

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 7 - Term 2, 2023

Thursday 27 April 2023



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## Ms Campo's news....

### Welcome to Term 2

The holidays have gone in a flash and here we are back at school. It was great to see the children return to school yesterday and we welcome our new students who have begun this week. Mr Wilson and I have been visiting our classrooms, as we love to do, and it has been so nice to join our busy and engaging classrooms as we all get back into the swing of learning and being part of the classes. I'm sure many of our kids are way taller than they were two weeks ago!

### XUNO is coming!

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. 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. 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](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) if you would like to sign up for one of these 'how to Xuno' sessions.

### Year 5-6 Warrnambool Camp

Our Year 5-6 kids are getting excited as our Warrnambool Camp departure date is getting closer! The children and staff will depart on Monday 8 May and will be away for three days and two nights. Students not attending will have a normal school program for the duration.

### Coming up

- Tuesday 2 May
  - MPSSA District Cross Country Carnival
- Wednesday 3 May
  - Mother's Day Stall

### Due to the Office

- Thursday 27 April
  - MPSSA District Cross Country – money due
- Friday 28 April
  - Mother's Day gift ordering closes in QKR
- Monday 1 May
  - Year 5 – 6 Camp – final instalment due
  - If paying in full, all monies due today

*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

## Teacher replacements

Our teacher replacement agencies are already reporting that they are struggling to fill demand. Please be aware that as the Winter season approaches, replacing staff may prove as challenging as it was last year. We will continue to advise you about staff absences through Seesaw as we currently do. Once Xuno is in action, it will be our main communication tool, reserving Seesaw as our students' Learning Journals.

## Professional Learning

Our Education Support team, Mr Wilson and I have all completed a fabulous professional learning program called 'The Traffic Jam in My Brain', which focuses on understanding the needs of students with sensory dysregulation. Sensory Tools is the organisation behind the professional learning and they provide great resources for parents and educators. Well worth a look!

## Stage 2 Building update

It was great to see the progress of our Senior Learning Building after the holidays. The concrete pour for the first storey of the SLB has occurred and all the pre-cast concrete panels have been installed on the ground floor.



We are bringing forward the planned renovation of the Gallery building into the second half of Term 2. The Gallery building will be renovated in the following way:

- Half the Gallery and two classrooms will become the new Library.
- One classroom will become the Science and Technology classroom.
- One classroom will become the Food Technology classroom.

We have begun to pack up the Library, with bulk loans going into the classrooms. The classes which are currently in the Gallery (Year 3-4 Micallef, Year 5-6 Mounsey, Year 5-6 Fyfe and Year 5-6 Fyfe Higgins) will move into the Library building and the old Prep Mod 5 building later this term. We will advise the Gallery classes' families when we have a firmer timeline.

## Supports

In these tougher post COVID times, we may all need a shoulder to lean on or to seek advice from. Here are some great links for your reference:

**Beyond Blue** - [Beyond Blue | 24/7 Support for Anxiety, Depression and Suicide Prevention](#)

**Kids Help Line** - [Kids Helpline | Phone Counselling Service | 1800 55 1800](#)

**Vic Health** - [Telephone and online services \(health.vic.gov.au\)](#)

**Health Direct** - [Mental health helplines | healthdirect](#)

## 2023 dates to remember

### Term 2

#### Friday 28 April

- Mother's Day Stall gift ordering closes

#### Tuesday 2 May

- MPSSA District Cross Country Carnival

#### Wednesday 3 May

- Mother's Day Stall

#### Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 May

- Year 5-6 Warrnambool Camp

#### Monday 15 May

- XUNO – roll out for parents

#### Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 May

- Student Support Group Meetings – invitation only

#### Wednesday 17 May

- MPSSA Year 5 – 6 Girls AFL Day

#### Monday 22 – Thursday 25 May

- Life Education Program for all classes

#### Monday 22 May – Friday 2 June

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program

#### Wednesday 31 May

- Year 3-4 Melbourne Museum and IMAX Excursion

#### Friday 9 June

- MPSSA Year 5-6 Winter Lightning Cup

#### Monday 12 June

- King's Birthday Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 14 June

- Year 5-6 MPSSA Soccer Day

#### Thursday 22 June

- Semester 1 Reports sent home (and saved to Xuno)

#### Friday 23 June

- End of Term 2 – 2:30 pm dismissal

## Thank you!

A big thank you to the following families who kindly donated to our Easter Raffle:

- Aleesha.C
- Ali, Adelina and Aydin
- Anabella and Kyle
- Ashton and Maci-Leigh
- Awheata, Hana and Te Wai
- Bilal
- Charli. R
- Danyal and Dawood
- Harry. M Jacob B
- Logan, Indianna and Page
- Mahayla
- Maison and Savana
- Monson and Penninah



## 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.
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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](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf)

## Mother's Day Stall

Friday 28 April – Final day to order Mother's Day gifts, via QKR



## 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>

## 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.**

<i>Our Tally so far...</i>	<b>\$5079.60</b>
<i>Easter Raffle</i>	<b>\$1654.60</b>
<i>Furniture Sales</i>	<b>\$3425.00</b>

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	Friday
Year 3-4 Micallef	Tuesday	Monday	Monday	Friday
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	Wednesday	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.

