



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: Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Arpita (Aadi), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire & Ben), Michael (Eamonn), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot

Visitors: Mr Wilson and Mrs Bennett (minutes-taker)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V70FJsBcOF3w>

Ms Campo's News...

School Upgrade news

Thanks to our School Council President and Vice School Council President, Jacki and Sharon, for their continued communications with Minister Merlino in relation to his election commitment to Exford PS.

Minister Merlino has responded to their communications and our school is now liaising with the South West Region Facilities Department to establish the next stage of our school's upgrade. We are waiting for the State Budget announcement as the first step in the process.

I will be invited to engage in some DET training, such as 'Bricks and Mortar' and architectural planning in order to support our school to develop a pedagogical statement about the teaching and learning at Exford PS and how our new facilities will support our vision. We will be exploring a vertical environment, due to our small school site (1.2 hectares), to create more play space for our students. We will be visiting other schools to see vertical schools in action to get a sense of what may be possible for Exford PS.

I would also like to thank our staff, kids, parents and our wider learning community of Exford for their patience with and commitment and contribution to support our wonderful school and the teaching and learning practices that make the school special. A new environment will be a vision realised and will be a great outcome for our kids, but the real magic is the strength of what we do together.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2019 Dates

Term 1

Friday 8 March

Pupil Free Day No 2

Monday 11 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12 March

9 am - School Council Finance Mtg

Monday 18 - Thursday 21 March

Year 5-6 Lorne Foreshore Camp

Wednesday 20 March

4:30 pm - 2020 Enrolment Tours

6 pm - School Council Meeting

Monday 25 - Friday 29 March

Term 2 Planning Week

Thursday 28 March

Photo Day

Tuesday 2 April

Parent - Student-Teacher Conferences - Session 1

Thursday 4 April

Parent- Student-Teacher Conferences - Session 2

Friday 5 April

9 am - Easter Bonnet Parade - all welcome!

End of Term 1

2:10 pm Assembly - including Easter Raffle draw

2:30 pm Dismissal (Eynesbury Buses from 2:30 pm)

Term 2

Monday 22 April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 23 April

Term 2 for students begins

Thursday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Bus News - hip hip hooray!

Over the past few years, we have accommodated both Eynesbury buses doing double runs, which meant Mr Wilson and I were both doing an additional hour's Yard Duty per day to support this.

We have been campaigning to get additional buses and today Public Transport Victoria have given us **ONE** additional bus (we'll keep campaigning for at least four buses in total).

From **Tuesday 12 March 2019** - the bus services will run as per our new timetable and **NO** student may be left unattended at school before 8:30 am. We will unlock the side gate at 8:30 am. Please note that Yard Duty technically does not start before 8:45 am, but we will supervise children arriving from 8:30 am. Our OSH Club has vacancies for mornings if any of our families need morning care. Equally, all children should be collected by 3:45 pm, which is when our after school Yard Duty supervision ends.

I attach the new timetable - the children remain on the **same** Bus number as they are currently on. We have given a print-out to all bus kids this afternoon and from Tuesday 12 March, the buses will run this way (please see attached timetable):

This is fabulous news and means our kids (and staff) aren't hanging around till 4:15 pm waiting for buses to return. I have assigned Bus 3 and Bus 4 as separate services as they are the longer routes.

FlexiBuzz and the Bus

Please ensure you send us a FlexiBuzz on the day of your child's absence or non-use of the bus. **Our bus services are full to capacity** and we are not able to provide all children with a bus place at this point. There is no flexibility about our bus spaces and we ask parents to be vigilant about advising us of your child's usage.

Please understand that we cannot let the buses leave until every child on the list is accounted for. Repeated un-explained absences from the bus will result in your child **losing their bus place**. We are continuing to liaise with PTV to get additional buses for our students.



Easter Raffle Tickets

Our Easter Raffle tickets were sent home last week and we hope you are able to sell them to family and friends - you can get more raffle ticket booklets from the Office, just ask!

We ask that our families donate Easter goodies to form up the Easter Raffle prizes - I know I'm just waiting for the weather to cool down before bringing in my donations.

If you can help to wrap the hampers, please use the FlexiBuzz contact for our School Council President, Jacki, who also leads our Fundraising group.

