

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 6 - Term 1, 2023

Thursday 30 March 2023



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Ms Campo's news....

Tomorrow is our Photo Day

As you will have seen from our Seesaw post earlier today, tomorrow is our Photo Day.

Please note that children must be in full school uniform, with all children needing to wear either our royal blue windcheater (or hoodie) or the navy-blue bomber jacket. Our Year 6 kids can wear their special Year 6 hoodie. Shoulder length hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (except for watches or small earrings) can be worn, as per our Uniform Policy. We will be starting our class photos from 9:10 am and will not be able to wait for latecomers.

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 and will also add them to Xuno once we roll that out. Please make sure that your child's photo order pack is returned **TOMORROW**. The Year 6 Graduation photo will be taken, as will School and Vice School Captain photos and our School Ambassador photos.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Raffle Draw

We will have our special Assembly on Thursday 6 April at 9 am for our children to proudly show off their Easter Bonnet creations. Little brothers and sisters can join in the parade and can wear their own Easter Bonnets.



Thank you to the families who have donated Easter goodies for our hampers and have sold Easter Raffle tickets.

Coming up

- Friday 31 March - School Photos Day
- Thursday 6 April
 - Assembly at 9 am for our Easter Bonnet Parade
 - Easter Raffle Draw will occur at this Assembly
 - 2:30 pm – Early dismissal
- Monday 24 April – Pupil Free Day No 3 – no school for the children
- Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day – no school for the children
- Wednesday 26 April – Term 2 begins for the children

Due to the Office

- **Friday 24 March **overdue**
 - Year 5 – 6 Camp - Non refundable deposit due
- Wednesday 5 April
 - Year 5 – 6 Camp - first instalment due
- Monday 1 May
 - Year 5 – 6 Camp – final instalment due
 - If paying in full, all monies due by this date
- CSEF – New applicants only

*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



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PERSONAL BEST

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End of Term One

This term has simply flown past and our Preps have almost completed their very first term at school. Thank you to our students, our families and our amazing staff for their efforts and dedication to the students' learning and wellbeing throughout this busy term.

Our Preps and our Year 1-2s have had their first excursion for the year and we look ahead to our Year 5-6s heading off to their Warrnambool Camp on Monday 1 May and our Year 3-4s having their first excursion at the end of May (information will be coming out next term).

School holidays begin on Friday 7 April and include the Easter period. Term 2 begins for the children on Wednesday 26 April, with Monday 24 being a Pupil Free Day and Tuesday 25 being the public holiday for ANZAC Day.

Mother's Day Stall

A reminder that Mother's Day gifts need to be ordered through QKR – a limit of two gifts per child. Friday 28 April is the final day for ordering. The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 3 May in our Staff room.

At this stage we have two mums who have volunteered to help at our Mother's Day Stall. If you are able to help, we'd love to hear from you.



XUNO is coming!

XUNO

We have been working hard behind the scenes to complete our Xuno set-up and will launch it with our teachers from the start of Term 2 and with our parent community from Monday 15 May.

We will hold morning and afternoon 'how to Xuno' sessions from Monday 15 – Friday 19 May – morning sessions 9-9:30 am and afternoon sessions 2:45 – 3:15 pm sessions. Please email Mrs Harper on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au if you would like to sign up for one of these 'how to Xuno' sessions.

Xuno will replace our FlexiSchools app and School Interviews website and will also eventually phase out our use of QKR. Mrs Harper is busy preparing a 'how to Xuno' parent guide with step by step instructions.

NAPLAN

Well done to our Year 3 and Year 5 students for completing their NAPLAN tests over the past weeks. Thank you to Ms Littlewood and Mr Jenner (our Learning Specialist teachers) and to Mr Wilson for their work in supporting our children and teachers with NAPLAN occurring in Term 1 for the first time.