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](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

## Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 1 April - 27 April**

**Bilal, Umar, Fateh. S, Tanya, Lucas. S, Aiden, Aleks, Talia, Artemisia, Jack, Max, Dishen, Harry, Skye, Summer, Olivia, William, Cob y, Kyle and Christian.**

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 a birthday song.

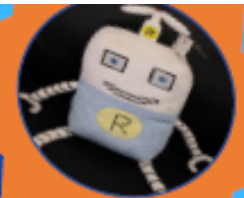
Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.



Personal  
Best



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# Student of the Week

## Week 10

## Week 11

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Mason	Kindness	Harliv	Respect
Year Prep Smyth	Sienna	Respect	Kabir	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Dishen	Personal Best	Tyler	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Poppy	Personal Best	Aishleen	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Romanksi	-	-	Charlotte	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Nakita	Personal Best	Emity	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Axel	Personal Best	Seerat	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Trey	Kindness	Emily	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Alize	Respect	Lesley	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Anshpreet	Personal Best	Umar	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Gurekam	Respect	Ella	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Adele	Respect	Sach	Personal Best
The Arts	Jasleen	Kindness	Shanveer	Kindness
Physical Education	Harry	Personal Best	Aydin	Personal Best
French	Navroop	Kindness	Abbey	Kindness
Science	Monson	Kindness	Aviraj	Personal Best
OSH Club	Aleesha	Personal Best	Dylan	Personal Best
Ms Campo	Elissia	Kindness	Nate	Respect
Mr Wilson	Harper	Kindness	Candy	Personal Best

*Congratulations to the following students who  
received Student of the Week  
Certificates for Week 10 & 11*

Kindness



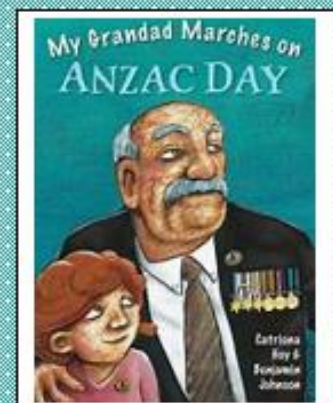


## Year 1- 2 Roe

### What ANZAC DAY means.



Students read the story, 'My Grandad Marches on ANZAC Day' and were able to use the reading strategy of predicting to show their understanding of who the ANZACS were and what makes ANZAC Day special.



# Indigenous Australians

## Year 3-4 Jones

**In Humanities, we have been learning about Indigenous Australians. We have been learning about Indigenous culture and how the Indigenous hunted for food and found and made shelter.**



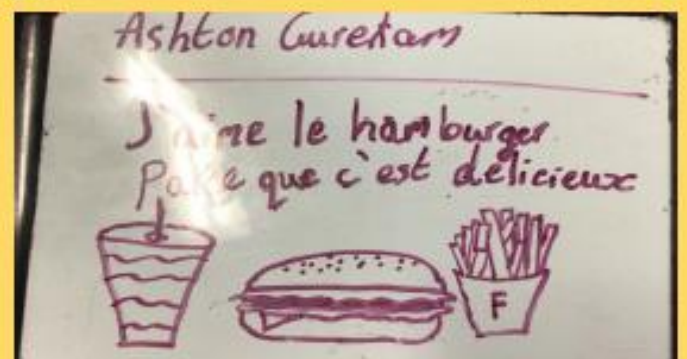
**We then used our understandings and dreamtime stories to create dioramas to reflect the way First Nations people lived before the arrival of the European Settlers.**



# French / Français

Salut Exford PS!

- ❖ During Last term, we recorded our voices saying our favourite food and ordered it, explored facts and opinions about France and French people, and sang 'Les Enfants du monde' on how to save and protect our planet in French.
- ❖ In Term 2, we will focus on Bastille Day, le 14 juillet, the weather and expressing our feelings through plays, songs and a raffle. Youpi!



Bien joué! Well-done!

Anzac  
Day  
25th April



Lest We  
Forget

victorian  
premiers'  
reading  
challenge



To register, visit [vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge](http://vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge)

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



