

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 5 – Term 1, 2024

Thursday 14 March 2024



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## Ms Campo's news....

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have begun their NAPLAN testing on Wednesday and will complete four tests – Conventions of Language, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. We anticipate receiving the students' NAPLAN results in late June and will send them to parents when we receive them.

### School upgrade works

The concrete slab for the Gymnasium has now been fully poured and the steel frame construction will commence in the coming weeks. The fenced off compound next to the JLB will be levelled and covered with tan bark over the weekend and this will provide more play space. The play equipment will be installed around the new lawn areas, hopefully early next week once the area has dried from the additional watering done last week.

### Driving safely in our car parking areas

I need to remind our families to drive **slowly** as they enter our front and our side car park. The responsibility for keeping our children safe rests with all of us – we ask all our families to drive slowly and safely and to be mindful of pedestrians walking to the entry gates. We also ask you to park carefully between the parking markers so that we make the most of our parking areas and to be very mindful when reversing out of car spaces.

We are waiting for confirmation of the next stage of the Traffic Management Plan to be approved by Melton Council.

For our Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly, I have asked the Construction team to have all their vehicles parked inside the construction compound until our Assembly is over, to provide maximum parking space for our families

### Coming Up

- Friday 15 March
  - Year 1-2 Jones only – Rescheduled Meet the Teacher interviews
- **Bookings can be made through XUNO**
- Thursday 28 March
  - Easter Bonnet Parade – 9am
  - End of Term 2 (2.30 pm)

### Due to the Office

- Asthma/Allergy plans
- CSEF – **New applications only**
- Year Prep Werribee Zoo excursion (in Xuno tomorrow)

*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

## Unwell children

We ask that children who are unwell with tummy bugs or cold /flu symptoms remain at home so that we keep the sharing of germs to a minimum as we move towards the Winter season - no-one wants to become unwell. We also continue to have no replacement teachers available and when teachers become unwell and need to be absent, we need to split classes for most absences.

## Visiting classrooms

Mr Wilson and I love visiting our classrooms every day, popping in to say 'Bonjour' and to see how settled every-one is within their learning routines.

Our students are loving their new classroom spaces within our Junior Learning Building and our Senior Learning Building. Our new Art room is very popular and our new French and Science classrooms are looking very flash as well.

We enjoy visiting the classes and seeing the children establishing great learning habits and routines and for children to be displaying our school values each day.

All we need is the new Gym to be ready to provide wonderful learning spaces for all our school activities and curriculum and we'll be set!

## Playground works

Thanks to Mr Wilson for coming up to school on Saturday morning to oversee the mulch works that will occur in the fenced off area next to the JLB. This is a short-term fix to provide us with a bit more play space. We'll set up the temporary Basketball goals for the kids to practise their goal shots. Big thanks to our Mr Wilson. 😊

## 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?

Easter raffle tickets have been sent home 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.

## 2024 dates to remember

### Term 1

#### Thursday 15 March

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

#### Wednesday 20 June

- 2024 School Council Meeting No 1

#### Thursday 28 March

- Easter Bonnet Parade – 8:50 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)

### Term 2

#### Monday 15 April

- Term 2 begins for staff and students

#### Thursday 25 April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Exford PS take part in the Melton ANZAC Day Parade and Ceremony and our School and Vice School Captains present the wreath at the Cenotaph

#### Wednesday 8 May

- Mother's Day Stall

#### Friday 10 May

- Year Prep-2 Sports Day at EPS

#### Sunday 12 May

- Happy Mother's Day!

#### Wednesday 15 May

- 2024 School Council Meeting No 2

#### Friday 17 May

- Year 3-6 Sports Day at Bridge Road

#### Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Monday 27 May

- Life Education Program

#### Monday 3 – Wednesday 5 June

- Year 5-6 Phillip Island Camp

#### Friday 7 June

- Semester One Professional Practice (Pupil Free Day)

#### Monday 10 June

- Kings Birthday Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 19 June

- 2024 School Council Meeting No 3

#### Friday 28 June

- End of Term 2 (2.30 pm dismissal)

## CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion 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.

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.