2023 dates to remember

Term 1

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

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

Monday 15 May

- XUNO is launched at Exford PS

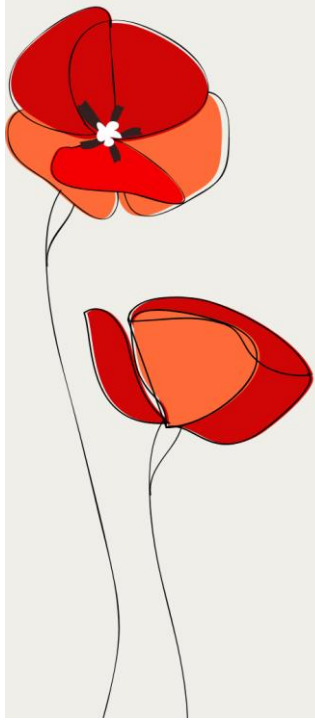
Thursday 18 May

- MPSSA Year 5 – 6 Girls AFL Day

Wednesday 31 May

- Year 3-4 excursion to the Melbourne Museum

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.

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

Premiers Reading Challenge



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 will be uploaded to Seesaw in the coming days.

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...

\$700.00

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.

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthday 17 - 30 March

Jacob, Dylan, Kalolaine, Izzy, Bailey. M, Kabir. P, Tyler, Amelie, Scarlett, Nate. M, Xavier. B, Amber, Mahayla and Adele. H.

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.

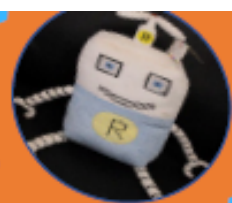
Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.



Personal Best



Respect



Student of the Week

Week 8

Week 9

Year Prep Akamatis
 Year Prep Smyth
 Year 1 - 2 Ambrose
 Year 1 - 2 Roe
 Year 1 - 2 Romanksi
 Year 1 - 2 Talevski
 Year 3 - 4 Jones
 Year 3 - 4 Micallef
 Year 3 - 4 Monagle
 Year 5 - 6 Fyfe
 Year 5 - 6 Higgins
 Year 5 - 6 Mounsey
 The Arts
 Physical Education
 French
 Science
 OSH Club
 Ms Campo
 Mr Wilson

Student	Exford Value
Ciarah	Kindness
Gurseerat	Respect
Daman	Personal Best
Ryder	Personal Best
Kyle	Personal Best
Grace	Respect
Leroy	Personal Best
Summer	Personal Best
Abbey	Kindness
TJ	Kindness
Noah	Personal Best
Waniya	Kindness
Kailen	Kindness
Alayna	Respect
Daman	Personal Best
Reign	Respect
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Skylah	Personal Best
Cadin	Personal Best

Student	Exford Value
Reign	Personal Best
Hunter	Personal Best
Marlee	Kindness
Gurnaazreet	Personal Best
Ari	Personal Best
Ayanna	Respect
Kardinya	Personal Best
Afraa	Personal Best
Olivia	Personal Best
Grace	Kindness
Noah	Personal Best
Sokaina	Kindness
Afraa	Respect
Nate	Personal Best
Izabelle	Personal Best
Allayna	Personal Best
Charli	Personal Best
Hannah	Personal Best
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Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for Week 8 & 9

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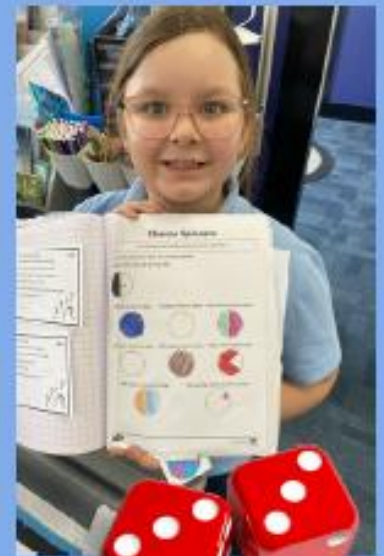




Learning about Probability

Year 3-4 Monagle

In Maths, we have been learning about Probability and Chance. We have been learning how to describe the chance of something happening using words. We have done further investigation by working out the chance as a fraction and then converting the fraction into a percentage.





