

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 4 - Term 1, 2023

Thursday 2 March 2023



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## Ms Campo's news....

### School Council Elections / Members



Thank you to all our families for coping with a busier than usual traffic at morning drop off on Wednesday, due to our Senior Learning Building concrete pour.

Thanks to Tully, our Project Manager, for his 4 am start to oversee the arrival of 44 concrete trucks which delivered 312 cubic metres of concrete for the base level of our Senior Learning Building.

It will be very exciting to see the building start to rise from its base over the coming months!



### Visit by Steve McGhie

Our local Member of Parliament, Mr Steve McGhie will visit Exford PS on Friday 3 March for our Assembly. He will present our Prep children with their Starting School bag. A reminder to return your child's media permission form to indicated photo permission or no permission, please. These forms were sent home on Monday 27 February.

### Coming up

- Friday 10 March
  - Year 1 – 2 Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion
  - MPSSA Summer Lightning Cup (Year 5-6 students)

### Due to the Office

- Monday 6 March
  - Year 1 – 2 Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion
  - Money and form due
- Monday 20 March
  - Year Prep Werribee Zoo excursion
- CSEF – New applicants only

*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

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## Staffing

It is with sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Rachel MacLeod, one of our amazing Education Support staff members. Mrs MacLeod has made the decision to resign in order to spend more time with her family.

We have advertised for a replacement Education Support staff member.

## School Council Elections /

Thanks to these parents who have nominated for our School Council for the 2023 – 2024 school years.

- Belinda (Olivia Year 3)
- Rebecca (Hannah Year 6)
- Shae (Alyce (Year 4 and Charlotte Year 5)
- \* Miriam (Mahayla Year 3)

Thanks to the staff who have nominated for our School Council for the 2023 – 2024 school years.

- Mrs Kim Scalzo
- Mrs Michelle Cassar (replacing Mrs Megan Harper for the 2023 school year)

The first meeting of the 2023 meeting cycle will be on Wednesday 15 March at 5:30 pm and it is the Annual Reporting Meeting where we look at the achievements of the previous school year.

## Car Park

Whilst we have more car parking spaces than most schools, our car park is still a very busy place at pick up and drop off times. We ask all families to drive courteously and treat each other with respect and patience. We ask that families **do not stop and drop**, please park safely before allowing children to exit the car. We also ask that families do not ask their children to walk up to the front car park to be collected – families need to park and walk down to get them.

**Please note that all traffic and road rules apply in car parks as well, even school car parks.**

This week, Mr Bowden has added more parking markers and has spray-painted the existing ones yellow to make them more noticeable to help with more accurate parking.

Construction traffic will begin to get busier with deliveries of concrete loads, materials and pre-cast panels in the coming weeks. Our Project Manager will direct traffic on those occasions when deliveries may affect school traffic.

**Please drive and park carefully and courteously.**

## 'Meet the Teacher' Parent Interviews

Thank you to all the families who have made an appointment to have a discussion with their child's teacher. If you were not able to make a time, please contact your child's teacher to make an alternate appointment time.

## Student Support Group meetings

We will hold our Student Support Group meetings on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 for the students who have an Individual Learning Plan. These are held by WebEx and are a ten minute appointment time. Please contact Mrs Harper in our office if you have forgotten to respond to her invitation for an SSG meeting for your child / children.

## 2023 dates to remember

### Term 1

#### Friday 10 March

- MPSSA Summer Lightning Cup (Year 5-6 students)
- Year 1-2 Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion

#### Monday 13 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday (no school)

#### Wednesday 15 March

- NAPLAN testing begins for Year 3 and Year 5 students

#### Friday 24 March

- Year Prep Werribee Zoo excursion

#### Friday 31 March

### • **SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY**

- Students must be in full school uniform and will need to wear their windcheater or their bomber jacket in the photo (weather permitting, of course)
- Shoulder length hair must be neatly tied back as per our Uniform policy
- No jewellery, except for watches or small earrings, please

#### Thursday 6 April

- 9 am – Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly
- 2:30 pm Dismissal – end of Term 1

#### Friday 7 - Friday 21 April

- Term 1 School Holidays

#### Monday 24 April

- Pupil Free Day No 3 – staff only

#### Tuesday 24 April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no school)

#### Wednesday 26 April

- Term 2 begins for our students



## Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle

It will be lovely to have a full Assembly for our Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of Term 1 (Thursday 6 April). During the next half of Term 1, we ask our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make Easter hampers as prizes for our Easter fundraiser.

