



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: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire), Jenny (Aimee), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot and Mr Wilson (non-voting member)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V70FJsBcOF3w>

Reminders! These payments are due for all students:

- Student Book Pack Prep -2 children only - Reading Eggs subscription

Ms Campo's News...

Mother's Day

Hoping all our mums, nans and other special ladies had a lovely day on Mother's Day last Sunday. Our children enjoyed being able to purchase their gifts, especially our Preps who experienced their first Mother's Day stall and delighted in showing me their gifts on the way past my office!

Thank you to the families who organised the Mother's Day Stall and the families who came and helped on the day.

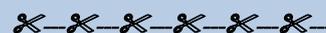
Our thanks to

- To our organisers -
- o Sam (Harrison), Ruby (Alex) and Tracey (Jesse)
- To the families who helped at the Mother's Day Stall

o Jacki (Claire)	o Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava and Hayley)
o Susan (Jessica)	o Sharon (Harry, Charlie and Archie)
o Maria (Selena)	o Belinda (Nicholas and Kade)
o Ruby and Mark (Alex)	o Adele (Olivia and Alexander)
o Lyn (Zaylen)	o Pam (Jeremy and Rachel)
o Shanana (Olivia)	o Sarah and Kaye (Lily and Oscar)
o Tracey (Jesse)	o Melissa (Caitlyn and Madelyn)
o Jasmine (Hysen)	

- To Renee (Faith and Dane) who donated facials to all our families

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2018 Dates

Term 2

Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 May

NAPLAN testing begins for Year 3 and Year 5 students

Wednesday 16 May

4:30 pm - 2019 Enrolment Tours
6:30 pm - School Council Meeting

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Friday 18 May

Year Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo
Year 6 Swimming Program No 2

Wednesday 23 May

National Simultaneous Storytime - stay tuned!

6 pm - Year 5 Puberty Health - Parent Info session in the Staff room

Thursday 24 & Friday 25 May

Year 1-2 Science Incursion

Wednesday 30 May

Divisional Cross Country Event

Monday 29 May

Year 5 students - Puberty Health program begins (over 4 weeks)

Wednesday 30 June

Beanie and Scarf orders due by 9:30 am

Friday 1 June

Year 6 Swimming Program No 3

Friday 8 June

Year 5-6 MPSSA Lightning Premiership (Division 1)

Tuesday 12 June

Year 3-4 Excursion to the Melbourne Museum

Friday 15 June

Year 6 Swimming Program No 4

Father's Day Stall

We thank the families who organised and assisted with the Mother's Day Stall ... and now we seek organisers for the Father's Day Stall. These activities need to be organised months in advance to have a good range of gifts available. New organisers will be supported by the Fundraising Team. As with the Mother's Day Stall, we need some new helpers or the Father's Day activity will not be able to be held. We'd love to hear from you!

Staff leave

Mrs Christensen (Prep C) will be taking maternity leave from next term and Ms Lynch (Year 3-4 M) will be taking six months leave as well. We have advertised their vacancies through the DET recruitment website and will select new teachers for their classes. There will be the opportunity for cross over time and the new teachers will have the chance to spend time with the classes. Mrs Quayle will be having the next three weeks away from school and we wish her well on her travels.

Book Fair No 1

Thank you to all our families and students who purchased books at our first Book Fair for the year. We will have another Book Fair later in the year.

NAPLAN

The annual NAPLAN testing began on Tuesday 15 May and continued yesterday and today for all students in Years 3 and 5. Results will be sent home to families when they have been received.

Counselling

Pete, our Counsellor is at Exford for one day a fortnight. Families need to be aware that whilst Pete is wonderful, there is a significant waiting list for students to see him.

Families can always see their family doctor to arrange counselling through Medicare - this is often a speedier option. We are exploring getting a psychologist service to the school - OnPsych, who would work through Mental Health Care Plans and Medicare. I will keep you informed. If this is a service you would seek for your child/ren, could you advise me through the FlexiBuzz Principal link, please?

Staff Professional Learning

There are also a number of professional learning activities for staff next week - we'll be a tad on the busy side!

- We are hosting a Principal Community of Practice group
- School Wide Positive Behaviour day
- Bastow - Leading Literacy training day

After school meetings

A reminder that our teaching staff are committed to meetings from 3:45 pm on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings every week. Our full staff are committed to a meeting at 3:45 pm on Tuesdays on a fortnightly basis.

Congratulations to our students

Apologies to these students that their photos weren't in the last newsletter.



Jaxon D



Jack T



Blake O



Isabelle O



Liam M



Gemma



Jeremy

Congratulations to Mr Welshe!

Mr Welshe and his wife proudly announce the arrival of baby Amara.



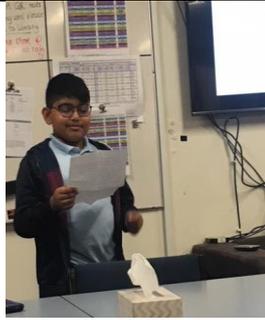
Student Support Group Meetings

Next week is our SSG meeting week, for students with a diagnosed disability or learning need. Mr Wilson, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot and I are all involved in these meetings throughout the week, along with class teachers and integration aides.