[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)

## 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	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Prep Gleeson	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday
Prep Mastrop	Wednesday	Thursday	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	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Roe	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Fyfe	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Monagle	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Mounsey	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Romanski	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5-6 Higgins	Thursday	Thursday	Monday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Micallef	Thursday	Monday	Monday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Odgers	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday	Thursday

## Office News

Uniform stock – Our school dresses and hats are back in stock

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 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 [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.



To our students who celebrated their birthday 1 – 14 March

Alina, Harper L, Afraa, Amayra, Kimran, Layla-Jean, Tavleen, Holly,  
Candy, Skylah, Grace, Arabella, Betty, Abbey, Ammon and Maison.

**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

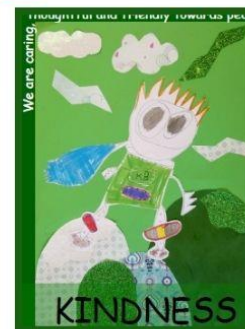
Week 5

Week 6

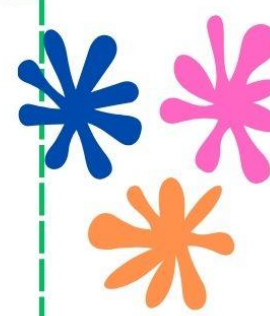
Prep Akamatis	Alaiyna	Personal Best	Kaiden	Personal Best
Prep Gleeson	Patience	Respect	Max	Personal Best
Prep Mastrop	Rangi	Personal Best	Brodi	Respect



Year 1-2 Ambrose	Xavier	Respect	Avlyn	Respect
Year 1-2 Blais	Kingston	Resepct	Garv	Personal Best
Year 1-2 Jones	Savana	Personal Best	Casey	Respect
Year 1-2 Roe	Isaac	Personal Best	Adelina	Personal Best



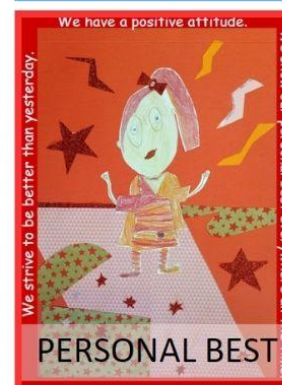
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Dishen	Personal Best	Olivia	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Emily	Respect	Sam	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Mounsey	Mahayla	Respect	Yasi	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Romanski	Christian	Personal Best	Darwood	Respect



Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Leroy	Respect	Afraa	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Micallef	Marli	Respect	Raisha	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Odgers	Gurshan	Respect	Raina	Respect



The Arts	Eamonn	Personal Best	Deegan	Personal Best
PE	Jack	Personal Best	Deegan	Kindness
French	Tyler	Kindness	Gurnaaz	Personal Best
Science	Patience	Respect	Malika	Personal Best
Wellbeing	Harper	Kindness	-	-
Ms Campo	Japreet	Kindness	Levi	Personal Best
Mr Wilson	Fateh / Talisha	P Best/Respect	Sumair	Personal Best



# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

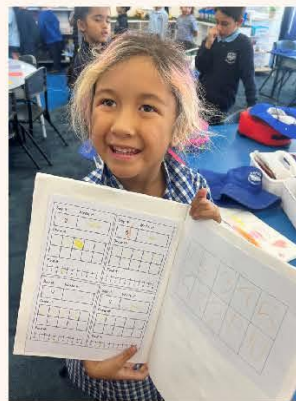
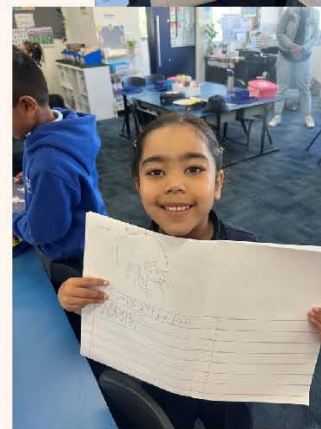
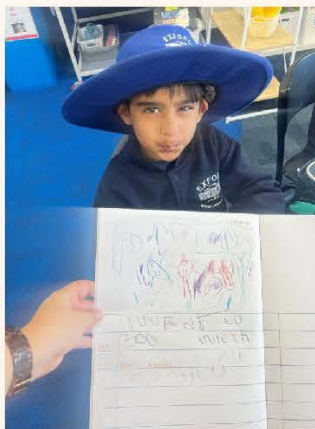
Pouring the concrete slab  
for our new Gymnasium