**If donations of Easter Goodies could be brought to the Office, please?**

Easter raffle tickets home were sent home last week and more raffle ticket books will be available from our Office for you to sell to families, friends and work colleagues. All fundraising efforts go towards subsidising the iPad leases.

For the last week of Term 1, the Homework task across the classes is to design and create the Easter Bonnet creation to proudly wear at our Assembly on Thursday 6 April at 9 am – all families welcome – little brothers and sisters are also able to join in the Easter Bonnet Parade with their school siblings.



## 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.

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If you applied for the CSEF at Exford Primary School in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 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 2023 if any of the following changes have occurred:**

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2023 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 2023

If a form was not lodged in 2022, 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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf)

## Help Needed

We have many Gotcha toys still needing to be knitted and put together. If you have any knitting or sewing talents, we would love to hear from you – many hands make light work!

All materials and lessons provided. If you are able to help, would you contact Ms Campo on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or send a message through Seesaw.

## Mobile Phones (and other 'smart' devices)

A reminder that students cannot bring a mobile phone or Smart watch to school without the express permission of the Principal (in advance). This is in accordance with the Minister of Education's instructions about Mobile Phones (and smart devices) at schools. Please see the link to our policy - [2021 EPS - Mobile Phones Policy \(Student Use\) – Exford Primary School \(exfordps.vic.edu.au\)](#)

## 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) - 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.



## 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.

## 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	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday
Prep Smyth	Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday
Year 1-2 Roe	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday
Year 1-2 Romanski	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Talevski	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Jones	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday
Year 3-4 Micallef	Tuesday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Year 3-4 Monagle	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5-6 Fyfe	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Higgins	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Mounsey	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday	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.

**FlexiSchools** – As we enter a new school year, you need to roll over your child's account to their current year level. To manage your profile, go to the FlexiSchools app, click on 'News', then select the 3 dots in the top right-hand corner. You can then select your child's current year.

**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 FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

## Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 17 February - 2 March**

**Peni, Trey, Ali, Lakotah, Gabriel, Kendra, Dhruv, Aishleen, Mary, Shahzain, Ritish, Natalia, Alina, Harper and Afraa**

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.

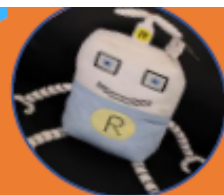
Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.



Personal  
Best



Respect



# Student of the Week

## Week 4

## Week 5

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Isaac	Personal Best	Artemisia	Personal Best
Year Prep Smyth	Aurora	Kindness	Kruze	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Layla	Kindness	Hana	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Shanveer	Personal Best	Rachael	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanksi	Tyler	Personal Best	Kaiden	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Nihal	Personal Best	Peni	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Ned	Personal Best	Holly	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Mia	Kindness	Talisha	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Jack	Personal Best	Amber	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Eddie	Personal Best	Caelan	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Ashton	Personal Best	Jacob	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Cadin	Personal Best	Candy	Personal Best
The Arts	Lachlan	Personal Best	Elissia	Personal Best
Physical Education	Shahzain	Kindness	Candy	Kindness
French	Umar	Personal Best	Minnie	Personal Best
Science	Ammon	Personal Best	Kailen	Personal Best
OSH Club	Lachlan	Kindness	Noah	Respect
Ms Campo	Christian	Personal Best	Gurman	Personal Best
Mr Wilson	Adelina	Kindness	Peni	Personal Best