In these activities, students designed a game which had either 'independent' or 'dependent' variables. For example, games with spinners or dice mean the game has 'independent' variables because with each new roll or spin the chances don't change. Dependent variables occur in games where the chances do change like in the game 'Gone Fishin' where a fish is removed from the pond in each round.



The Arts

What an exciting term it has been in the Art Room!

All students have been working very hard to complete their art works. From caterpillars to crazy cows and abstract houses we have seen it all! Students from Prep to Year 6 have been familiarizing themselves with elements of Art. Specifically line, shape, texture and colour.

It is very exciting to anticipate what Term 2 will bring!

The Arts



Daman with his very Hungry Caterpillar.



Isaac and Levi showing us their Howard Arkley inspired artwork.



Portraits done by the Year 5-6's.

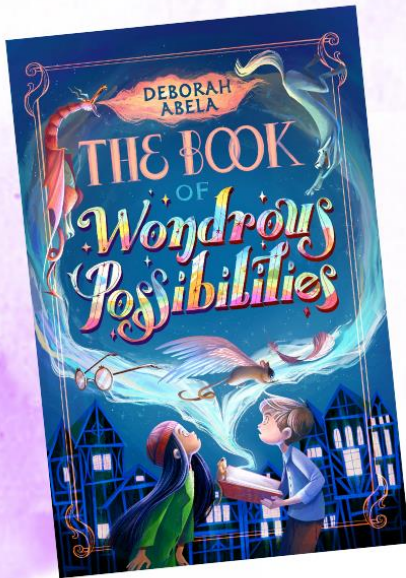


Crazy Cow artwork from some of our Year 3-4's! (Lachlan M and Marcus H)

Year 3-4 PE in Term 1

Our Year 3-4s have been working hard in Physical Education this term, building on their running, jumping, leaping and dodging skills. The students have been given a range of different opportunities to apply each of these skills. The students have also been building on their ability to be a positive team member, making sure they are following the rules in all activities and applying each skill in a safe manner.





BOOK Reviews



The Book Of Wondrous Possibilities, is very adventurous and fun! It's very descriptive. I usually like adventurous and descriptive texts. It's very fun and entertaining to read.

- Olivia (5/6M)



Don't judge a book by it's cover! This is what I say, and I did it to myself. I got given this book and my first impression was that it looked like something I'd hate (mythical and magical themes) but, to my surprise it is actually quite good. This story is about a boy named Arlo. He lives with his uncle, reading books all day in their bookshop. But a girl named Lisette bursts in and Arlo's life changes forever. I would recommend reading this book.

- Annabella (5/6M)



At first, I thought it would be something I would hate (fairy tales and magic themes). But as I read into the book I thought it was quit fun an pretty good. I also learnt that you never ever judge a book by its cover, as this is what I did when I took the book from Mr Jenner.

- Harry (5/6F)



