# **Exford Primary School**

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### Ms Campo's news....

# **Presenting our School Captains and Vice School Captains**



### We would like to proudly present our School and Vice School Captains for 2024!

From left – Awheata (Vice School Captain), Elissia (School Captain), Jacob (Vice School Captain) and Harry (School Captain).

We congratulate Awheata, Elissia, Jacob and Harry as our School and Vice School Captains for the 2024 school year. We would also like to acknowledge all the Year 6 students who prepared and presented a speech for their Year 5-6 peers and staff.

Our Year 6 Captains and Vice Captains speeches are published later in this newsletter.

# Concrete Pour ... and traffic!

At approximately 5 am tomorrow, the concrete pour for the Gymnasium will commence. They hope to have the bulk of the pour done by school drop off time, but they will still have some concrete by the time the children start arriving at school. Mr Wilson and I will manage the traffic as we did the other day and will open the vehicle gates and front gates at 8:40 am, just to spread out our school traffic. Please be mindful that the traffic will be a little busier than normal tomorrow.

This week, we have experimented with re-instating the 'Kiss and Drop' zone at the front of the school once the buses have been and gone and will re-put the K & D zone back into action for as long as we can (construction depending). This is <u>not</u> a parking zone, it is a 'Kiss and Drop' only zone – there is parking further along for parents to park and walk their children into the school. Drivers coming into the car park need to be mindful of this area. The 'Kiss and Drop' zone is only active when directed by the Leadership staff member on duty.

A reminder that driving and parking safely at our school is a responsibility which belongs to <u>all of us</u>. Please park carefully and accurately, do not stop and drop in the car park, except for in the 'Kiss and Drop' zone. We ask that drivers respect the reserved car spaces and are always mindful to drive at the speed level advertised (slow walking speed in the carpark, 40 km/h on Exford Road in school drop off / pick up times and 60 km/h at all other times.

# **Coming Up**

- Wednesday 13 March
  - <u>Year 1-2 Ambrose only</u> rescheduled 'Meet the Teacher' interviews
- Wednesday 15 March
  - <u>Year 1-2 Jones only</u> rescheduled 'Meet the Teacher interviews'
- Bookings can be made through XUNO

# Due to the Office

- Monday 4 March
  - Year 1-2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
  - Money and forms due in XUNO
- CSEF <u>New applications only</u>

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!







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PERSONAL BEST

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# Wadawurrung Ceremony

Yesterday, we held a special Assembly to commemorate the commencement of the final stage of construction for our school. Ashleigh, a Traditional Owner, came to our school and conducted a Welcome to Country. We also had Steve McGhie, Member for Melton and representing the Minister for Education, join us. We had other dignitaries also join us, such as DET staff, Architects, VSBA and our Project Manager, Tully.

Steve McGhie also visited with our Prep children and presented them with their Starting School book bag, which the children eagerly accepted...especially the rainbow glasses which were lots of fun!

# Attendance messages in Seesaw

We will begin posting our attendance messages in Seesaw twice a term this year again, which gives parents an update on their children's attendance rate and to celebrate great school attendance.



### Attendance goal for as many children as possible!

To be at school 98 + % of the 2024 school year.

#### 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.

# **Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle**



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 could be brought to the Office, please?

We will be sending the Easter raffle tickets home <u>during</u> <u>the next week</u> 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 28 March at 9 am – all families welcome and little brothers and sisters are also able to join in the Easter Bonnet Parade with their school siblings, as always.

# 2024 dates to

### remember

### <u>Term 1</u>

### Monday 4 March

 Year 1-2 Melbourne Zoo excursion – note and money due in XUNO

### Thursday 7 March

 School Photos Day – see flyer below <u>Friday 8 March</u>

- 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.
- Year 1-2 Ambrose replacement 'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

### Thursday 15 March

• Year 1-2 Jones replacement 'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

### Thursday 28 March

- Easter Bonnet Parade 9 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)

### <u>Term 2</u>

### Monday 15 April

• Term 2 begins for staff and students Thursday 25 April

### ANZAC Day Public Holiday

### Wednesday 8 May

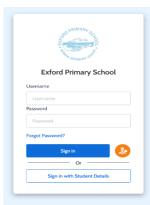
• Mother's Day Stall

### Friday 17 May

Year 3-6 Sports Day at Bridge Road Tuesday 21 - Thursday 28 May

Life Education Program

### SCHOOL PHOTOS



For those families that have had trouble with the link provided in the flyer below. MSP have advised to try opening the link with another browser, such as Chrome or Firefox

This is the image that should be visible in your browser.

