Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 5 - Term 1, 2023 Thursday 16 March 2023



Ms Campo's news....

Carpark this morning

Our car park at morning drop-off time this morning was a strange sight to behold. Due to the accident at the intersection of Greigs and Exford Road going up into Melton South, traffic was stopped and diverted. Thanks to our families who provided us with updates around the traffic situation. In situations such as this (and may they be few and far between), we will always provide ongoing updates about the situation.



School Photos Day

Our School Photo Day is on Friday 31 March, which is only a fortnight away. Children must be in full school uniform – with shoulder length hair tied back and no jewellery can be worn as per our Uniform Policy. The children need to wear either the royal blue windcheater (or hooded windcheater) or our navy-blue bomber jacket over the school dress or over the polo shirt (either navy or sky-blue) worn with the skorts or shorts. We will begin with our Prep classes at the start of the day and work our way up to our Year 5-6 classes progressively. Children will also have their portrait photo taken (regardless of photo packs being ordered) as we use these photos in Seesaw and our Cases 21 Administration program. Please make sure that your child's photo order pack is returned by Friday 31 March at the latest. The Year 6 Graduation photo will be taken, as will School and Vice School Captain photos and our School Ambassador photos.

School Ambassadors

Our School Ambassadors will be presented at our School Assembly tomorrow afternoon. The Year 5-6 students have assumed their roles over the past fortnight; we weren't able to present them to our community last Friday due to the MPSSA Lightning Premiership.

Car park - 'Stop and Drop' Zone

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. As communicated last week, we have established a morning 'Stop and Drop' zone. This is in the Bus Zone, after the buses have both arrived. If you plan to walk your child into class, please park safely before allowing children to exit the car. We ask some families to think about coming at 3:35 pm, to stagger the traffic and the car park demand. We will always supervise the children.

Please note that all traffic and road rules apply in car parks as well, even school car parks. Please drive and park carefully and courteously.

Coming up

- Friday 24 March
 - Year Prep Werribee Zoo excursion
- Friday 31 March
 - School Photos Day

Due to the Office

- Monday 20 March
 - Year Prep Werribee Zoo excursion
- CSEF <u>New applicants 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!







RESPECT

KINDNESS

PERSONAL BEST

Classroom Helpers

Thank you to our parents and grandparent who have volunteered to be Classroom Helpers to help with Reading in our Prep and Year 1-2 classrooms. We have had a training session, all Classroom Helpers need to have a Working With Children Check and all are subject to our school's confidentiality agreement.

Site Meeting

We had our first Site Tour inspection on Tuesday 14 March and it was exciting to see the Senior Learning Building beginning to take shape. The concrete for the support columns has now been poured and once some of the pre-fabricated panels are in place for the first storey, the concrete pour will occur for the first floor.

2023 School Council

We held our first School Council meeting for the 2023 school year last night, holding our Annual Reporting meeting prior to electing Office Bearers.

2023 School Council Members					
Principal – Executive Officer		Lisa Campo			
2023 Office Bearers		 SC President - Naiomi (Kallan) SC Vice President - Belinda (Olivia) SC Finance Committee Treasurer - Jacki M 			
2022 & 2023 School Council tenure	Parents: Staff Community member	Chantelle (Grace and Adele) Mandeep (Sumair) Naiomi (Kallan) Sharon (Harry) Mrs Cassar and Ms Villari Jacki			
2023 & 2024 School Council tenure	Parents: Staff Community member	Belinda (Olivia) Miriam (Mahayla) Rebecca (Hannah) Shae (Alyce and Charlotte) Mrs Scalzo			
Visitors:	• Mr W	ilson (not a voting member)			

PUPIL FRFF DAY No 4

At our School Council meeting, we ratified delaying our Pupil Free Day No 4, which was scheduled for Monday 10 July (first day of Term 3). We will reserve this day for our move into the Senior Learning Building, as we did with a Pupil Free Day last year. This way we can have a day to unpack our relocation items. Now we just have to keep our fingers crossed that we can move into and use our Senior

2023 School Camps

At our School Council last night, we ratified our 2023 School Camps.

Year 5-6 Warrnambool Camp – Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 May 2023 (\$430)

Learning Building at the end of this year, rather than at the start of next year.