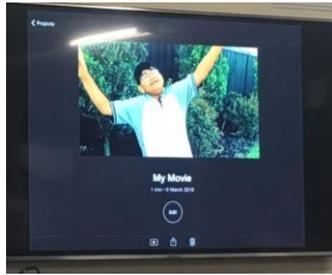
Student presentation at our School Council meeting

At our School Council meeting last night, we listened to students from Years 3-4 Adams and Gashi share their thoughts about the recent Apple Learning experience, where children in the two classes had an iPad each for their learning. We will be putting together a digital presentation to share with our community as we think about our students' access to technology.

Here some photos of our very confident students. A big thak you to their parents for bringing them along.



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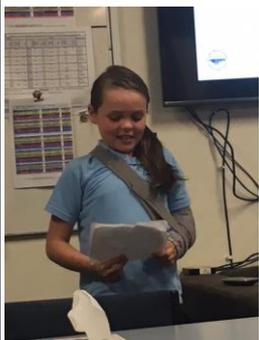
Oakleigh



Hasali



Tom



Emily

Emily also shared her personal iMovie on her own iPad that she made about her recent hospital adventure!



Knitting Club

Our Knitting Club has started up again for our Year 3-6 students and this year we are working on making Trauma Teddies to donate to the Red Cross. If you remember last year, we made red poppies for the Remembrance Day centenary in Canberra in November 2018. Here are some of our knitters enjoying themselves learning something new, the company and knowing they are doing something kind for someone else.



Attendance ... Every Day Counts

A reminder that family holidays should be taken during school holidays wherever possible and **not during term time**. When children miss out on learning due to prolonged absence (e.g. a holiday in school time), it is very difficult to catch them up - they often miss entire units of class work.

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.

Did you know that:

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.

Playground works

You may have noticed our playground works - each year playgrounds are audited and any changes in playground regulations or specifications (e.g. from the last audit) which are required are implemented.

Parent Rep Program

Mr Wilson will take over looking after our Parent Representative program, along with Sharon, our organising parent and School Council Vice President.

They will organise a meeting shortly for our Year Prep and Year 1-2 Parent Reps.

Fundraising News



Our 2018 target is...

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

Our Tally so far...

\$3,887.32

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays - 17 -30 May

Blake Mc, Eila, Mia Ga, Callan, Lewis, Toby, Gemma, Sarai, Sophie M, Kade, Chloe Mc, Jai N and Sahar



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 (and a photo for Seesaw!).

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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Please see the pages from -

- Mrs Pelly and Year 3-4 Pelly

☺ Ms Campo

3/4P

This term in PBL we go on a journey through time to see how our world and local community has changed. We have learned about celebrations we have in Australia and the reasons we celebrate them. We have spent time researching any symbols that these celebrations may have and what those symbols represent. Now we are on a journey through time to create our own personal journal that records our reflections and thinking. We may even pretend to be an explorer and record how we think they may have felt in their time. Here are our journals we created.





Look for the Orange dot in our School Library for books included in the Challenge.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is BACK at EXFORD PS

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Exford Primary School is excited to be participating.

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 7 September 2018.

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 students will have received their login username and password this week from their classroom teacher. These login details are used to log the books your child has read. To make this easier, I have attached QR codes below, (using a QR Reading App – Android or Apple device) you can quickly view the **Student Login Page** and **Challenge Booklists**. *These QR codes can also be found in every classroom, the library and at the display board at the front of the school.*

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please request a form via email (jenner.nathan.n@edumail.vic.gov.au) and I will send one home with your child.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Mr Jenner
Leading Teacher – Educational Leader



			
QR CODE	QR CODE	QR CODE	QR CODE
			
Student Log in	Challenge Picture Booklist	Challenge Chapter Booklist 1	Challenge Chapter Booklist 2



Rules for Student Challengers

1. Keep a record of your reading on the Premier's Reading Challenge website, using your login information provided by your child's teacher.
2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10. You can be learning at a school or learning at home.
3. Between March and closing date of the challenge:

If you are in:	You must read:	Number from the Challenge Book list:
Prep	30 books	20 or more
Year 1	30 books	20 or more
Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3	15 books	10 or more
Year 4	15 books	10 or more
Year 5	15 books	10 or more
Year 6	15 books	10 or more
Year 7	15 books	10 or more
Year 8	15 books	10 or more
Year 9	15 books	10 or more
Year 10	15 books	5 or more

4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
5. Your online books must be verified as read by a Coordinator/Teacher in your school.
6. All your information must be completed online before the closing date (September 7th) of the challenge.

OSH Club News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

This fortnight at OSH Club the children have been engaged in indoor activities, such as making Cookies and scones, just dance and Lego challenges as well as outdoor activities, such as skipping challenge, group games, playground challenges and MKR in the sand pit. Our cooking activities have by far been the most popular with the children wanting to cook every session - we hope you got to try some of your child's lovely cooking when you picked them up this week. We have also had some great fun using the service laptop to research what things we would like to have at OSH, such as board games and more construction materials. This activity taught the children how to compare prices and use their mathematic skills when adding up how much all our items will cost. The children really enjoyed this, even working in teams to see who could get the most items with our budget.