New Staff

We have been busy with three staff selection processes throughout the last month. Congratulations and welcome to our new staff:

- Year 3-4 teacher vacancy - Ms Emily Leonard
- 2 x 3 day a week timetable support teachers - Mrs Rachel Fyfe and Ms Drita Ademi
- 2 x Integration Aides - Mr Damian Major and Mrs Kylie Deveson

Photo Day

Our school Photo Day will be on **Thursday 29 March**, beginning with the staff photo before school. Children need to be in full school uniform, with hair neatly groomed as per our uniform policy (shoulder length hair neatly tied back).

Planning Week

At the end of each term, our teachers are released for a Planning day to prepare for the next term. The children have their specialist subjects all on the same day, rather than spread across the week, to free up the teachers.

- Monday 25 March - Year 5-6 teachers
- Tuesday 26 March - Year 3-4 teachers
- Wednesday 27 March - Specialist teachers
- Thursday 28 March - Year 1-2 teachers
- Friday 29 March - Year Prep teachers

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

We will hold our Parent Student Teacher Conferences on Tuesday 2 April and Thursday 4 April. Our students join in these conferences and they present their learning goals and work samples which show their progress. This is a great opportunity to hear about your child's progress.

We use the School Interviews website for parents to use to make bookings for the Parent Student Teacher Conferences - we will let you know the booking code in our Newsletter on March 21 - www.schoolinterviews.com.au

2019 Swimming Carnival

Our 2019 Swim Team attended the MPSSA Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 26 February, accompanied by Mr Young, Ms Kappler, Mr Wilson and Mrs MacLeod.

Please check out some photos later in this newsletter.

Phys Ed classes

We love having our families come early to enjoy having early play with their little ones or to catch up with other parents or to watch classes which are outside.

However, we do ask that you are mindful of classes, such as PE and don't call the kids' attention away from their only PE lesson for the week. We would also appreciate your walking around the PE activity, rather than through it.

Some of our teachers would also ask parents not to come up to windows and doors towards the end of the day, it is a bit distracting when teachers are finalising learning or packing up for the day.

Staff Professional Learning

At times, teachers and our ES staff are absent from school to attend professional learning. Wherever possible, we use the same pool of Casual Replacement teachers with whom the children are familiar.

Children in cars

A reminder to parents that children should never be left in cars, the weather is just too warm to take the risk. It's easy to underestimate how warm the car interior temperature can become in the wait time for home-time.

Attendance ... Every Day Counts

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.

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.

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 2019 target is...

\$18,000 - \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$500.00

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 small and some, like our 'Athon' activity and our end of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ, our major efforts.

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.

More info coming!

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from February 21- March 6

Pearl S, Allie, Ty, Kendra, Blake O, Joy, Alexander C, Mary, Maurice, Ruby N, Elle, Afraa, Owen C, Sadie, Candy, Liam M, Jake C, Izabella W, Caitlyn H and Levi



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.

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.

Please enjoy pages from some of our classes.

- Year Prep Ciantar
- Year 1-2 Jenner
- Year 3-4 Littlewood

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo

Photos from the week!

Congratulations to our two School Captains, Archie and Madelynn and to our two Vice School Captains, Raima and Zoja.



Archie



Madelynn



Raima



Zoja

Happy Exford kids in action!





Please note the correction to the Gotcha List - it is the Cat or the Dog - not both for 250 Gotchas.

2019 Exford PS Gotcha Prize List

Students are awarded Gotchas when we catch them in the act of being great Exford kids and demonstrating our school values. Gotchas can be carried over from one year to the next (a voucher is exchanged for the left over Gotchas) and the child's Gotcha tally continues. No Gotchas are wasted at Exford!

PRIZE		GOTCHAS			
Sticker		1			
Prize box		5			
Choose a book at story time		5			
Jump to the front of the Canteen queue		5			
Lunch with a friend		8			
Teacher's chair for a day		10			
Be the teacher for 10 mins		10			
Lunch with the Principal, Assistant Principal or your choice of teacher		15			
Free time (15 mins)		15			
Choose a class game		25			
Video game time (30 mins)		30			
30 minutes with Ms Campo or Mr <u>Wilson</u> (reading, knitting, games, drawing etc)		50			
MEGA Gotcha Award - students can choose from a range of group experiences - Some examples - Science activities with Mrs Adams, Gingerbread baking and movie with Ms Kappler, Kite making and flying with Mrs Talbot, Lego Club with Mr Jenner, End of term movie and popcorn		100			
Seasonal Gotcha 'Auctions' - e.g. footy tickets etc that we are able to source, time with a visiting footy player etc		Auction			
Small knitted toy prize - the student can choose the wool and it will be knitted specially for them with progress 'show and tells' along the way! The pictures below are some examples:		150			
Bunny 	Sloth 	Daisy-May 	Elf (200 points) 		
Larger Knitted toy (e.g. teddy, monkey, cat, dog and other knitted prizes) - the student can choose the wool colour and it will be knitted specially for them with progress 'show and tells' along the way! The pictures below are some examples.		250			
Teddy 	Cat or Dog 	Cat 	Giraffe or Zebra 	Monkey 	Tiger 