- Year 2 Camp Lady Northcote Camp Monday 4 Tuesday 5 Sept 2023 (\$220)
- Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camp Monday 11 Wednesday 13 September 2023 (\$360)
- Term 4 (date TBC) Year 1 Dinner and a Show children stay after school afternoon tea and activities, a Magic Show and dinner at school approx. \$25
- Term 4 (date TBC) Prep Camp (day program at school) approx. \$10

2023 dates to remember

Term 1

Wednesday 15 March - Monday 20 March

NAPLAN testing 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

Wednesday 5 April

 9 am – all Easter goodie donations due to the Office so that we can make the Easter Raffle prizes – thank you!



Thursday 6 April

- 9 am Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly, including the Easter Raffle draw
- 2:30 pm Dismissal end of Term 1

Friday 7 - Friday 21 April

Term 1 School Holidays

Term 2

Monday 24 April

• Pupil Free Day No 3 – staff only

Tuesday 24 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no school)

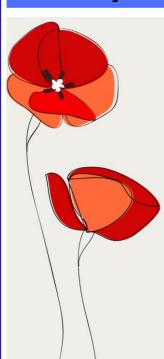
Wednesday 26 April

Term 2 begins for our students

Monday 8 - Wednesday 10 May

Year 5-6 Warrnambool Camp

ANZAC Day



ANZAC DAY LEST WE FORGET

The ANZAC Day service is held in Melton each year.

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 - Tuesday 25 April at 9.30 am at the corner of High and Alexandra Streets (outside the River's store)

Never forgotten. Always remembered. Let us give thanks.

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 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.

 $\underline{https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf}$

Premiers Reading Challenge

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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Exford Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

Log in details have been uploaded to Seesaw.

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 could be brought to the Office, please?

Easter raffle tickets home were 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.



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 2023 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 – all student absences must be explained in writing.



Personal Best

Student of the Week

Personal

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	Week 6		Week 7	
	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Jack	Kindness	Coby	Kindness
Year Prep Smyth	Ella	Respect	Riley	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Tanya	Respect	Rableen	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Charlie	Personal Best	Riley	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanksi	Ari	Personal Best	Levi	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Amayra	Personal Best	Dimitri	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Aiden	Personal Best	Emeline	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Tatham	Personal Best	Aryan	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Ayaan	Personal Best	Kallan	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Georgia	Personal Best	Mary	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Maci-Leigh	Kindness	Ruby-Rose	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Amneet	Respect	Teddy	Personal Best
The Arts	Savana	Personal Best	Taimoor	Personal Best
Physical Education	Alyce	Personal Best	Artemisia	Respect
French	Levi	Respect	Aleesha	Personal Best
Science	Afraa	Respect	Jack	Personal Best
OSH Club	-	-	Amelie	Kindness
Ms Campo	Gurnaaz	Personal Best	Izabelle	Kindness

Kindness

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week

Kaiden

Mr Wilson

Certificates for Week 6 & 7

Hello from

Year I-2 Talevski

Last Friday, the Year I-2 students visited the Ballarat Wildlife Park to see a variety of Australian Wildlife. Some of the animals we saw were Kangaroos, Koalas, Emus, Wombats, Meerkats, Penguins, Salt Water Crocodiles, Eagles and a range of Reptiles!

We are linking our excursion to our learning in our Writing Unit - Information Reports.
We have written an animal profile on Kangaroos.







Check out our work and some snaps from the excursion!

