



**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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## **NEWSLETTER No.7 (Term 2, 2021)** **Thursday 6 May 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 - Mathletics subscription
- ☐ Year Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion

## **Ms Campo's News...**

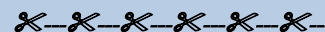
### **Smart Watches**

We are seeing children wearing smart watches to school. Please remember that smart watches are **not** allowed to come to school under our school's and the Department's Mobile Phone Policy without the express permission of the Principal.

### **Absences**

Please remember to use our FlexiSchools app to send the teacher and the Office a written absence note for your child's absence. Every absence must be explained - with unnecessary absences kept to a minimum. After last year's interrupted schooling, **EVERY DAY** at school will make a huge difference for the children.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



## **Dates to Remember:**

*Please add them to your calendar!*

## **2021 Dates**

**Tues 11, Wed 12 and Thurs 13 May**

NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students

**Monday 17 May**

School Review Day 1

**Wednesday 19 May**

6 pm School Council Meeting

**Friday 21 May**

EPS Athletics Carnival - Bridge Road

**Tuesday 26 May**

Western Region Divisional Cross Country

**Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June**

(Mon 31 May) School Review Day 2  
Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety Program

**Friday 4 June**

MPSSA Winter Sport Lightening Premiership

**Monday 14 June**

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Tuesday 15 June**

School Review - Final Day

**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 3**

**Monday 12 July**

Term 3 Begins

**Monday 21 July**

School Council Meeting - 6.30 pm

**Arrivals and Departures** - we will continue with our arrival and departure arrangements as they have been for Term 1. We ask that children arrive at school at 8:50 am as learning begins at 9 am.

From Friday 7 May, classes will meet on the oval at 8:50 am and go into class at 8:55 am, ready for a 9 am start.

### **School Hats**

School Hats can be put away now until the start of September in Term 3.

### **Attitudes to School Survey**

Each year, our Year 4-6 students take part in the Department of Education Attitudes to School survey. Our students have completed that over this fortnight.

### **NAPLAN tests - Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy**

The NAPLAN tests will be carried out with all Year 3 and Year 5 students next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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.

### **Look what we are doing on Wednesday 19 May!**



Wednesday 19 May 2021

## **National Simultaneous Storytime From Space!**

#NSS2021 #1MillionKidsReading



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual event that aims to engage children of all ages to enjoy books by creating a sense of excitement around reading. Reading ignites a spark of adventure that a child can carry within their heart well into their adult life. With **Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)** celebrating 21 years of NSS, we are proud to again support **ALIA** and **Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA)** to promote the value of literacy through this vibrant and fun event.

This year, join us on an intergalactic adventure thanks to **ALIA** and **Story Time From Space**. For the first time ever, not only will the official story for National Simultaneous Storytime be read by over 1 MILLION kids across Australia and New Zealand on Wednesday 19th May 2021, but it will also be read by astronauts from the International Space Station!

This year **ALIA**, along with Scholastic, the **Australian Space Agency** and the **Office of the Chief Scientist** want to invite you to join us for an out-of-this-world event!



**MISSION LOG:** Give me some Space!

**LAUNCH DATE:** Wednesday 19th May, 11am AEST/1pm NZST



## **GET READY FOR LIFT-OFF!**

**REGISTER YOUR PARTICIPATION BETWEEN 13 APRIL - 18 MAY 2021  
to WIN one of 50 book packs worth \$100!**

**REGISTER NOW AT: [www.alia.org.au/nss](http://www.alia.org.au/nss)**





## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Wurf who has been selected for a position at Armstrong Creek School, a position that is much closer to home for him. We have communicated our replacement plan with our Prep families. We will permanently divide the Prep W kids between Ms Monagle's and Ms Smyth's class and add additional Education Support aide time. This way the children's learning is seamless and uninterrupted. Mr Wurf's last day in the classroom will be on Friday 14 May and then work for Monday and Tuesday on writing the children's reports before he finishes up. We wish Mr Wurf all the best!

