We are cautiously beginning to plan for excursions, incursions and Camps, connecting excursions and incursions with the units of study planned for the teaching teams. Our Year 1-2s are going to Werribee Zoo and our Year 5-6s have the MPSSA Lightning Premiership next week. The Year 5-6 students also are attending a Leadership Conference opportunity on Thursday 23 March. Our Year 2 and Year 3-4 Camp information will be sent out shortly, with the bookings being held in the last weeks of Term 3. Our Year 5-6 Camp planning is also underway.

Term 1 Interviews

Thank you to the parents who made an interview time with their child's teacher for the interviews. Please contact your child's teacher directly (message through Seesaw is a good option) if you are yet to make an appointment. We would love every family to make an appointment to speak with their child's teacher.

Take Home Reading and Homework

Take Home Reading and Homework (Years 1-6) are now underway and it is recommended that all children complete their tasks. Please support your child to return their Homework books / tasks on time to give the teachers time to correct the tasks and to provide feedback to the children.

Jewellery

We are seeing a number of children wearing jewellery to school, including necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings. Please note that only small stud or small earrings can be worn for safety reasons. As per our Uniform Policy, necklaces and bracelets are not to be worn at school.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle



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 Monday 28 February, for you to sell to family and friends. This is one of our traditional Fundraising activities and we would love your support. Fundraising monies raised will cover the cost of Reading Eggs, Mathletics and will contribute to the cost of our iPad leases.

Please send along your donation of some Easter goodies!



During the last week of term, the children are asked to design and create their own Easter Bonnet to be modelled in style at our Easter Bonnet Parade, which will be held at our final Assembly for Term 1 on Friday 8 April at 8:50 am.



The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Bonnet Assembly, too.

School Photos

Photo envelopes have been sent home with your child/children. They are to be returned to the office on or before our Photo Day, which is Friday 18 March. Children must be in full school uniform. Family photo forms are available at the office. If you require a form to be sent home with your child, please give us a call on 9743 5025, and we will arrange for one to be sent home.



Dates to Remember 2022

Term 1

Tuesday 8 March

- 2022 'Meet the Teacher' interviews No 3 (WebEx)

Friday 11 March

- Year 1 – 2 Werribee Zoo Excursion
- MPSSA Lightning Premiership for Year 5-6 students.

Monday 14 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 18 March

- 2022 School Photos Day – All children must be in full school uniform with shoulder length tied back as per our policy.

Monday 21 March

- Harmony Day

Thursday 24 March

- Year 5-6 GRIP Student Leadership Conference. (in the city)

Monday 4 – Friday 8 April

- Teeth on Wheels Van at EPS

Friday 8 April

- 8.50 am Assembly – including our Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle draw
- End of Term 1 (2.30 pm dismissal)

Term 2

Monday 25 April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 26 April

- Pupil Free Day No 3 - Term 2 commences for Staff only

Wednesday 27 April

- Term 2 commences for Students

Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 May

- NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Wednesday 25 May

- Year 3 – 6 Athletics Day – Bridge Rd

2022 School and Vice School Captains

One of our lovely Exford traditions - our School Captains and Vice Captains are able to phone their families to share their exciting news on receiving their School Leadership positions.



Congratulations



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:

- \$125 for primary school students.

If you applied for the CSEF at Exford Primary School in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 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 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2022 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 2021

If a form was not lodged in 2021, 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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application form 2020 ([education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au))



Seesaw

Seesaw is a digital student portfolio that gives students an audience for their work. It also enables us to communicate with families. 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.



Canteen

The Canteen will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. The canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesdays, until further notice. No over the counter sales. To order please visit the following web page: www.quickcliq.com.au

Fundraising

Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics 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 2 – Mother's Day Stall
- Term 3 – Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ (we hope!)



Our 2022 target is...

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

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

Specialist Timetable

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

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 school every day – especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020 and 2021.

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 FlexiSchools app 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 18 February - 3 March

Trey, Lakotah, Gabriel, Kendra, Mirha, Blake, Mary, Shahzain, Ritish, Natalia, Alina, Harper, Afraa & Amayra.