Friendly reminders:

PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. This is very important as if your child does not remember to go to OSH Club, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.

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 keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

Thankyou from the

OSH Club Team!



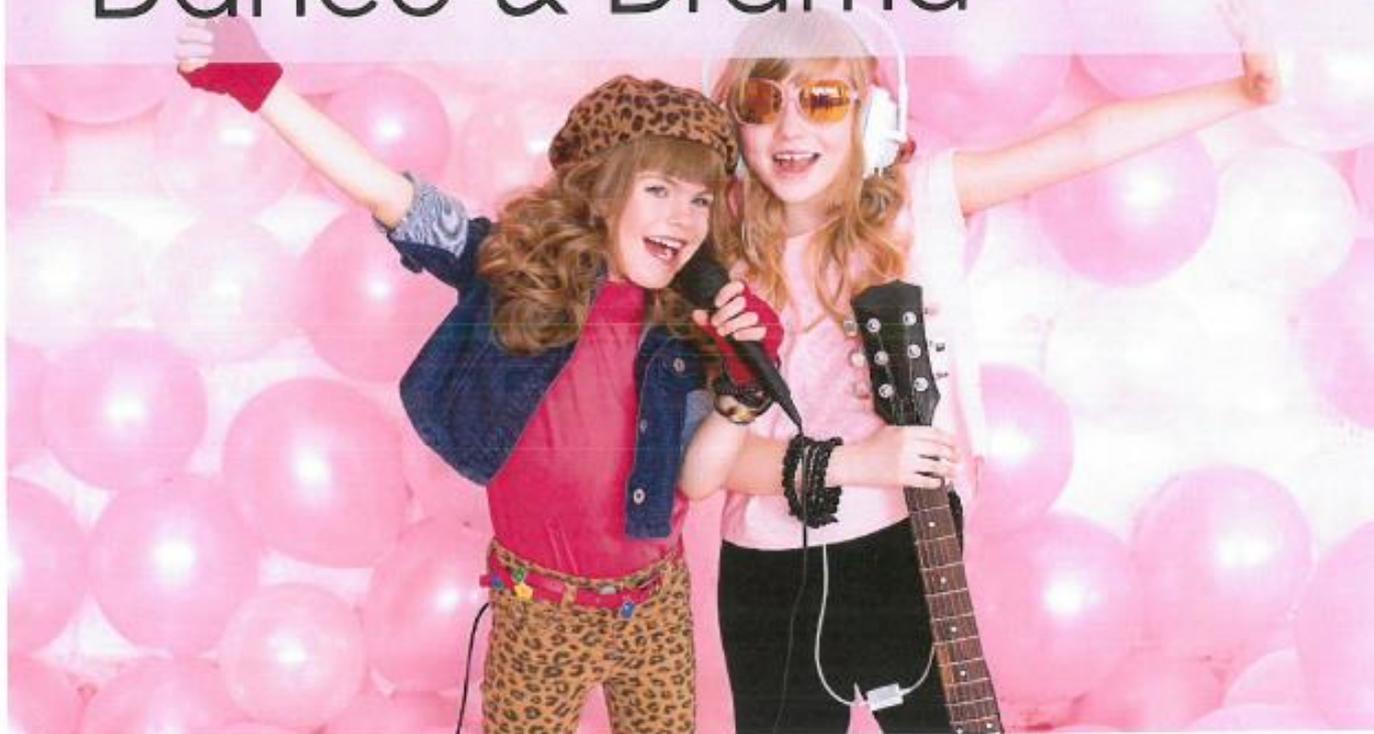
Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Sharon Assistant: Rebecca OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

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 Co-ordinator direct at the program.

Dance & Drama



If you want your child to enhance their creative and imaginative ability, then this is the right class for them.

In this class, children will decide on, learn and sing a popular song and then create a dance routine to be put into a film clip.

At the end of the term, children will get to take a copy of the film clip home for their parents.

(Suitable for 5-12 years)

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

DETAILS

WHEN:

Friday 27 April – 22 June*
(*excluding 18 May)

TIME:

5pm – 6.15pm

WHERE:

Eynesbury Discovery Centre
479 Eynesbury Road, Eynesbury

COST:

\$80.00/\$75.00 concession (8 classes)

TO BOOK:

Online: meltonlearning.com.au

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P: 9747 7200 / 0400 189 043



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Neighbourhood House



MELTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
FEMALE FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



Melton Junior Football and Netball Club are currently recruiting girls aged between 9 and 12 years old to join the under 13's Junior Girls team.

Training is Monday/Thursday evenings from 4:45pm – 6:00pm at Reynolds Place oval (next to Coburn Primary School).

We encourage families who are interested in joining this dynamic club to call Jason (coach) for more information on 0438 055857.