



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), Emma (Ella & Maddie), Laura (Olivar & Ruby), Mark (Harriet), Michael (Eamonn), Naomi (Kallan & Ashlyn), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki

Staff: Ms Campo, Ms Coletta, Mr Jenner, Mr Malane and Mr Wilson (visitor)

Ms Campo's News...

Coronavirus - COVID-19

The Coronavirus has us all worried, given the uncertainty and its rapid spread across the world. We have to trust in all the advice we are being given and follow the hygiene practices recommended.

To keep our children safe and healthy at school, we:

- Practise social distancing as much as we can - we have put off any Assemblies, our School photos and visiting each other in classrooms
- Postponed mascot activities (e.g. in our Year 1-2 classrooms where the mascots come home for a week with each child)
- Remind the children of the importance of their hand-washing practices and their use of hand-sanitiser - and provide supervision
- Have postponed any excursion or Camps activities

DET today announced additional cleaning for schools, along with additional supplies of handwashing soap, sanitiser and paper towelling. We remind our families and staff about the need to self-isolate if newly returned from overseas - this means you need stay home and **cannot** come to school or be out in public.

We attach an Absence Learning Plan framework for the families who have withdrawn their children from school already, either due to significant health issues or as a precaution. We have all our planning ready in the event of school closures, for the children's learning to move to working at home, with daily interaction with their teachers using our Seesaw platform, Reading Eggs, Mathletics, EPIC, and Essential Assessment.

New Mod 5 building...arrives next week!

The New Mod 5 building will finally arrive next Thursday, at approximately 10 am, taking 3-4 hours to install. The building team will fence off the area and lay the track-mats across the oval to bring in the trucks and crane. Year 1-2 Ambrose and Reid will move into the new building and we will reclaim the Library and the Art room. Best news we've heard all week!

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2020 Dates

Term 1

Thursday 19 March

Newsletter

Thursday 26 March

Arrival of our new Mod 5 building!!

Friday 27 March

End of Term 1

2:30 pm -
Dismissal

(Eynesbury Buses
arriving
from 2:30 pm)

Dates to be confirmed next term

Term 2

Monday 13 April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Tuesday 14 April

Term 2 for students begins

Friday 17 April

Year 5-6 Ecolinc Visit

Friday 24 April

Year Preps Ecolinc Visit

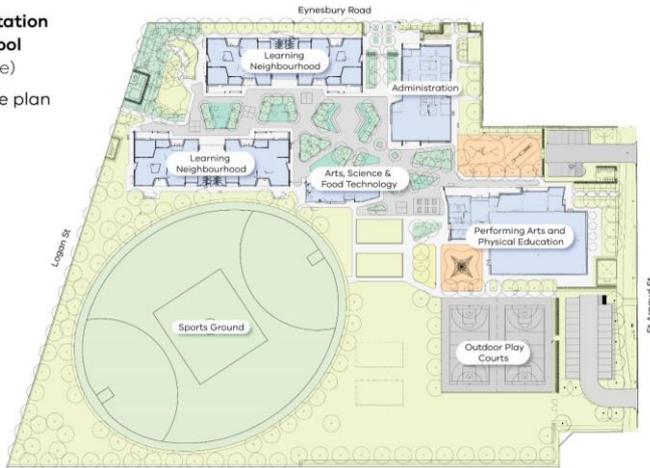
Tuesday 28 April

Year 1-2 Ecolinc Visit

Eynesbury Station PS (interim name)

I have been asked to be part of the Eynesbury Station PS start-up committee. I will not be applying for the Principalship of the new school, my heart belongs to Exford! The VSBA website has a school plan available, as well as some new photos, which I attach here. The school plan has 'learning neighbourhoods', where classrooms link to a larger shared and collaborative space.

Eynesbury Station
Primary School
(interim name)
Indicative site plan



Please note that children who are enrolled at Exford PS can remain at EPS after the opening of Eynesbury Station PS, and their siblings can also attend. I am waiting on confirmation of the new school enrolment zones for Eynesbury Station PS and Exford PS. I am working with PTV to assess the future of our Bus service.