# What's on in Prep Mastrop!

## Literacy.

In Reading and Writing this term, we have been exploring lots of letters and the sounds they make. We have improved SO MUCH with our writing and our knowledge of letters.



## Numeracy.

In Maths, we have been learning all about the numbers to 10. We can now identify them on number lines, draw specific amounts of items and count forwards and backwards.

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## Buddies.

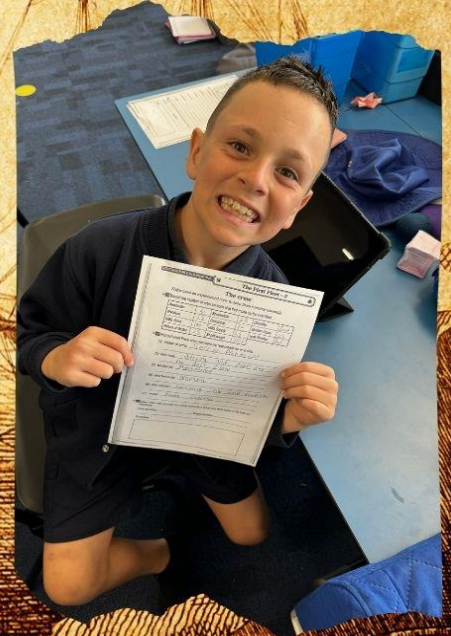
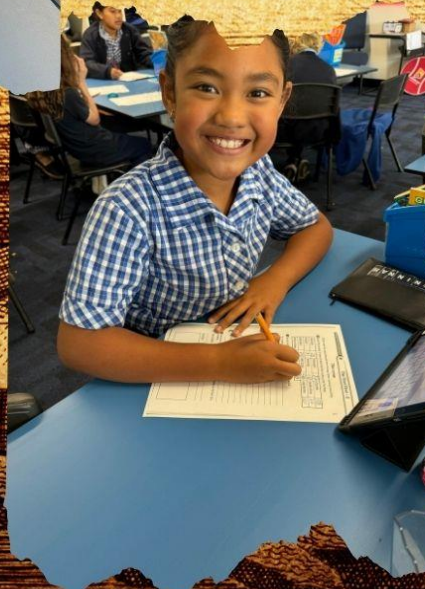
We **finally** got to meet our Year 5 and 6 Buddies, we did some colouring together, they helped us with gluing and cutting. We also had lunch together.