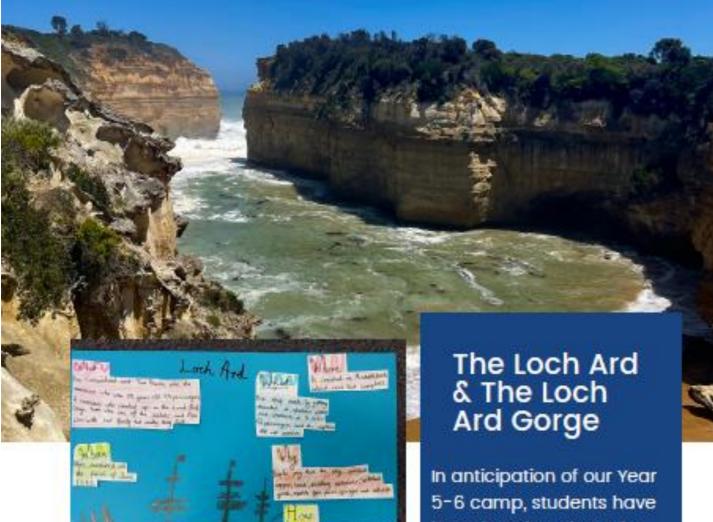


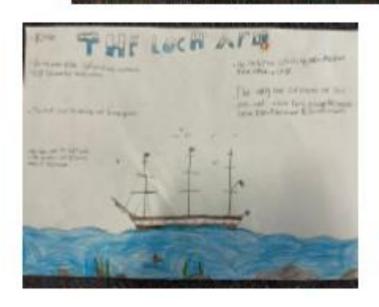




Term 1 Newsletter

Year 5-6 Mounsey



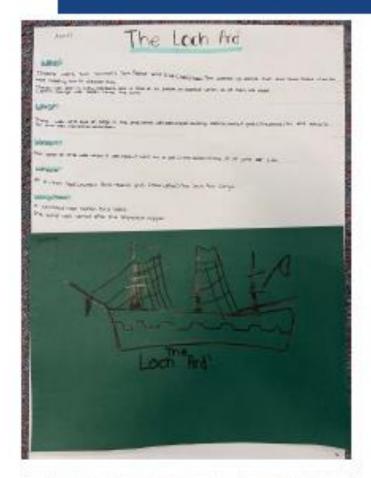


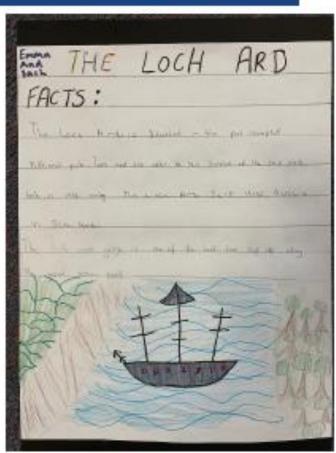
been learning about the shipwreck coast,

particularly the Loch Ard.

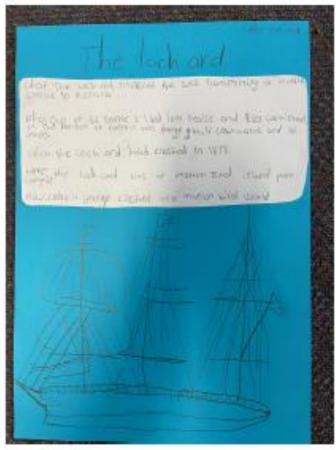
In Year 5-6 Mounsey, we have learnt all about the shipwreck coast, including its geography, environmental conditions and history. Here are some of our Loch Ard research posters.

Year 5-6M Humanities - The Loch Ard

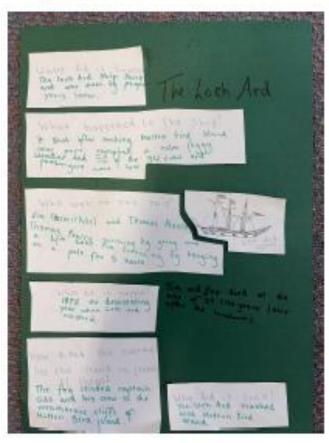


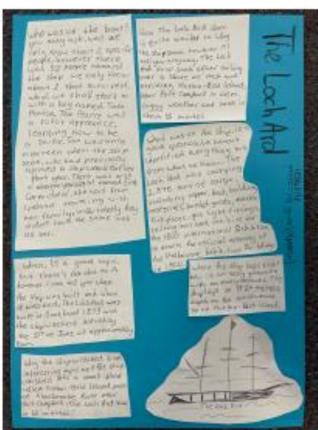


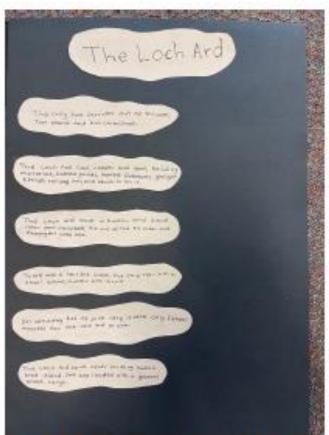




Year 5-6M Humanities - The Loch Ard







5-6M can't wait to visit the magnificent Shipwreck Coast in Term 2!