Contact tabs in FlexiBuzz v Seesaw

The only flaw in Seesaw is that messages aren't sent as emails, only notifications - which Mr Wilson and I have turned off as we are linked to every child in the school (!!). So if you are need to make contact with the Office or the Principal team, can we suggest you use the Contact links in FlexiBuzz, as they will send us a direct email. Please allow at least 24 hours for a response - you can always ring the school if it is more important and needs a quicker response.

Professional Learning (PL)

Teachers and Education Support staff take part in a range of professional learning activities throughout the school year, to ensure that their knowledge and range of learning strategies continues to evolve. The majority of the PL we complete is 'job embedded' and occurs throughout the school day and meeting schedule.

However, teachers and ES will also need to be withdrawn from their classroom roles for a day or two at a time. Wherever possible, we keep the same replacement teacher with the class, for the continuity of the class program for the children.

Just like in any industry, our staff are sometimes away from their main roles as part of their continued 'skilling up' - for us, it's our role in the school or in the classrooms. There is always benefit back to the children, as our staff grow more and more skilled and responsive to the children's learning needs.

During Term 1, our PL program has been focused on our team leaders, with their having several days so far this term, another tomorrow and another next week. This is a regional professional learning program, with teacher leaders being drawn from their schools to come together to work, or to work within their schools along with the PL facilitators.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle (Fundraiser)

We are very sad about not having our special Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 27 March, the last day of Term 1. The Prep Team ask that our families still create the Easter Bonnets with their children and send them to school with their bonnets on the last day of term, so our Preps don't miss out on their first Easter Bonnet experience. We will have fun in the classrooms with them and post photos to Seesaw for our families to see, given we can't have an Assembly.

During March, we have asked our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make up into Easter Raffle Hampers. We will hold this over to next term to draw, based on the raffle tickets we have received so far.

Term 2 Activities - Tuesday 14 April - Friday 26 June

- Tuesday 14 April - Term 2 starts for students and staff
- Friday 17 April - Year 5-6 Ecolinc Visit - 'Macro Invertebrate Adaptions'
- Friday 24 April - Year Preps Ecolinc Visit - 'Mini Beasts'
- Tuesday 28 April - Year 1-2 Ecolinc Visit - 'Frogs Up Close'
- Monday 4 May - Year 6 Swimming program begins

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.

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.

Fundraising News



Our 2020 target is...

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

Our Tally so far...

\$0.00

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 are traditional parts of our fundraising approach and these happen each year.

- Term 1 - Easter Raffle
- Term 3 - 'A-thon' activity
- Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

If you are interested in helping out with the Fundraising activities at our school, please contact Ms Campo through the FlexiBuzz 'Contact the Principal' link.

Fxford Readathon

Our Student Leaders have planned our 'Athon' fundraising activity for this year

- and it's going to be a Readathon. **Stay tuned!**



Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 19 March - 15 April 2020

Amie M, Jacob B, Bailey Mc, Sarah N, Amelie, Mairah, Pearl L, Zac S, Cruz, Billie-Rose, Emily H, Emma G, Mahayla, Adele H, Edwin, Ranvir, Harrison, Zane S, Skylar, Umar, Bailey Wr, Jap, Navneet, Lucas S, Caitlyn R, Daniel H, Aleks, Lorahli, Rylan, Ella Sh and Jeremy



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.

Enjoy reading a page from Mr Mounsey's Year 3-4 class.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo

Coding at Exford

Exford Primary School has just acquired some fantastic new STEAM learning Spheros! These wonderful devices will provide our students with a fantastic opportunity to apply their learning from Science, Art and Mathematics in a different learning environment and scenario. Our students will learn great skills in Digital and Design Technologies from these robots.

Year 3/4 Mounsey loved giving these beauts a whirl, testing them out before Coding Club. We started to learn and discuss what coding is, as well as exploring block coding using the SpheroEdu app. If you would like to explore some block coding at home, scan the QR code to learn and have some fun!





A message from the Co-ordinator



Goodbye Bec

Dear Parents and families, it is with some sadness that I inform you that I will be finishing up at Exford on the last day of Term 1 (27/3/20). I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the children for the last 7 years, it has been real pleasure watching and helping your children grow.



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 be aware there is a late booking fee of \$4 for any bookings made less than 24hrs before the start of the desired session.