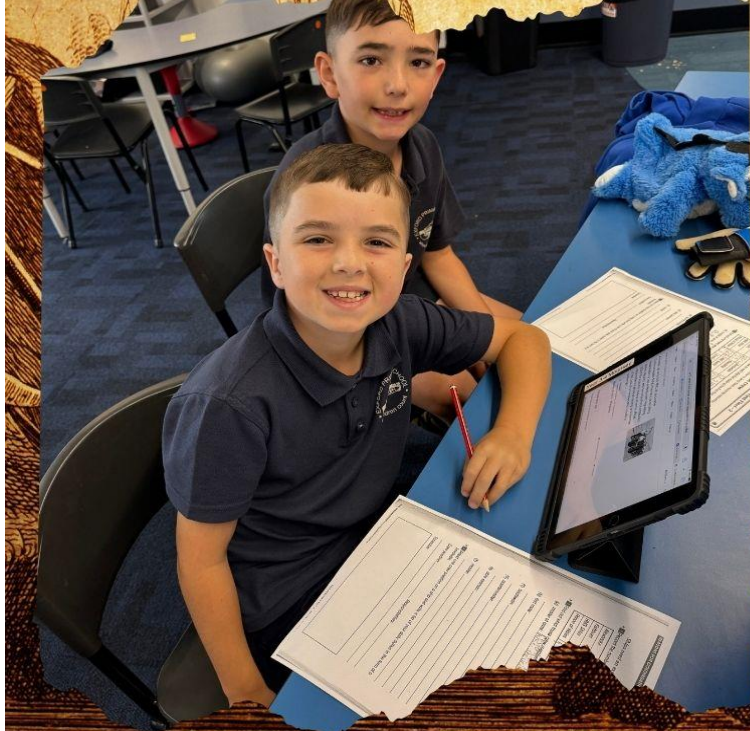
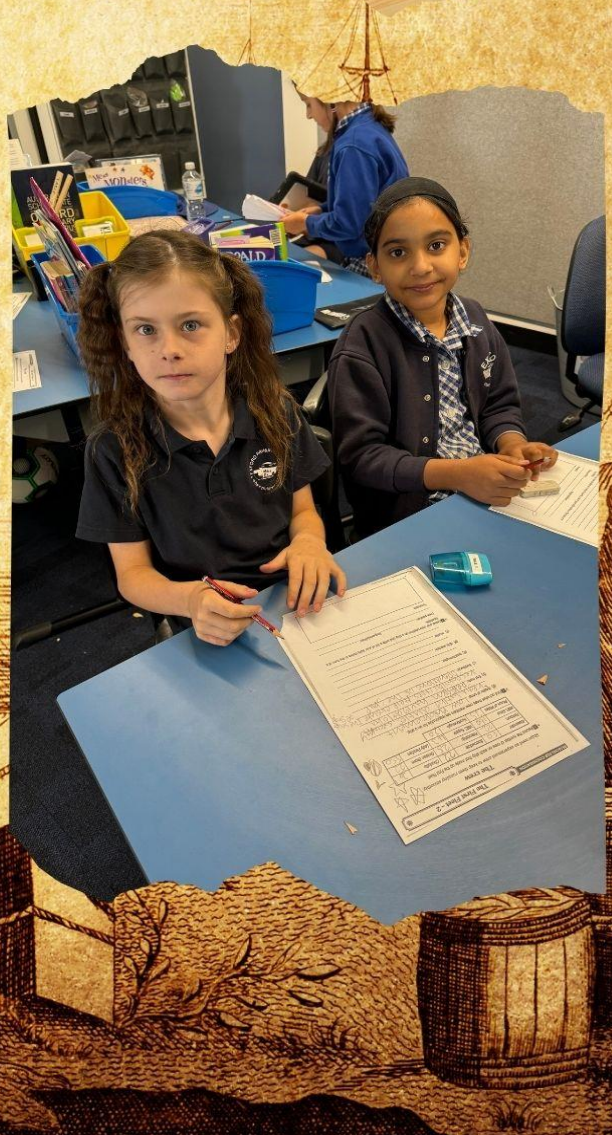
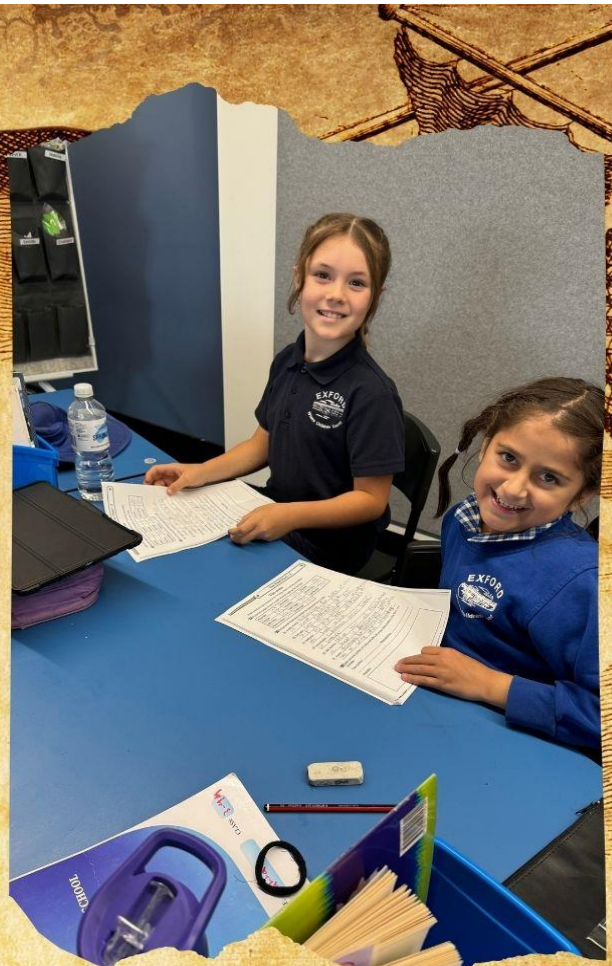