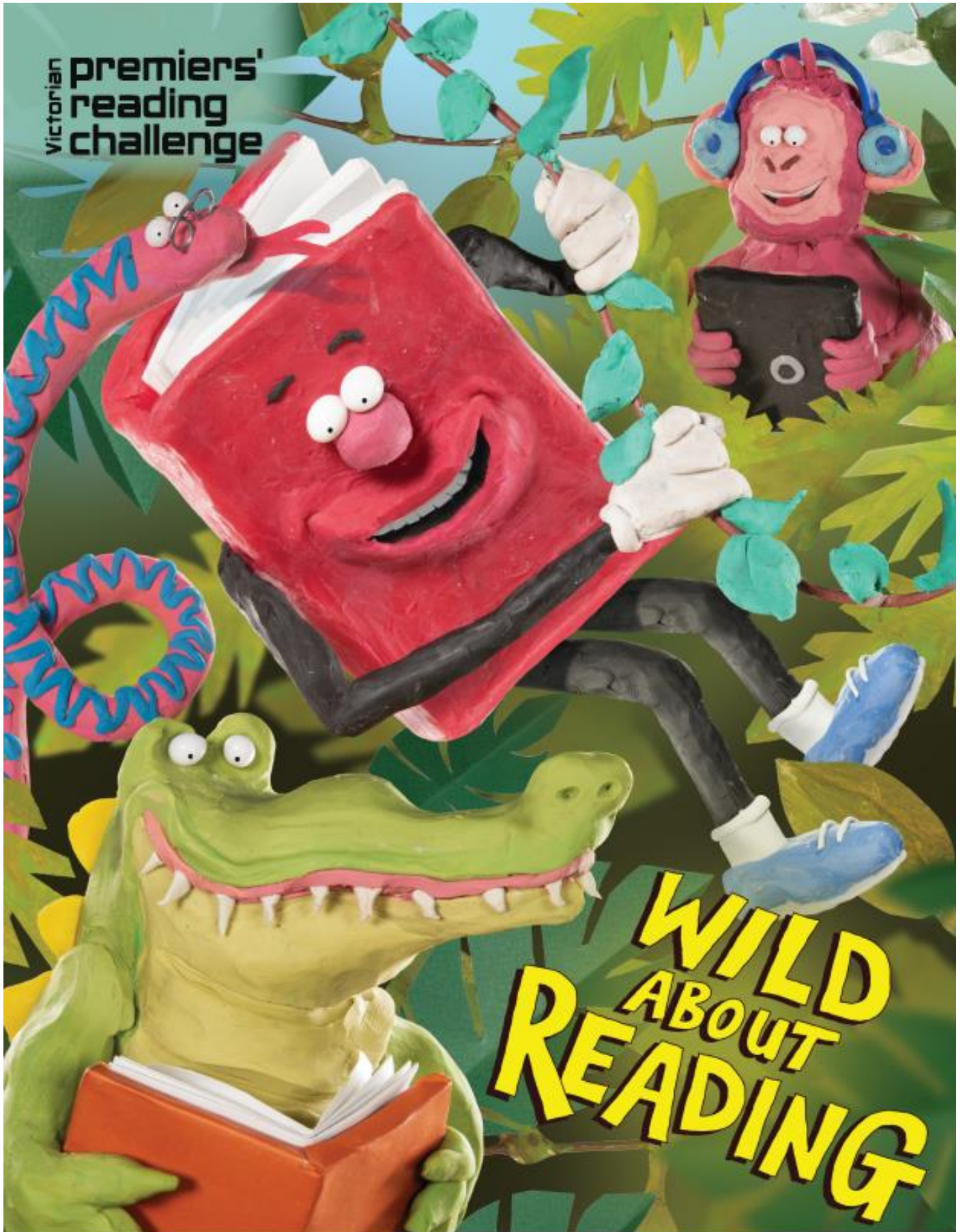
The Book of Wondrous Possibilities is a very engaging text (in my opinion). I like how the book uses words that really lets me capture the picture in my head. I like the element of mystery and magic that the author has included in this text. I love the creativity of the different characters and their different personalities. However, I'm not much of a big fan of when the book gets to more of the fantasy part. I would rather a book with more mystery, realistic and believability. In conclusion, my review of this book would be a four out of five star rating, only because I'm not a huge fan of the enchanted/fantasy theme, but I do like the words and storyline.

- Lily (5/6F)

Engaging Text

"ADVENTUROUS"

victorian
premiers'
reading
challenge



To register, visit vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

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.

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if you have any questions.

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Newsletter

March 2023

OSHClub 



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 7 & 8, 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 9!

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 Pokémon colouring and crafts as well as Lego creations with many creative boats, planes and houses being made.

The children have loved exploring science themed activities thanks to our little labs ELA, we've been trying some science experiments like mentos and coke as well as baking soda and vinegar!

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

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Coming Up

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School Photo Day
Get gorgeous for school photos 2023!

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End of Term 1
Come to OSHC at 2:30 for some extra special games and snacks.

APR
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Holiday Program
Holiday program begins at 6:45am and finishes 6pm Friday 21st.

Club News

Our Clubs News
Term 2 Clubs are pending...

Special Announcements

ELA Term 1 2023

We have only one session left for our term 1 ELA - little labs science experiments!

Get in fast to come do some crazy chemistry and enjoy our last science adventure - at no extra cost to you!

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!



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 an 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