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

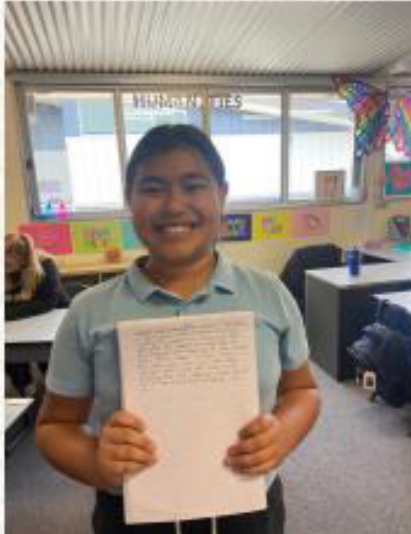
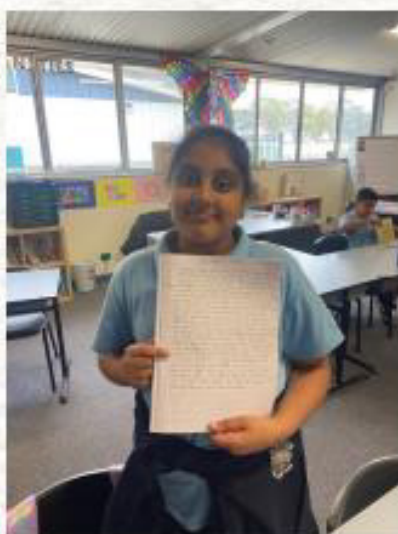
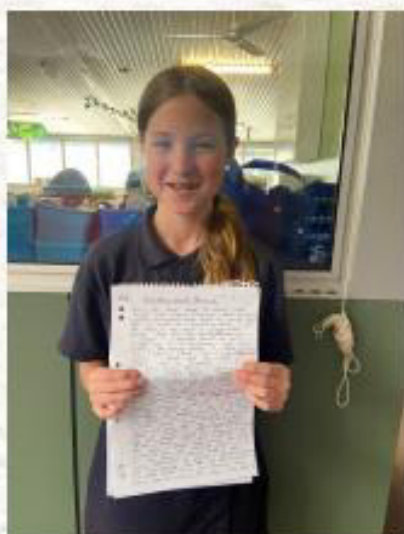
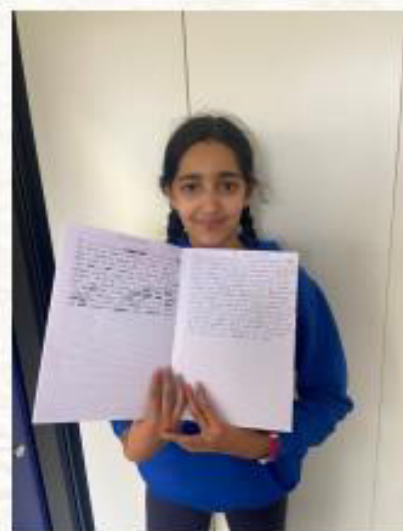
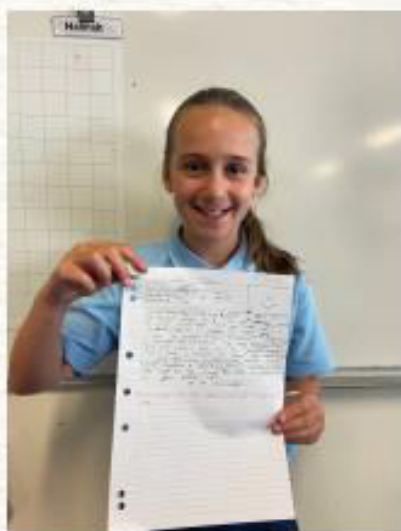
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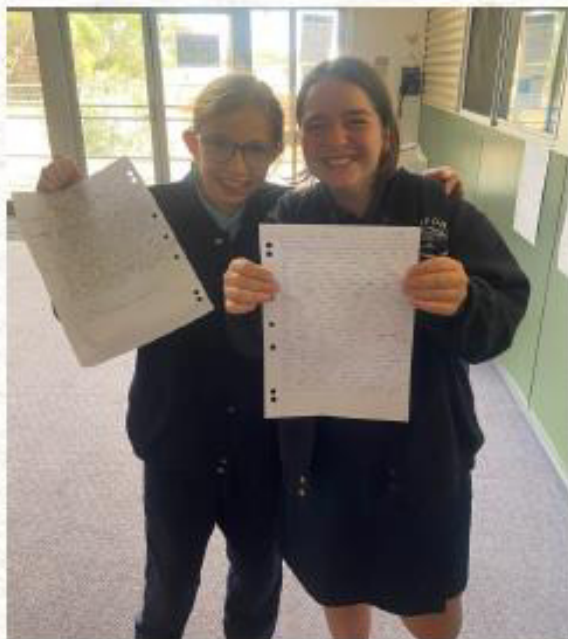
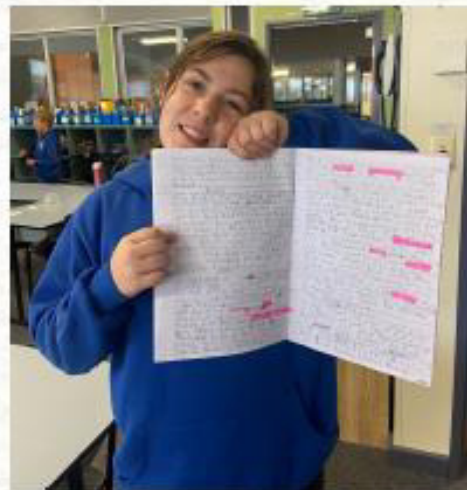
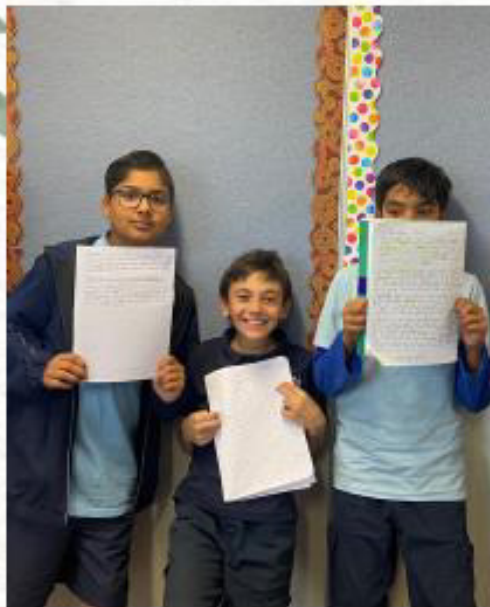


