

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 5 – Term 1, 2022

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Ms Campo's News....

End of Term One is nearly here!

Well, the end of Term One is nearly here and what a term it has been! We have been able to begin excursions and incursions again and are planning our Year 2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 School Camps. Our new Administration and Junior Learning Buildings are approaching completion (we hope to move in early in Term 3!!) and our new sandpit has been finished, too. Our focus has been on supporting our students as they re-engage with all that school has to offer them and a reintroduction of all other areas of the curriculum. We've dealt with COVID related guidelines, facemasks and student and staff absences. I would like to thank the Exford community for how hard we have worked and how flexible we have been in supporting our kids to be at school every day and to remember what almost-normal school life feels like.

It was very exciting to have Mr James Merlino, the Acting Premier and Minister for Education, and Mr Steve McGhie, our local Member of Parliament, visit our school on Wednesday 30 March. Minister Merlino was really pleased with the progress of our works and was interested in how we planned our new buildings to suit our children's learning needs.

Mr Wilson is taking some leave at the start of Term 2 and Ms Littlewood will be Acting Assistant Principal. Ms Anderson returns from leave and will take up her role as our school's Tutor.

I hope everyone has a wonderful term break and we look forward to seeing you and the Easter Bonnet creations for our school kids and their little brothers and sisters on Friday at 8:50 am. We will draw our Easter Raffle prizes and also celebrate the final Students of the Week for the term.

Easter Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade – Friday 8 April at 8:50 am



We are looking forward to our Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday morning and a photographer from one of the local newspapers will be joining us. In the permissions consents you complete on your child's enrolment, you provide (or don't provide) consent for your child's photo to appear in local media. We have a master list of photo permissions. If for any reason you would like to change your consent and do not want your child's photo used, please email the school on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you to the Families that have donated Easter goods and returned raffle tickets, thus far. A reminder that this raffle will be drawn at our final Term 1 Assembly, Friday 8 April at 8:50 am. Please return all sold tickets to the office, prior to the Easter Raffle Draw. If you require more raffle tickets, please call the Office and we can send them home with your child. Thank you for supporting our first School Fundraiser for 2022.

Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on **Monday 3 May**. (Term 2). All gifts need to be purchased via our QKR app. **(Strictly No Cash Payments)** Payments will open on Friday 8 April and will close Wednesday 27 April. There will be a range of gifts available for the children to choose from, all gifts are \$6.00 and there is a limit of 2 gifts per child.



Due to the Office

- Expression of interest forms due for Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp and Year 3 – 4 Campaspe Downs Camp - due Friday 1 April.

On Next Week

- Easter Bonnet Parade
- Final Assembly for Term 1
- Easter Raffle Draw

*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

The new Victorian Government Schools Agreement (not yet finalised)

You may have read about the new Victorian Government Schools Agreement in the media and what it means for our teachers and Education Support staff.

I'm grateful to be the Principal of a school where the staff care so deeply about their community, are knowledgeable and skilful in their practice, and have a mindset focused on continuous improvement. When visiting classrooms throughout the school, I see firsthand the respectful and engaging interactions between teachers, students, and parents. We have all focused on supporting our students to re-establish friendships and strong work habits after the disruptions of the past two years. Whilst COVID is very much a daily concern, it is no longer a distraction from us undertaking our core business and focusing on our school's strong focus on supporting our students academically.

We have already recommenced a number of our extracurricular activities as we endeavour to increase the level of student engagement across the school. We have planned excursions, incursions and school camps for our students. However, teachers do not get paid any extra for the enormous responsibility of school camps, and on behalf of all our students who will enjoy time away this year – thank you.

Having been asked about the possible impact of the 'in-principal' VGSA (industrial agreement) after reading the recent article, 'Warning - Teachers' Win On Time In Lieu Will Endanger School Camps' (The Age), <https://www.theage.com.au/politics/victoria/warning-teachers-win-on-time-in-lieu-will-endanger-school-camps-20220224-p59z7v.html>

... I am also concerned about the potential impact of elements of the 'Agreement'. Teachers are an incredibly committed and professional team who go way beyond the 'standard requirements' and do deserve to be adequately compensated. With the way 'Time In Lieu' is being proposed, programs that are not a part of the standard Victorian Curriculum (namely activities which occur outside the normal school day – e.g. Camps, Activity evenings, School Concerts, ANZAC Day attendance etc) are all at risk. Events that are not extra-curricular (parent-teacher meetings, for example), will likely in future need to be brought inside the standard work hours.