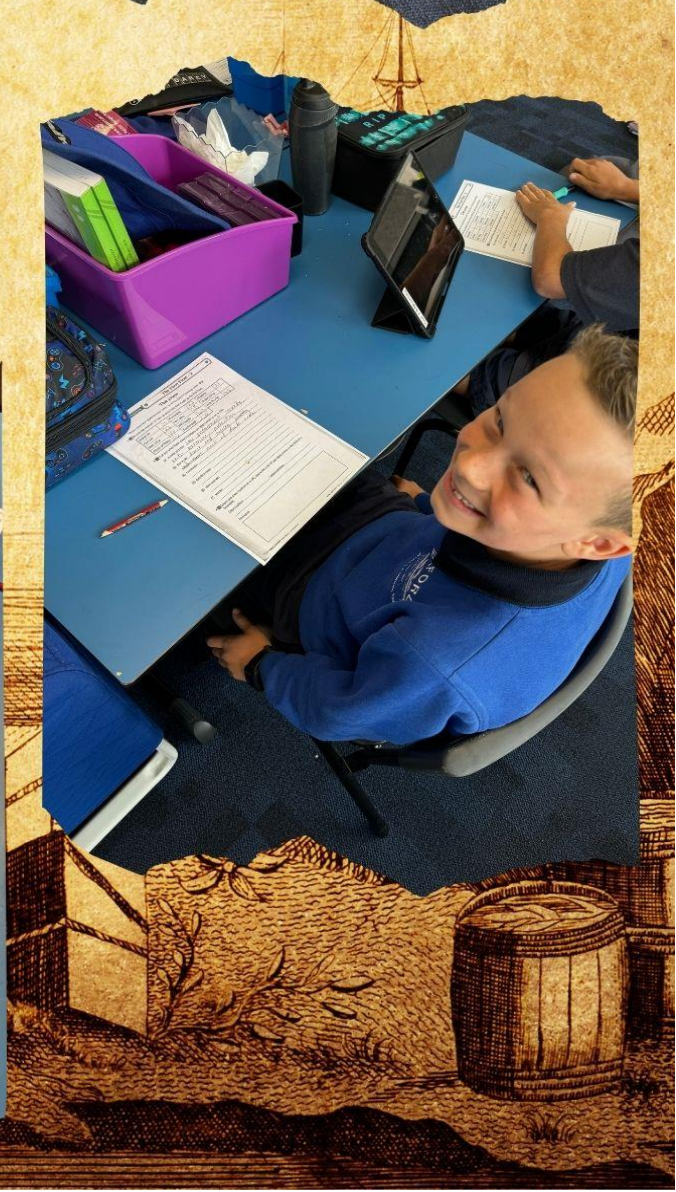
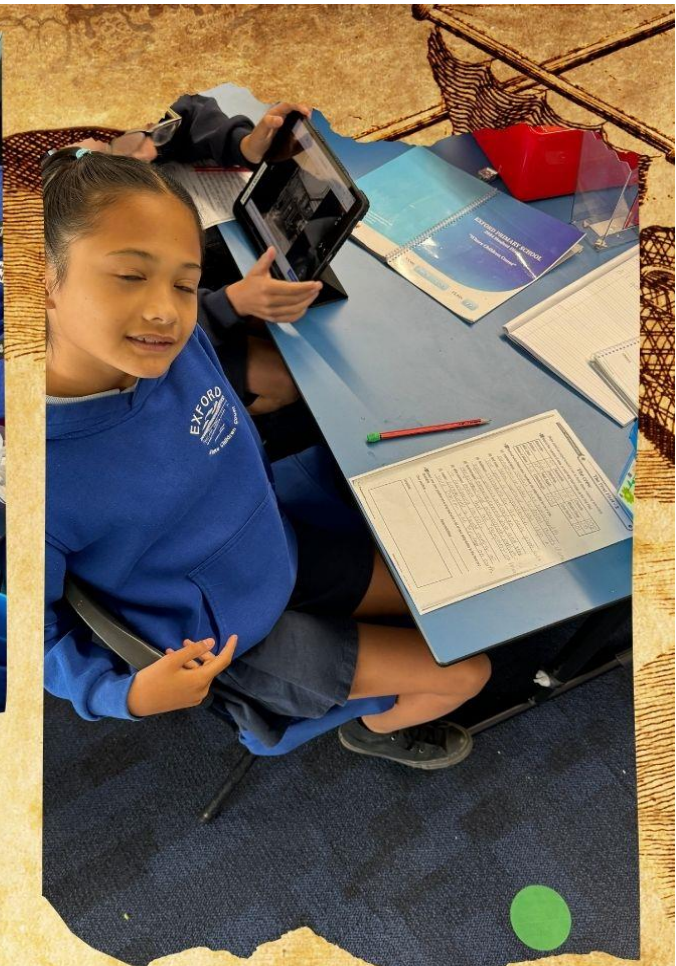