# **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

# 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-ofuniform 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.

### 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 <u>Seesaw Families App</u>. If you are having any difficulty gaining access or viewing your child's portfolio, please contact Mrs Harper in the Office.





# **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.

Our Hats have arrived! You can place your order through QKR and we can send the hat to your child's class.

## **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 2 Mother's Day Stall
- Term 3 Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)	Science
Prep Akamatis	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Prep Gleeson	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday
Prep Mastrop	Wednesday	Friday	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	Monday
Year 1-2 Roe	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Fyfe	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Monagle	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Mounsey	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Romanski	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
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

School dresses – We have had confirmation from our supplier that the school dresses should be arriving next week.

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

### <u>Did you know that:</u>

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 <u>exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u> – all student absences must be explained in writing.



To our students who celebrated their birthday 16 - 29 February

Hamdaan, Adhiraj, Aria D, Peni, Trey, Ali, Ryan, Kendar, Salesi, Mirha, Dhruv, Ritish, Lachlan and Natalia

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.



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2024 - Exford PS's Term 1 Lunch Time Clubs for our Year Prep - 6 Kids - Monday 19 February 2024									
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Recess	Year 5-6 Knitting Club daily - with Ms Killeen in Ms Campo's office								
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First half of lunch 1:30 - 2 pm	Origami Club - in Mrs Roe's room	Origami Club - in Mrs Roe's room	Prep - Year 2 Arts Club	Prep - Year 2 Arts Club	Origami Club in Mrs Roe's classroom				
Second half of lunch 2 - 2:30 pm	Dance Club in the SLB garden area	Origami Club in Mrs Roe's room	Dance Club with Mr Mounsey in the SLB garden area						
	Music Club in the Music Room	Yoga Club in the Music Room	Yoga Club in the Music Room	Yoga Club in the Music Room	Music Club in the Music Room				
	Prep - Year 2 Arts Club	Year 3-6 Arts Club	Year 3-6 Arts Club	Year 3-6 Arts Club	Prep - Year 2 Arts Club				
	Lego Club in her classroom	Lego Club in Mrs Blasis' classroom	Lego Club in Mrs Blasis' classroom	in Mrs Blasis' classroom	Eego Club in Mrs Blasis' classroom				
	Library & Chess Club	Elibrary & Chess Club	Elibrary & Chess Club	Library & Chess Club	Chess Club				
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GOTCHA Stall in the Music Room - Mrs Micallef and the 4 School & Vice School Captains - even week Tuesdays (starting Tuesday 20 February 2024) 2024 Term 1 Specialist and YD timetable - for the week beginning Monday 26 February 2024

# INTRODUCING OUR 2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS



# Elissia - Captain



# Harry- Captain







# **2024 School Captain speeches**

### Harry – School Captain

Good morning / afternoon students, teachers, aides and staff. Before I start my speech today, I would just like to thank all my teachers who have helped me grow stronger and smarter throughout my starting years.

I believe I have what it takes to be an Exford School Captain and these are just some of the reasons why.

Firstly, I would love to help with anything the students and staff need. This would include helping new kids and Preps get settled in and I will help give tours around the school, so they know where everything is when they need it. As the School Captain, I will do my best to make them feel at home.

Secondly, I will commit to school values like you've never ever seen before. I have always shown respect to my teachers and classmates and as School Captain I will do everything in my power to help people when they need me most.

I hope to show my personal best by representing Exford in lots of different sports teams, such as Cricket, Basketball, Soccer, swimming and athletics. I also think a School Captain needs to be a good team player, and working as a team is something I am great at!

But most importantly I will show kindness by including everyone and by helping people up or giving someone a hand when they need it.

These are the reasons why I hope you strongly consider me as your 2024 School Captain.

And as some of you might know, my two older brothers were School Captains at Exford. So please vote for me so I can be one too!

### Elissia – School Captain

Good afternoon teachers and students at Exford Primary School.

Hi, my name is Elissia and I believe I would be a perfect choice for School Captain.

Before I give my reasons on why I believe I would be a good School Captain, I would like to thank the Wadawurrung people and the traditional owners of the land on which we are gathered, and pay my respects to the elders, past, present, and emerging, and to any other elders and Koorie people here today.