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 4

Week 5

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	<i>Oliver</i>	<i>Respect</i>	<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year Prep Smyth	<i>Logan</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Grace</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Nakita</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	<i>Abani</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Sohang</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	<i>Inaaya</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Axel</i>	<i>Respect</i>
Year 1 - 2 Roe	<i>Marlee</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Peninnah</i>	<i>Respect</i>
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Leroy</i>	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	<i>Abbey</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	<i>Nate</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Kendra</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Tanreet</i>	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	<i>Amneet</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Nofil</i>	<i>Respect</i>
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Respect</i>	<i>Serena</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
The Arts	<i>Lexie</i>	<i>Kindness</i>	<i>Tanreet</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
Physical Education	<i>Ruby-Rose</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Gurmanvir</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
French	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>	<i>Gurman</i>	<i>Personal Best</i>
OSH Club	-	-	-	-

Congratulations to the following students who received
Student of the Week Certificates for **Week 4 & 5**

YEAR 1-2 AMBROSE.

We have been learning to use materials and count by fives to help us solve Maths Problems.

The Problem : The farmer had five paddocks. He had a paddock for 15 ducks, a paddock for 10 cows, a paddock for 20 horses, a paddock for 5 pigs, and a paddock for 5 sheep.

- How many animals altogether?
- Count by fives to find the answer.



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#Team5/6B

Bold . Brilliant . Better

What a busy start to the year. We may only be a mere 6 weeks into the school year, yet so much has already happened.

So far...

Our teacher has imitated Rocky Balboa (we don't know what he was thinking)



We have learnt what it means to be a leader in 5/6 and more importantly what it takes to be a part of **#Team5/6B**.

We have worked hard to be **Bold**, **Brilliant** and **Better** in all that we do and have had many reasons to cheer along the way.

Our Year 6's celebrate what is their final year of Primary school at Exford!



5/6B - Year 6 Cohort

We have produced some **AMAZING** writing in our Narrative unit!



SCREECH! "WOM, and what happened this time? I looked to the window and we had got to our destination. I don't know," and I started worriedly. He stepped out of the car and saw a falling stump. He said we are here but none of us heard until he yelled WE ARE HERE! everyone jumped out of the car and we had made it to Twilight Towers...

BAAAAAAAHH! I exclaimed jumping away from the Beast. My heart was racing fast and as loud as a jungle drum! we all looked at each other, scared for the dangers ahead.

RING RING!! "ABANG!" I screamed as I fell out of bed wondering who was calling me. I picked up the phone. It was my mom. She is the caller! My heart was still beating like a drum. I was so scared. I was alone in the room. Just to inform you I am 10. I want to make breakfast myself. I made eggs on toast because that was the only thing I knew how to make.

We are super excited for interschool sport, and eagerly awaiting our year 5/6 GRIP Leadership conference on the 24th March!

MOST IMPORTANTLY... we are a **TEAM**. Despite the new challenges that 2022 has posed, we have each others back and we can't wait to conquer the rest of 2022 **TOGETHER!**



2022 MPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A massive congratulations to the students that had the fantastic opportunity to represent Exford at the MPSSA Swimming Carnival! All of the students that represented our school did a fantastic job in the pool. A huge thank you to the families of the students that supported this event!



Adele V (5/6B) Placed 2nd in her U11 Backstroke.



Adele H (5/6T) placed 3rd in her U11 Freestyle.



Charlie placed 3rd in his U12 Freestyle.



Harry (3/4T) Placed 2nd in his U10 Freestyle.



Ryder (3/4G) placed 2nd in his U10 Backstroke.



Enrique (5/6B) placed 3rd in his U11 Freestyle and Backstroke.



Olivia (3/4F) placed 3rd in her U10 backstroke.



Looking down the corridor of the Junior Learning Building



Junior Learning Building - Exterior



Junior Learning Building - Exterior



Junior Learning Building - Exterior



Junior Classroom



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Junior Classroom



Administration Building

HARMONY DAY

2022



WHAT IS HARMONY WEEK?

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism in our community.

The message of Harmony Week is *everyone belongs*.

On Monday the 21st of March we will be celebrating Harmony Day at Exford Primary School.

Students are encouraged to wear their traditional cultural dress or a piece of clothing which displays their cultural background.

Children who do not have a cultural dress or would like another option can wear orange, as it is the official colour of Harmony Week.

At School, we will have some activities to celebrate Multiculturalism. We cannot wait to see everyone in their outfits on the 21st of March.



everyone belongs
www.harmony.gov.au





School Photo Day is fast approaching.

*Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Friday 18th March 2022***

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.**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

MSP Photography

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JOIN THE EAGLES FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

All Welcome!

One in every eight Eynesbury households is part of the club,
so its a great way to make friends, have fun and get fit.

Football players wanted for the following teams

Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Club 18s (Social Senior football)

Netball players wanted for the following teams

Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Seniors

Training starts mid Feb

Football Enquiries
Aaron Wright
0419 662 901



Netball Enquiries
Tracey Wright
0400 562 317