# Narrative Writing in 5-6 Higgins

In Year 5-6, we have been learning about the 6 + 1 traits of writing and how to use these to improve our writing pieces. Our favourite trait so far has been word choice!



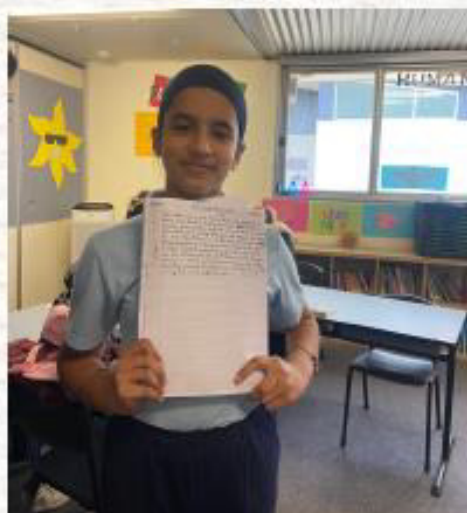




Jacob

### THE STONE MAN

One nice morning in the middle of Australia on a summer morning people would gather around a statue of a man and his dog. Every one would come to see it and one man would come and clean the statues because the man knew the other man and the dog. It was so hot and there was two ice cream vans near the statues so people can sit next to the statues and eat there ice cream. "I wish we could be alive and be normal again" said the stone man to the dog, then suddenly the ground started shaking, tree branches fell and then CRACK! The man and the dog were alive again. It was early in the morning then they knew that they only have one day until they become stone again. So they did everything they had wanted to do for a while like go to the beach, go on a walk but they knew that they would not have a enough time to do all the stuff they wanted so they made the time they had left count.







