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Kindness



Personal Best



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say and every thing we do!*

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NEWSLETTER No.6 (Term 2, 2021)

Thursday 22 April 2021

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Laura (Ollie), Naiomi (Kallan and Ashlyn), Rebecca (Hannah, Joshua and Thomas), Sadia (Inaaya) Sharon (Charlie & Archie)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki (SC President)

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Cassar, Ms Mastrop and Mr Wilson

Reminders! These payments are due for all students:

- ☐ Prep - 2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription
- ☐ Year Prep - 4 children only - Athletics subscription
- ☐ Year Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Ms Campo's News...

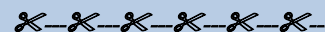
Start of Term 2

Where did the holidays go!! We hope that our families managed to have some time with the children and enjoyed holiday time together.

Term 2 will be a busy one on many fronts:

- Our building works have commenced - woo hoo!!! (see page 2)
- NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students (Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 May)
- Our School Review (done for all schools every four years) commences in May
- Athletics and other sports and clinic days

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Term 2

Sunday 25 April

ANZAC Day

Tuesday 27 April

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 28 April

School Council Mtg - 6.30 pm

Thursday 29 April

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 5 May

MPSSA Cross Country

Tues 11, Wed 12 and Thurs 13 May

NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Wednesday 19 May

School Council Mtg - 6.30 pm

Friday 21 May

EPS Athletics Carnival - Bridge Road

Tuesday 26 May

Western Region Divisional Cross Country

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety Program

Friday 4 June

MPSSA Winter Sport Lightning Premiership

Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 16 June

School Council Mtg - 6.30 pm

Wednesday 16 June

MPSSA Yr 5-6 Soccer

Tuesday 22 June

MPSSA AFL Girls Day

Friday 25 June

Last Day of Term 2
2.10 pm - Assembly
2.30 pm - Dismissal

Term 2 Info

School Hats will continue to be worn until the end of April

Arrivals and Departures - we will continue with our arrival and departure arrangements as they have been for Term 1.

School Upgrade - here we go!

The signs that our building works have started greeted me when I was at school on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 -

- The old Master Switchboard has been disconnected and removed off site, with our new power connection and Switchboard having been made active.
- Our old Library building and the farm-side student toilet building were both taken off site and there is construction fencing along that side of the school to keep the area safe for the children.
- The tender applications from the building companies are due into the Victorian school Building Authority by late April and then a company will be selected and demolition of the old OSH Club will occur soon afterwards.

It makes it feel real to see things starting - so exciting!



Attendance Challenge

We hope that the students have been enjoying receiving their attendance trophies in Seesaw throughout Term 1.

Ms Killeen in the Office sends out a trophy every ten days to the children who have attended two week blocks of school without any absences.

I have been sending out an attendance message to children with excellent attendance at the half way mark and end of term.



Our challenge to everyone -
BE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY
(unless you are sick, of course). Let's see if we can have every single child receive an attendance trophy in their Seesaw portfolio on Friday 30 April.

NAPLAN tests - Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy

The NAPLAN tests will be carried out with all Year 3 and Year 5 students in the second week of May. All students are included, unless parents choose for their child not to be included. Please see Mr Wilson or me if you have any queries.

Hello to Adeline Hazel Micallef!

Mrs Micallef came to visit on Thursday 15, bringing along her beautiful little girl, Adeline. Here is a photo of our proud mum!

Once Adeline has had all her baby needles, Mrs Micallef will bring her to school to meet everyone.



Reading every day

Our classes are focusing on supporting our kids to strengthen their reading habits - we set all our children the target of reading at home EVERY SINGLE DAY.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be brought to school by students unless permission has been granted by the Principal for a particular reason. If permission is granted, the phone is kept in the Office for the school day. Students are not to have a phone with them or in their school bag under any circumstances.

Parent Student Teacher Conferences

We have our Parent Student Teacher Conferences scheduled for Week 2 of Term 2 - Mrs Harper will open the bookings on Monday 19 April. We will offer in person and WebEx appointments, however, we ask that you contact Mrs Harper in the Office if you would prefer a WebEx meeting, otherwise we will expect parents to join us onsite and in the classrooms. We do ask parents to sanitise their hands, on entry to the classrooms and to postpone appointments if you are not well.