OSHClub News

This week the Child initiated activities have been very popular. The children have loved having the choice every session to be able to start play of their choice. The most popular choices have been Lego free build, Chess, card games and various board games. Giving the children freedom to choose gives them the feeling of belonging and a voice within the service. By far Beyblade building has been the most popular, with the children doing this every session. The Jenga towers have also been great fun with the children building houses and enclosures for the dinosaurs and Skylanders. Some of the children even engaged in a connector block competition. Nathaniel built a tank with no instructions. It was great to see what the children could build just using their imaginations.

To strengthen our cultural awareness, we decided to get involved in Harmony Week, this opened the children's eyes to diversity and cultural acceptance. Our planned activities were well received with the children getting involved in our planned activities, making Harmony badges, cultural self-portraits and quizzes about different cultures to test the children's knowledge.



Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

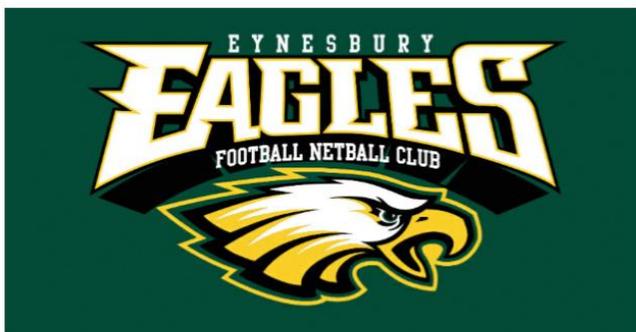
OSHC program email: exford@oshclub.com.au

Co-ordinator: Rebecca

Educator: Plavi

OSHClub Head Office: 1300395735

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 Coordinator direct at the program.



WANTED

Football and Netball players

Join our successful and growing club...

Football

Auskick
Under 9
Under 11
Under 15
Under 13

Call Aaron
0419 662 901

Netball

Net Set Go
Under 11
Under 13
Under 15
Under 17

Call Tracey
0400 562 317

Football training is
at Mt Carberry
Reserve Exford Rd,
Melton Sth

Football and Netball Fun Night

Monday 24th February, 4.30pm – 6pm

**Join us for a BBQ dinner, activities and meet & greet
with special guest players from the Western
Bulldogs!!!**

Registrations

NOW OPEN!!

www.eynesburyfnc.com.au



MELTON HOCKEY CLUB

The Melton Hockey Club aims to provide a family friendly atmosphere for children and adults to enjoy their hockey- whether it be as a player, spectator or both.

Hockey is for all ages!

The Melton Hockey Club has teams to suit players, new or returning, for all ages over 5 yrs old.

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Vacation Care Program

Autumn 2020



Program Details

Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm.

Monday to Friday, during school holidays.

Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre
260 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh.

Cost

\$72.50 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost.

Enrolment Opens

8.30am Monday, 2 March 2020

Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 20 March 2020

Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$22 late enrolment fee

Contact

E: vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au

Ph: 9747 7200

Website: melton.vic.gov.au/vacationcare

Monday, 30 March

Wheels Day

Bring in your favourite wheels from home to ride on.
Remember, no helmet = no riding!

Tuesday, 31 March

Incursion Charge \$23.00

Hip Hop Dance

Start 10:00am

Get ready to dance, dance, dance as we learn cool hip hop moves.

Wednesday, 1 April

Excursion Charge \$33.50

Werribee Open Range Zoo

Depart 9:00am Return 4:00pm

Let's go on safari and learn about animals' great and small.

Thursday, 2 April

Nature Play

Celebrate Nature Play Week with outdoor activities and lots of hands on nature play.

Friday, 3 April

Vacation Care Bake Off

Aprons on, oven mitts out. A full day of baking and decorating in the kitchen.

Monday, 6 April

Incursion Charge \$23.00

Pottery Day

Start 10:00am

It's time for sculpting, shaping and creating. A special guest will teach us how to create something to take home.

Tuesday, 7 April

Sports Day

Ready, set, fun! Today is all about team work and being active.

Wednesday, 8 April

Excursion Charge \$33.50

Flip Out & Frontier Park

Depart 9:00am Return 3:00pm

Get active and jump around, but don't forget your socks. Then it's off to play at Frontier Park in Aintree.

Thursday, 9 April

Hop To It

The Easter Bunny is almost here so let's celebrate before jumping into the long weekend.

Friday, 10 April

Program Closed - Good Friday Public Holiday

* Activities are subject to change

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!



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