My reasons on why I think I should be nominated for School Captain:

Firstly, I strongly believe that I show all the school values of kindness, respect, and personal best. I would also be a good role model to look up to as I am easily approachable and share a good bond with students and teachers at Exford Primary School. I personally believe that I have good leadership skills and I often volunteer to take on a variety of roles within our school, to enhance my overall teamplay and leadership abilities

Secondly, I have a great relationship with all the teachers and staff, especially with the upcoming Preps. I've recently volunteered to help out with the Preps when in need at recess and lunch time, to ensure they feel happy, safe and comfortable.

Lastly, it has been a big dream of mine to achieve the role of School Captain, ever since my older brother was elected in 2017. From then I have made it a personal goal of mine to accomplish this milestone and follow my brother's footsteps.

This is why I believe I would be an amazing School Captain of Exford Primary School.

Thank you all for listening and have a good rest of your day.

# **2024 School Captain speeches**

### Awheata - Vice Captain

Good morning staff and students, my name is Awheata, and I would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung people, the traditional owners of the land of which we are gathered. I pay my respects to the elders, past, present, and emerging and to any other elders Koorie people present today. I would like to be your 2024 School Captain and here are some of the reasons why.

I show great leadership by always showing the school values of kindness, respect, and personal best. I show kindness by always helping others out in the yard and in the classroom. I always show respect by listening to others and paying attention in class.

I show my personal best by always doing all my work and aiming to achieve my goals. All these qualities make me a wonderful role model to all students, particularly those in the younger grades.

Usually, I am known to be shy in front of big crowds, however, here I am today, I did it and I will continue to grow my confidence as your school captain if I am chosen.

Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen to my speech, enjoy the rest of your day.

### Jacob - Vice Captain

Hello, my name is Jacob. This year I would like to apply for School Captain. I believe that I would make a great School Captain and here are some reasons why.

I have some experience because I was a School Values Ambassador last year and was picked for this because of the way I treat the other kids at Exford Primary School. Being a Values Ambassador, I was responsible for helping with the Gotcha Store. I was also asked to help on the Prep -2 Athletics day and through that I helped get the students ready for the race and encouraged them to do their best.

I always show the Exford Primary School values and as a School Captain I will support and encourage others to do the same. I show the values of kindness by helping other students when something happens. I make sure that any new kids feel welcomed right away, by seeing if they want to be friends. I show respect by following the school rules, listening to others and treating everyone fairly. I always show my personal best in class by trying hard with all my learning and when I'm outside by giving my best during games.

As a School Captain, I will continue to always show our three values and will help other students to do the same. I will speak at assembly with confidence, be a role model, greet special visitors to the school and help Ms Campo and Mr Wilson with whatever they need.

Thank you for listening to my speech and I hope that you vote for me to be a school leader in 2024.

Thank you.

# msp photography

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# **EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# PHOTO DAY: Thursday 7th March 2024

# **HOW TO ORDER**

PHOTO DAY IS COMING

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.





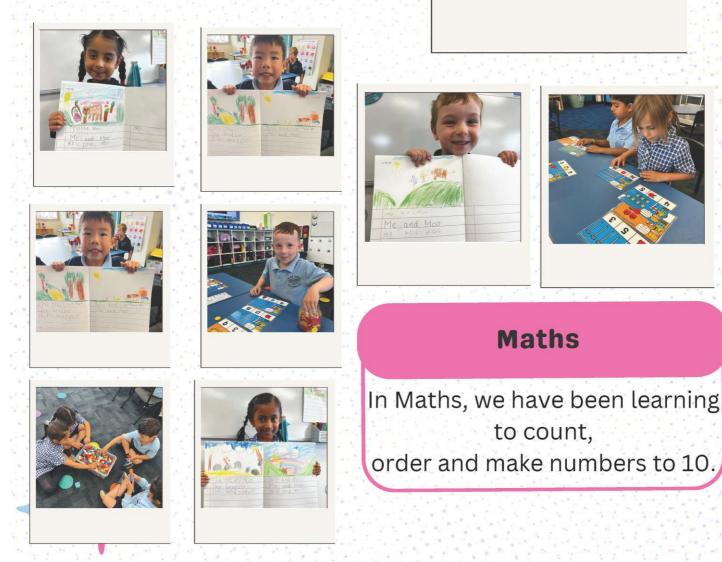


# Prep GLEESON

# Writing

In Writing, we have been learning to write a sentence. This includes using a full stop and capital letter.