MEET THE TEACHER BOOKING CODE

Bookings: **OPEN**
Event Code: np8s7
Teachers: 14
Booking Link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book/step1?z=W8uyrQ>

Safe Driving

We were approached by a truck driver this week who asked us to pass on a safety message - he nearly collided with a driver who turned right at the bottom of the hill (coming from Weir Views direction) in front of his truck.

We're all too precious, not to mention the children we are transporting, to risk making a dangerous turn. We'd much rather you are a few minutes late than injured in an accident.

Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday 5 May we will be holding our Mother's Day stall.

This year all gifts must be pre purchased using the [QKR app only](#).

Gifts will be \$6 each with a maximum of 2 gifts per child



Office News

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.

Reading Eggs & Mathletics

Payments for Reading Eggs (Year Prep - 2) and Mathletics (Year Prep - 4) are still open. If you have an amount due, payments can be made via QKR, at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, you can visit our Office to make a payment.

Beanies and Scarf and other Winter clothing

Please use our QKR app to order uniform items, such as beanies, scarves, windcheaters etc.

School Raincoat

Whilst school uniform must be worn each day, we have not elected to have a school uniform parka / raincoat, due to the cost of them (\$70 - \$85 through our uniform suppliers). On cold or rainy days, children can wear any raincoat / parka, navy blue ones are preferable.

Sick Bay Spare Clothing

If your child has borrowed spare clothing from our Sick Bay, can we have those items returned, please.

CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions.

Who can apply?

Families holding a valid means-tested concession are eligible to apply.

Please visit our Office to collect CSEF forms if you believe you are eligible for the CSEF payment.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink.

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.

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.

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.

Fundraising News



Our 2021 target is...
\$15,000 - \$20,000.

Our Tally so far... \$1,414.00

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 2 - Mother's Day Stall (helpers needed)
- Term 3 Book Week - Read-A-thon' activity
- Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ

Our Term 1 Fundraising activity is our Easter Raffle and we ask our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make Easter hampers as prizes. We will send home Easter Raffle ticket books next week and we ask our families to sell the tickets to families and friends.

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

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 2 - 22 April

Harrison, Bilal, Zane, Umar, Isabelle, Tanya, Japvir, Lucas, Daniel H, Aleks, Lorahli, Ryland, Jeremy, Dishen, Harry M, Xavier S and Anoshka



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

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Including pages from:

- Back to School - Term 2 Photos
- Term 2 Teams newsletter
- Year 5 - 6 Golf Excursion

☺ Ms Campo

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for **Week 10 - Term 1**

Week 1

	Student	Exford Value
Prep Monagle	Rableen	Kindness
Prep Smyth	Minnie	Respect
Prep Wurf	Aydin	Kindness
1 / 2 Ambrose	Sahasra	Respect
1 / 2 Higgins	Amelie	Personal Best
1 / 2 Jenner	Caleb	Kindness
1 / 2 Parker	Lachlan	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi	Adele	Personal Best
3 / 4 Patty	Jacob	Kindness
3 / 4 Roe	Olivar	Kindness
4 / 5 Mounsey	Gurekam	Respect
5 / 6 Gundry	Ishmeet	Kindness
5 / 6 Mastrop	Allyson	Kindness
5 / 6 Talevski	Paenea	Kindness
The Arts	Jacob P	Respect
Physical Education	—	-
French	—	-
OSH Club	—	-



Back to School - Term 2









5/6 EYNESBURY GOLF EXCURSION

Last week of Term 1, 5/6 students celebrated their learning from their MyGolf Australia unit with an excursion to the Eynesbury Golf Course.

Students explored the facilities using the Driving Range, Putting and Chipping Green and were even able to play some Soccer Golf!



If you or your child/children would like information about
GOLF LESSONS at Eynesbury Golf Course, please contact
the Pro Shop on:

9971 0403

PROJECT

Parents & Carers

Implementing GEM Chat at home - **Gratitude** Questions

These daily questions have been developed to help families practise the GEM principles. They are a great way to facilitate positive conversations as your family shares a meal either in the morning, afternoon or evening or at a time that works best.

Check out some great GEM CHAT questions here:

- What were three things that went well for you today?
- Who is someone you feel really grateful for today? Tell us why.
- What is it about our home that makes it our home/special family place?
- What is something you are looking forward to tomorrow?