# YEAR 3-4 MOUNSEY

In Year 3-4 Mounsey, we have enjoyed settling into our new classroom and started our first Humanities unit of the year. We have been learning about European settlement in Australia. We have explored and learnt about some of the ships that travelled to Australia and what life would have been like for some of the convicts on board!









# Lunch Time Clubs



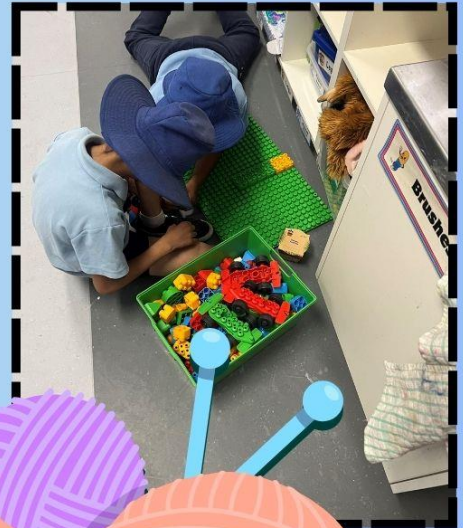


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*Knitting Club*  
*Term 1-2024*





# Easter RAFFLE

We are requesting donations for our annual Easter Raffle. We ask families to donate Easter goodies that can be made into Easter hampers. Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at the final Term 1 Assembly on Thursday 28 March



## Easter Bonnet Parade

**THURSDAY 28 MARCH  
FROM 9AM**

Families and siblings are welcome to attend. Younger siblings are invited to make their own bonnet and join in the fun.





# Exford Primary School Instrumental Music Programme



## Learn a Musical Instrument at School

### Learning Music...

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

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Lisa Campo - Principal  
(Exford Primary School)

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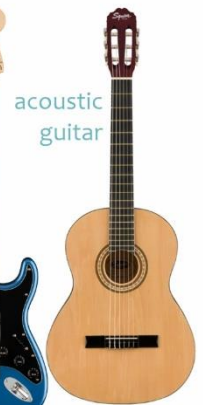
singing



bass guitar



electric guitar



acoustic guitar

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