## Mother's Day Stall

Thanks to our parent helpers who assisted the children to make their selections at the Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday. Thanks to:

- Amanda (Caitlyn)
- Jacki, our School Council President
- Joel (Gus)Natasha (Kaiden)
- Melissa (Zoe)
- Mim (Mahayla)Pam (Jeremy)
- Pam (Indianna and Paige)
- Sam (Alexia and Ryan)
- Sarah (Charli)

Children can bring \$6 cash tomorrow for a final Mother's Day Stall at 2:30 pm - we will call the children across. Please use FlexiSchools to let the office know if your child / children is bringing money for the Stall so no-one misses out.



*To all our mums, step-mums, aunts, nannies  
and special ladies, we hope you have a lovely  
day on Sunday!*

## 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.

## Attendance Challenge

We hope that the students enjoyed receiving their attendance trophies in Seesaw last Friday. 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.



We set this challenge at the start of the 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.

**Congratulation to the kids who were at school for the first ten days in a row!**

(Friday 14 May is the next attendance trophy day.)

## Office News

### Uniform

An update for any parents that have pre-ordered the Exford PS hoodie. We have been notified by our supplier that due to COVID delays the ETA is now mid - late June.

Anyone looking to purchase track pants, we have plenty of stock in sizes 10, 12 & 14.

### CSEF - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

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

#### 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.

## 2021 MPSSA Cross Country event

Congratulations to the Exford PS kids who took part in the MPSSA Cross Country on Wednesday - they represented our school so well and were exemplary in their behaviour (as always!) It was nice for them to catch up with past Exford kids at the event.

Thanks to Mr Young for his training sessions with the kids and to Ms Mastrop and Mrs Scalzo for accompanying the children on the day. Given Tuesday's very rainy and cold weather, they had a lovely day for the event on Wednesday and they all assured me that they slept very well that night!

Thank you to the Exford Kids for their participation and you all share in our school's coming overall 3<sup>rd</sup> placing.

<u>Year 3-4 Patty</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joshua A</li> <li>Sam T</li> <li>Sophie P</li> <li>Isabelle K</li> </ul>	<u>Year 3-4 Roe</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ryder S</li> <li>Lily C</li> </ul>	<u>Year 4-5 Mounsey</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anabella (3<sup>rd</sup> place in the girls 10 yr event)</li> <li>Charlie</li> <li>Ryan G</li> <li>Olivia H</li> </ul>	<u>Year 5-6 Gundry</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serena G</li> <li>Heidi Z</li> <li>Allyson C</li> <li>Xavier Z</li> <li>Isabella G</li> </ul>
<u>Year 5-6 Mastrop</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slater (won the boys 10 yr event)</li> <li>Adrian (5<sup>th</sup> place in the boys 12 yr event)</li> <li>Ruby</li> </ul>	<u>Year 5-6</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amy</li> <li>Ashlyn</li> <li>Cooper</li> </ul>	<u>Talevski</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaelen (9<sup>th</sup> place in the boys 11 yr event)</li> <li>Zane A</li> <li>Zane S (6<sup>th</sup> place in the boys 12 yr event)</li> </ul>	





## 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](mailto: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 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 23 - April - 5 May, 2021*

Jaron, Mason, William, James, Kyle, Christian, Enrique, Dayne, Maddie, Shanveer, Vanellope & Paige.

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:

- Art
- P.E
- Yr 3 - 6 House Sports Carnival
- Resilience Project



*Ms Campo*

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for **Week 2** and **Week 3**

	Week 2		Week 3	
	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Prep Monagle	Rableen	Kindness	Taela	Respect
Prep Smyth	Lincoln	Respect	Emity	Personal Best
Prep Wurf	Jaskirat	Personal Best	Kabir	Kindness
1 / 2 Ambrose	Lorahli	Personal Best	Maddie	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Marli	Personal Best	Elizabeth	Kindness
1 / 2 Jenner	Aadi	Kindness	Ned	Personal Best
1 / 2 Parker	Nufaysa	Personal Best	Alize	Kindness
3 / 4 Gashi	Adele	Personal Best	Leilani	Personal Best
3 / 4 Patty	Mehma	Personal Best	Addisson	Personal Best
3 / 4 Roe	Noah	Personal Best	Paige	Personal Best
4 / 5 Mounsey	Ryan	Personal Best	Rhianna	Kindness
5 / 6 Gundry	Jack	Personal Best	Ashlyn	Personal Best
5 / 6 Mastrop	Heidi	Personal Best	Alison	Personal Best
5 / 6 Talevski	Ruby	Kindness	Rommy	Personal Best
The Arts	Thomas	Personal Best	Gurekam	Personal Best
Physical Education	Noah. M	Personal Best	Olivia	Personal Best
French	—	—	—	—
OSH Club	Kiranjit	Kindness	Addison	Kindness