# LUNCH TIME *clubs*







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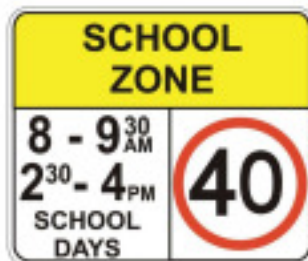


## VICTORIA POLICE

Most schools are experiencing parking and traffic issues at pick up and drop off times. Through Melton and Brimbank Police have been out checking on driver behaviour around schools and school crossings.

It has become apparent that too many drivers are not obeying posted parking and speed signs.

It is important to park legally to provide a safer environment for children. Double parking restricts the view of drivers and forces children onto the road and obstructs traffic.



All school speed limits are clearly signposted. Remember the times and slow down around schools.

If you're unable to park legally close-by, please park a street or two away and walk to collect the children. It will also teach them about road safety.

Some of the fines include:

Exceeding speed limit by 10km/h but less than 25km/h - \$370 and 3 demerit points.

Stopped – Double Parked or parked on Nature Strip- \$111

Fail to stop and remain stationary at children's crossing - \$462 and 3 demerit points.

Use mobile phone while driving - \$555 and 4 demerit points.

Although the fines are significant the main focus of Police is the safety of the children and that of the crossing supervisors.

Please remember to be patient around schools. This will provide a safer environment for the children.

*Dave SANDERS*

Sergeant 35940 - Melton Highway Patrol - Victoria Police

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**PHOTO DAY IS  
COMING ....**

Friday  
31st March 2023

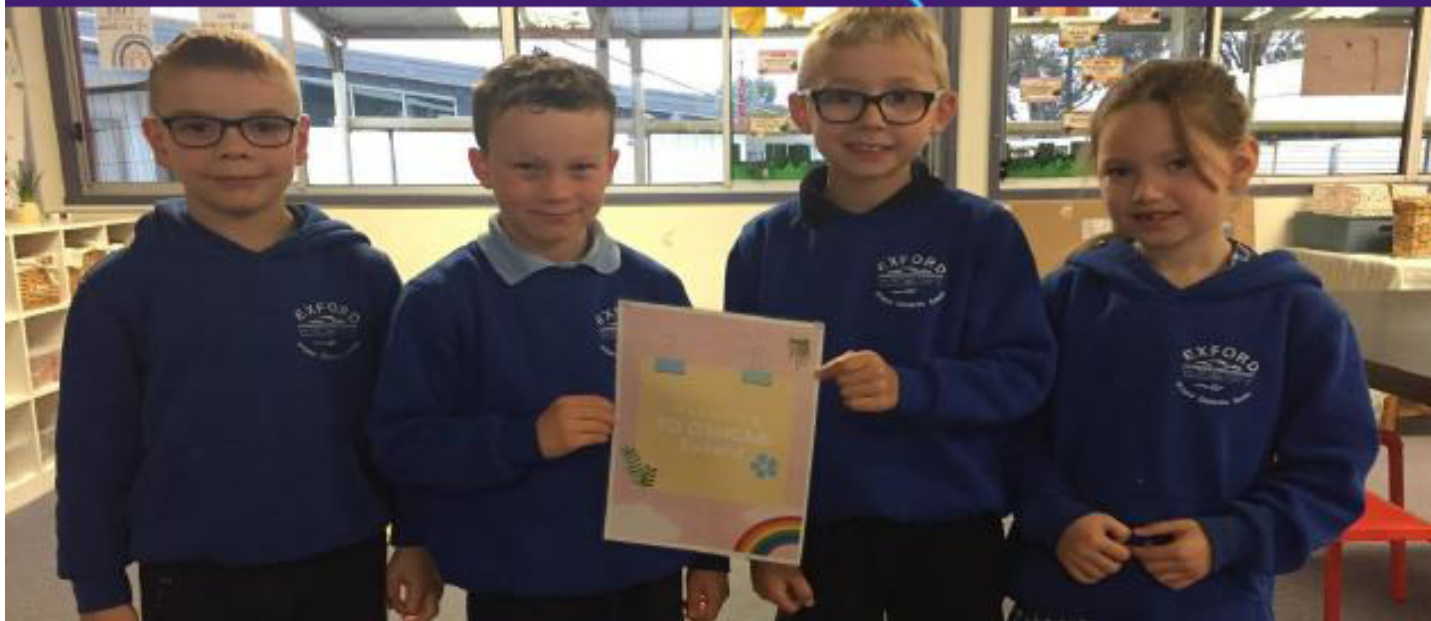
**MSP Photography will be visiting our school on  
the above day.**