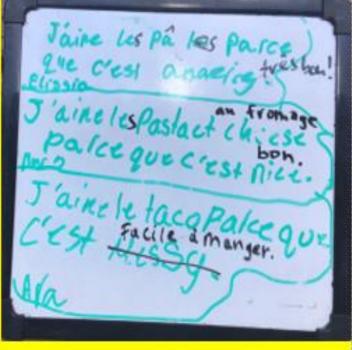


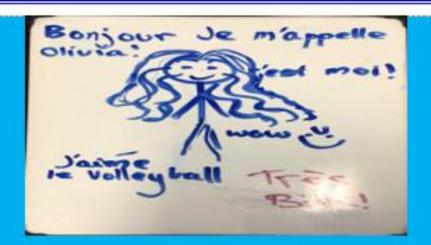
French/Français

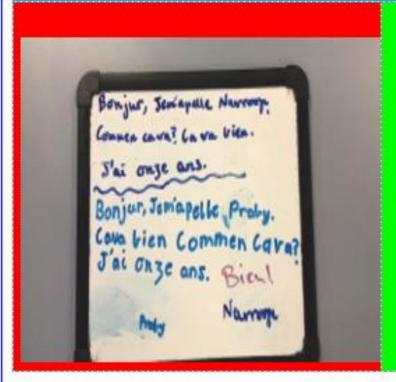
Salut Exford 95!

Term 1 2023: we learnt and had fun with our colours, numbers, describing each other's clothes, hair, how to write the date and ordering our favourite food at a restaurant in French.

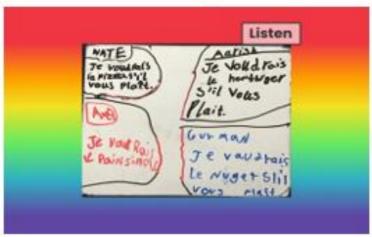
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MPSSA Year 5-6 Summer **Lightning Premiership**

On Friday 10th March, our Year 5-6 students participated in Tennis, Cricket and Volleyball competitions against a range of other schools throughout Melton. The students displayed a great amount of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship in what was a great day for all involved.





Year 5-6 Tennis Team



Year 5-6 Mixed Cricket Team



Year 5-6 Girls Cricket Team

2023 MPSSA Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 28 February, 8 of our Year 3 - 6 students represented Exford PS in the 2023 MPSSA Swimming Carnival. The students braved Winter like conditions on the day and displayed their Personal Best throughout the day.



Ryder with his 2nd place ribbon for U11 Backstroke.



Harry with his 2nd place and two 3rd place ribbons for U10 Freestyle, Breaststroke and Relay.



Adele with her 1st place ribbon for U12 Backstroke.



Olivia with her 1st and 3st place ribbons for U10 Butterfly and Relay.



Adele with her 1st and 2nd place ribbons for U12 Freestyle and Breaststroke.



Our U10 Relay team with their 3rd place ribbons.







The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.







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 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.



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 5 & 6, 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 6!

We are so excited to continue our rise then shine and stay and play session with new activities! we've been loving cooking and especially our pancake parties on Wednesday mornings! we've been doing a lot of Pokemon colouring and crafts as well as Lego creations with many creative boats, planes and houses being made.

The children have been really wanting to go outside and play footy/markers up so 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

Newsletter

March 2023





Coming Up



Labour Day

Public Holiday - No School or OSHClub.



School Photo Day

Get gorgeous for school photos 2023!



End of Term

Come to OSHClub at 2:30pm for some delicious snacks and games.



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!

So far, we have made Sushi bowls, Nachos, and Spaghetti Carbonara!! We have many more recipes to try, the children are very excited to try butter chicken and

Special Announcements

ELA Term 1 2023

Book in on Fridays Stay & Play (aftercare) for a funscience experience!

Join us for an afternoon of science experiments, explosions and learning about different aspects of nature, space, and chemistry!



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!





Newsletter

March 2023





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 and 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













TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL

TO THE INVERLEIGH & DISTRICT GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Fri 7th April

We need your pre-loved Teddy Bears

DROP OF LOCATIONS

- INVERLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE & INVERLEIGH KINDERGARTEN
 - VAL ROBERTSON & CHRISTINE WINDLE
 - MICHELLE DARCY 0438 822 573 & ELIZA PEEL 0438 351 483



YOUTH GROUP/STUDY BUDDIES



Come along and join the fun of Youth Group!

Running weekly every Tuesday during school terms 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

Our cultural program for all school ages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth living in and around the city of Melton.

For further information please contact us

Contact Info:

Kirrip House on 03 8088 0764 or email: yaama@kirripaboriginalcorporation.org

Kristen on 0468 592 946 or email: kbarker@edmundrice.org





Running every Monday after school 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

- Bring along your own homework.
- Share afternoon tea.
- Meet and receive support from local tutors.
- · Stationery provided.
- · Have fun and meet other local youth.

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