# What is happening in Art!?

We finished Term 1 in a flash! Here are some of last terms finished masterpieces:



In the first two weeks of Term 2 we have created Anzac Day artworks reflecting our discussions, understanding and feelings about the topic.





# **EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL!**

**WHEN?  
FRIDAY 21ST MAY - ALL DAY!**

**WHERE?  
BRIDGE ROAD ATHLETICS TRACK, MELTON SOUTH**

**STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR COLOUR REPRESENTING  
THEIR HOUSE GROUP. HOUSE GROUPS WILL BE POSTED AS A  
REMINDER TO SEESAW NEXT WEEK, WHILE NEW STUDENTS HAVE  
BEEN ALLOCATED A HOUSE AND WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA SEESAW ALSO.**



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK OUT ON THE TRACK FOR AN  
AMAZING DAY OF COMPEITION, COOPERATION AND  
CELEBRATION!**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE LETTER  
COMING HOME SOON...**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PHYSED...



## PREP

Preps have been doing an amazing job with their Gymnastic Skills of Rolls, Jumps and Balances! We have learnt about ROCKET, EGG, STAR, BRIDGE and PIKE!



## YEAR 1-2

Learning about the Olympic Games and experiencing different events and sports we can watch at Tokyo 2021!



Gurnoor 5-6 T



Thomas and Aydin 5-6 G

## YEARS 3-6

Practicing and preparing for our 3-6 Athletics Carnival! Students have been working hard on their field events this past week including High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump. This week we completed a skill analysis of Discus and Shot Put before trying it ourselves.

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# PROJECT

## Parents & Carers

### Listen to [The Imperfects](#) Podcast

Teaming up with one of Australia's most successful comedians, **Ryan Shelton**, and his very talented brother **Josh van Cuylenburg**, **Hugh** has put together a podcast which is all about how perfectly imperfect we all are.

Constantly comparing ourselves to others can not only be exhausting, but extremely harmful. However, when we share our struggles, we start to realise that everyone, no matter how successful, has something they are battling with.

In this podcast **Hugh** will be chatting to a variety of interesting people who will be bravely sharing their struggles and imperfections. **Ryan** will then join him to discuss some valuable take-aways we can all apply to our own imperfect lives.

[CLICK HERE](#) to listen directly to [The Imperfects](#) or find out what platforms you can stream through for your next walk, run, ride or road trip with friends or family!





# Newsletter



Have a look at what we've been up to...



## This fortnight at OSHC!

The children have been engaging in a wide range of activities.

- **Watercolour Painting** has been a big hit with most children engaging in creating their own art work each day. We have started to display these works in our room, so stop by and have a look and what they have created.
- **Downball** has also been an ongoing interest when we spend time outside each morning. The children have developed motor skills while also developing social skills as they develop skills to be patient and wait for their turn when they are out of the game.
- The older children in the program have been showing a great interest in leading activities in the program with the creation of a **Dance Club** with Jessie Lee, Amy and Mia choosing to lead the group in Hip Hop, Jazz and Ballet lessons on Wednesday Mornings. We look forward to seeing the leadership skills that they develop!

## Come and join our new kids clubs!



This term we are going to be running Creative Club every Friday at Before School Care. During this 5-week club we will be exploring all kinds of abstract art activities. The children will be learning about abstract placements and various art forms and they will be able to create their own pieces.



This term we are going to be running Sustainability Club every Thursday at After School Care. During this 5-week club we will be focusing on activities the create more sustainable living. Activities such as building a worm farm, creating bird feeders and building mini-beast art sculptures from recycled products well put smiles on dial's this term at OSHC!