- ❑ Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- ❑ Order online [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) or by placing cash inside the envelope. Please enclose correct amount as no change will be given.
- ❑ Discounted orders close 7 DAYS after photo day, please order early to avoid a late fee.
- ❑ Sibling photo's can be ordered online, or spare envelopes are available at the school office on request.

**LIFE IS  
EASIER  
WITH MSP**

**Please call MSP  
on 5333 5577**  
if you have any questions.





## Welcome to Country

I begin today by acknowledging the Wurundjeri and Wadawurrung people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which gather today and pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.



## OSHClub Exford Newsletter Weeks 3 & 4, Term 1 2023

### Welcome to Term 1

Hello, hello friends & family of Exford!

We hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and we are excited to jump back into week 5, halfway through the term! The last two weeks have been fantastic teaching our new students our procedures and processes and enjoying the warm weather!

We are so excited to continue getting crafty with creating chalk drawings on the basketball court, origami cats, superhero masks and 3 marker challenge! We've been teaching our new friends our favourite games including money heist, yoga challenge & ABC Pacman and making new friends!

Please remember to bring your hats and water bottles as we are still in summer - no hat, no play!

We can't wait to see you at Exford OSHClub - for any enquires please call us on 0419 207 638 or email us at [exford@oshclub.com.au](mailto:exford@oshclub.com.au)



## Coming Up

MAR  
01

### Parent - Teacher Interviews

Over two days parents and teachers will meet.

MAR  
13

### Labour Day

Public Holiday - No School or OSHClub

MAR  
31

### School Photo Day

Get gorgeous for school photos 2023!

## Club News

### Our Clubs News

Our clubs for 2023 have been decided....

and we will be starting with a cooking club lasting 5 weeks with Jigna. Learning to make a variety of sweet and savoury snacks with flavour that packs a punch for afterschool or your school lunch box!

Later in the Term we will be starting a gardening club with Taylah, learning how to care and provide for nature and growing our own herbs and flowers over 6 weeks!

## Special Announcements

### ELA Term 1 2023

Book in for our new extra learning activity on Fridays from the 24th of February to the 17th of March!

This term we will be doing Little Labs - a science themed workshop!



## Quality Area Reflection

### Quality Area 3

My quality area focus for term one 2023 is Area Three - Physical Environment.

Within our OSHClub space my goal is to create an Inviting and fun space that the children are proud of and have contributed to. I would like my staff and students to have equal contribution towards all our displays including a birthdays celebration window, QIP (quality improvement plan) and sustainability posters.

We have already begun decorating and improving the quality of our space by incorporating all the children's art pieces on to an art display to the back of the room!





## Coordination Corner

- Parents and families are reminded that term four requires hats and sunscreen for outside play. Please bring hats every morning and afternoon as we supply sunscreen. **NO HAT NO PLAY!**
- Please ensure to book your children in using your parent portal as we cannot guarantee a spot for your child. In the case of an emergency booking please call us directly.
- Also, when dropping and picking up the children please ensure to always come into our OSHClub room as a legal and safety requirement.

## Photo Gallery





# 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](http://parkrun.com.au)  
and head down to your local junior parkrun event!

## notes:

Eynesbury Heritage Trail junior parkrun - Eynesbury Discovery Centre Carpark  
Every Sunday 8am