Want to look further into the benefits of **Gratitude**? Follow this [LINK!](#)





Monday 26 April 2021

Dear Families,

We have a Winter Warmer Fundraising offer for our families - an Exford PS beanie and scarf. These can be purchased individually for \$20 or as a combo (beanie and scarf) price for \$35.



The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is committed to empowering all Australians to have safer, more positive experiences online. <https://esafety.gov.au/> is an Australian Government approved website in helping and educating parents/carers in how to keep children safe online. It provides resources and advice in dealing with the big issues in online safety, such as cyberbullying, time spent online, gaming and unwanted contact.


The following link will take you directly to the Parent/Carer section where there are more information sheets, like the one above, available for you to read <https://esafety.gov.au/parents>

eSafetyparents

Does your preschool child have access to connected devices?

**81% of parents say their preschool child uses the internet.
37% think their child spends too much time online.¹**




Being online at this age can offer your child opportunities to learn through exploration, play and social interaction. But there may also be some risks if your child uses connected devices without supervision or for extended periods of time.





This might include coming across harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity.

Here are our tips for a safe and balanced online experience for your preschool child:

Set ground rules

-  **Establish clear rules and be consistent**
Be clear on things like when and where devices can be used and when they need to be switched off. A good time to switch off is during family dinner time and when your child is alone in a room.
-  **Use a timer**
Limit the amount of time your child spends online to ensure a good balance with physical activity. It can be easy to lose track of time, so setting a timer can help.
-  **Resist any push back**
Getting your child off a device can be hard and it can be tempting to give in to their demands. Sticking to the rules at this age will help instil good online habits for your child now and in the future.

¹Survey of 3,520 Australian parents of children aged 2-17

 eSafetyCommissioner

esafety.gov.au/parents

Be involved

Get to know your child's toys and devices

Be aware of the capabilities that come with a device, app or internet connected toy. Check the device guide and look out for any built-in cameras, microphones, chat functions and location settings that are not needed and can be deactivated.

Supervise and explore together

It's easy for your child to explore through a touchscreen and accidentally access inappropriate content. Explore together and keep an eye on your child in case they come across something that might upset or confuse them.

Know what's good and what's not

There's a lot of content on offer for your child. Common Sense Media can help with independent, age-based and educational ratings and reviews for a range of content, including online games, apps and websites. (commonsensemedia.org/reviews)

Manage access

Bookmark the good stuff

Make a list of favourite sites and apps that are safe and that your child enjoys. Show them how to access these.

Block the nasty stuff

Use parental controls and safety features that are available on the device or through apps, web browsers and service providers. These can help block inappropriate content. However, keep in mind that tech tools can't block all the bad stuff—you still need to back it up with supervision. (esafety.gov.au/parental-controls)

Disable in-app purchases

Lots of apps feature additional payments for extra content. It can be easy for your child to accidentally rack up a big bill on your account. Restrict in-app purchases through settings in Google Play (Google Play > Settings > Require authentication for purchases) and on iPhones, iPads and iPod touch (Settings > General > Restrictions).

Support positively

Start the conversation

It's never too early to start talking about safe and respectful behaviour online. Help your child understand that what they say or do online is important.

Get other trusted adults on board

Teach your child that it's important they come to you or another trusted adult (such as an aunt, uncle, grandparent) if they are upset because of anything they see or experience online.

Know where to go for extra support

If your child is distressed because of anything they have seen online, then seek professional advice from your GP or Parentline (parentline.com.au) on 1300 30 1300. Raising Children Network (raisingchildren.net.au) can also help with a range of resources and information on development, learning and health at this age.



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Following entry through Stick2Hockey you will be introduced to the traditional club environment based on a traditional 7 or 11 a side game, played on a full or half field.

The Melton Hockey Club is a friendly environment with opportunities for the whole family to be involved in many aspects of a club - as a player, coach, umpire or administrator. Hockey is a game that can be played by males and females of any age making it a great sport for the whole family!

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Each registered participant will also go into the draw to receive one of ten participant packs!



*If you have not yet participated in any hockey program in Australia there is also a \$30 national registration which covers player insurance etc.

We are located at the Bridge Road Hockey Facility, Bridge Road, Strathulloh. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact our Junior Coordinator for internal development and programs -

Kellie McLaren

meltonhcjuniors@outlook.com

0419 604 793

Head here to register:

<https://form.jotform.co/71030937559864>