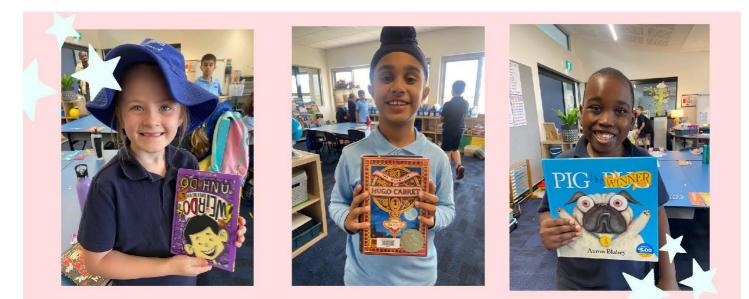


# GET READY, GET SET, GET READING!

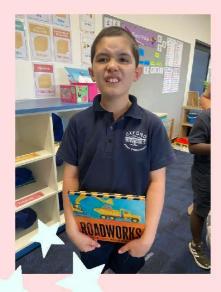
This week, Year 3-4 Monagle went to explore the beautiful new Library set up. The Library is looking fabulous and we talked about the importance of keeping it well organised so that it functions properly and can continue to be enjoyed by our school.

We learned about how the books are categorised into type, such as fiction, non-fiction and picture story but also learned about where texts for middle and senior primary school readers are kept. The shelves are clearly organised alphabetically and we learned that books are organised in this way using the author's surname.





We were very excited to look through the shelves and made our first selections for the year to take back to our classroom. Here are some photos of some excited readers and the books they chose!

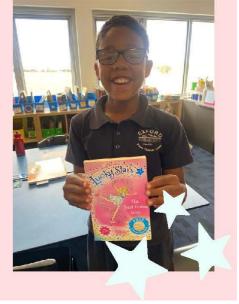












This term we have been busy in the Art Room making our space bright, filling it with work, learning the Art Room routines and finding where things live in our new space.

ART ROOM

NEWS











Year 1-6 students have all made self portraits.

# ART ROOM NEWS

We have been revisiting and learning about primary colours, secondary colours and colour mixing. Students have begun construction projects, landscape artwork and scratch art projects.









The Art Room is busy as always, enjoy our photos and wonderful work!

# OSHCIUL News!

Welcome to Exford OSHClub!

We have had a great start to the new year with lots of new families!

# Ramendar

🖉 Parents, please walk children into the OSHroon when dropping them off.

Please bring a hat for your child, a spare nonschool hat is okay.

🗸 Remember you can book in advnace through our parent portal online.

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Rainbow Afternoon! Join us for an afternoon of all things rainbow.

# March 222

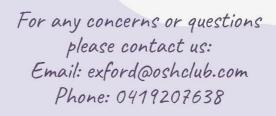
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Baking Club! Join us for an afternoon of baking yummy treats.



The first few weeks of term have been a whirlwind of fun! Our future chefs had a great time making and eating their own pizzas at our pizza party. We continued to enjoy the sunshine and play outside when possible, which the children love! Finally, our preps had their first full week of school and settled in to the fun of OSH.



# Exford Primary School Instrumental Music Programme



afternoons &

evenings free!

🕲 YAMAHA

acoustic

electric

guitar

guitar

PerformingArtsHeadquarters

👔 Bacchus Marsh Music Shop

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PerformingArtsHeadquarters

drums

# Learn a Musical InstrumentLearning Music...at SchoolKeep your

piano

singing

PERFORMING ARTS

HEADQUARTERS

bass

guitar

### \* builds confidence

- \* develops concentration
- \* teaches perseverance
- \* promotes literacy & numeracy
- \* improves fine & gross motor skills
- \* engages children...because it's FUN!

# Give the Gift of Music

### Give your child the well rounded education they deserve

"Exford children have loved having the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. By working in partnership with Performing Arts Headquarters, our children are able to have individual or shared lessons within the school day. It's lovely to listen to the children as they develop their musical talents!"

Lisa Campo - Principal (Exford Primary School)

## Quality & Convenience

- \* Learn conveniently within school hours
- \* Receive a 30 minute weekly lesson at school
- \* Learn individually, with a friend or in a small group format
- \* Qualified, experienced & caring teachers
- \* Friendly & personalised approach to learning & customer service
- \* Lessons timetabled around school and student needs
- \* Regular performance opportunities available
- \* 30 years experience working in schools
- \* All teachers have current Working With Children Checks

Prefer AfterSchool lessons? We can help with that too!

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