Location in Prep Ciantar



In Maths, Prep J have been learning about 'Location'.

We have been learning to use words such as, 'between', 'near', 'next to', 'forwards', 'towards', 'in front', 'behind', 'next to', 'through' and 'between' in our everyday language. We have also been learning to follow instructions.

After reading the story 'We are going on a Bear Hunt,' we went on a bear hunt around the school moving between, under, through and over the playground to find a bear. The Preps were disappointed when we did not find a bear, but Ms Ciantar was very relieved!



In Year 1/2J, we have been learning to make predictions before reading using text clues (pictures and words).

'I think the principal is behind the door because he's holding a bell' – Mary

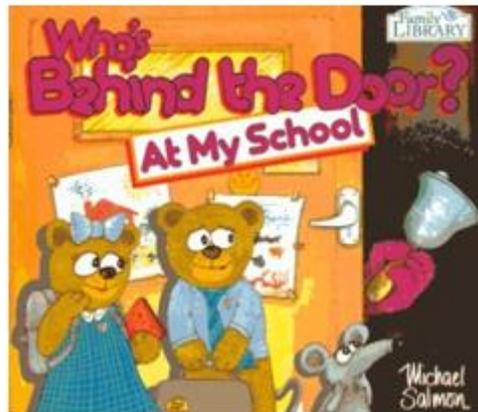
'I think there is a monster' – Luisa

'I think the bears are going to school' – Elissia

'I think there will be a principal behind the door because there is a bell' - Ewan

'I think because I see a hand and it had a bell' - Candy

'I think there is an animal behind the door' – Kai W



'There will be a monster behind the door' – Harper

'I think there is a monster' - B.

'I think a monster is behind the door' – Paige

'I think I'm going to see a Principal because he has a bell' – Thomas

'I think there's going to be a monster principal because I see a pink hand' – Jesse B

'I think it will be an Art Teacher because there is pictures' – Zoe

'I think it is Ms Campo. I can see her hand' – Noah M

'I predict there is a principal because he is holding the bell' – Jesse W

'I think that it might be a monster behind the door because it has pink hands' – Isabell.

'I predict there is going to be a school because the title says 'my school' – Harrison

'I think there is a lot of ninjas because I like ninjas' – Nixon

In Year 3/4 L we were very excited to get our new teaching table and start this year's focus groups in style!



Working on calculating notes and coins



Working on using quotation marks correctly in our writing



Working on reading more challenging texts



Working on developing our setting in our narratives



OSH Club News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

This fortnight at OSHClub we have really been focusing on teamwork, setting challenges and playing many group games to support this. We have had a great time getting busy with some construction, making giant train tracks and building towers with our cups. This challenges the children's fine motor skills and patience, as well as their imaginations. Playdough has been quite popular with our Preps creating bowls, cups and animals. The children have also been busy each morning playing salons, role-playing being hairdressers, nail technicians and make-up artists - this has been a popular activity with all morning session children.



If you have any suggestions please use the suggestion/communication book on the sign in/out table or our planning wall in our room. We are looking forward to your suggestions, so we can 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:

Term 1 is No Hat, No Play. Please ensure your child has a hat in their school bag so we are able to go out and enjoy the outdoors. You can leave a spare hat at the program if needed as well.

PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. If your child does not know / 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: Rebecca Assistant: Sharyn 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.



2nd MELTON SCOUT GROUP

Blackwood Drive, Melton South

5-7 Years	JOEY SCOUTS	Wednesday 5.30pm – 6.30pm
8-10 Years	CUB SCOUTS	Wednesday 7.00pm - 8.30pm
11-14 Years	SCOUTS	Thursday 6.30pm – 8.30pm
15-17 Years	VENTURERS	Friday 7.00pm - 9.00pm
18-26 Years	ROVERS	Sunday 6.30pm -8.30pm

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