At this stage, DET have confirmed to that there is no additional funding for schools to provide for Time in Lieu for teachers. To give you a rough idea – a school camp which is planned for 4 days with 5 Education Support staff and 6 teachers attending - the ES receive their TIL by having additional leave days within the calendar year where they are not replaced in the classroom. The teachers, however, will need to be replaced by a Casual Replacement Teacher for the hours they attend Camp outside of their normal employment hours – this will be costly and not to mention that there are no CRTs available currently.

The new Agreement is still in the ratification stages and when we have more information for you, we will provide it for you.

Smile Squad

There is a new Dental service available for government school students called the 'Smile Squad' and its provision of dental services will now take over from Teeth on Wheels.

Thanks to



- With thanks to Sasha (Mum of Sienna, Christian and Mia), who kindly donated gifts for our Mother's Day stall.
- With thanks to Kathleen, Riley's mum) for her generous donation to the Easter Raffle
- With thanks to all our families who have donated to the Easter Raffle

Dates to Remember 2022

Term 1

Friday 8 April

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

Term 2

ANZAC Day Parade and Ceremony



The ANZAC Day services in Melton resume this year and it will be great for our school to take part again. We meet for the morning Parade and Ceremony and our School Captains are invited to lay our school's wreath at the Cenotaph at the end of the Ceremony. All EPS kids and families are welcome to join us, the children need to wear their school uniform.

Meet – Monday 25 April at 9:30 am at the corner of High and Alexandra Streets (outside the 'Rivers' store)

Tuesday 26 April

- Term 2 commences for Staff only

Tuesday 26 April

- Pupil Free Day No 3

Wednesday 27 April

- Term 2 commences for Students

Monday 3 May

- Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 May

- NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Wednesday 25 May

- Year 3 – 6 Athletics Day – Bridge Rd Recreation Reserve

Monday 13 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 24 June

- End of Term 2 (2.30 pm dismissal)

FlexiSchools Absence

If your child is unable to attend School, you must submit a FlexiSchools absence.



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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/csef)



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



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 4 - 17 March

Jacob, Bailey, Tyler, Kabir, Amelie, Mariah, Nate M, Amber, Mahayla, Adele, Nate O.

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 8

Week 9

| | Student | Exford Value | Student | Exford Value |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Year Prep Micallef | Layla | Respect | Max | Kindness |
| Year Prep Smyth | Hisham | Personal Best | Amayra | Respect |
| Year 1 - 2 Ambrose | Kaiden | Kindness | Charitha | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Higgins | Kyle | Kindness | Tait | Personal Best |
| Year 1 - 2 Monagle | Kabir | Respect | Fateh | Kindness |
| Year 1 - 2 Roe | Nate | Personal Best | Kaiden | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Fyfe | Te Wai | Respect | Jack | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Gundry | Ryder | Personal Best | Georgia | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Tekin | Anshpreet | Kindness | Eddie | Personal Best |
| Year 5 - 6 Mounsey | Kailen | Personal Best | Rose | Kindness |
| Year 5 - 6 Mastrop | Noelani | Personal Best | Waniya | Kindness |
| Year 5 - 6 Talevski | Jeremy | Personal Best | Cooper | Respect |
| The Arts | - | - | Kaleb | Kindness |
| Physical Education | Leroy | Kindness | Marli | Respect |
| French | Ryan | Kindness | - | - |
| OSH Club | - | - | - | - |

**Congratulations to the following students who received
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 8 & 9**

PAPER BAG PUPPETS

By 1/2 Monagle

We have recently started a new Writing Unit and we are learning about writing Procedures. We are learning that Procedural texts come in many forms including recipes and instructions.



Last week, students were asked to first make a Paper Bag Puppet before going on to write their own Procedure on how their Paper Bag Puppet was made.





We are learning that a Procedural Text needs to include details about the materials needed- in this case students wrote about needing coloured paper, a bag, glue and scissors.



We are also learning that Procedures include a list of steps to follow and need to be written in sequence so that someone can follow our Procedures successfully!



We were very proud of our Paper Bag Puppets!



This term in 5-6 Talevski...

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Thursday the 24th of March, the 5-6 students set off for an excursion to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for a GRIP Leadership Conference.

We upskilled our knowledge on leadership using their STEP Acronym:

S – Serve Others

T – Take Initiative

E – Exemplify School Values

P – Purpose

We mingled with students from other schools and shared ideas about how we all show leadership. After a great day, we finished off with a DANCE!



Our new sandpit opens





BACCHUS MARSH EASTERFEST GOOD FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY 15 APRIL

MADDINGLEY PARK

STATION STREET BACCHUS MARSH

9.30am - 4pm

Easter Egg Hunt Ages: 1-99+ years of age
Easter Bonnet Parade | Visit from Easter Bunny
Stage Entertainment | Markets & Food

**Purchase your
Egg Hunt tickets now!**



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EAGLES FOOTBALL AND NETBALL CLUB

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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

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