



# Exford Primary School

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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.8 (Term 2, 2020) Thursday 21 May 2020

You are represented on School Council by:

**Parents:** Amanda (Caitlyn), Emma (Ella & Maddie), Laura (Olivar & Ruby), Mark (Harriet), Michael (Eamonn), Naomi (Kallan & Ashlyn), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Harry)

**Community Representatives:** Graham and Jacki

**Staff:** Ms Campo, Ms Coletta, Mr Jenner, Mr Malane and Mr Wilson (visitor)

## Ms Campo's News...

### **Return to School**

We are looking forward to the return of all our staff on Monday, our Prep - Year 2 children on Tuesday (and a few Year 3-6 kids, too). Monday 8 June will be the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday and then all our Year 3-6 children will return on Tuesday 9 June.

Please see our Return to School Plan which has been shared with our parent community and we ask that all parents and community members need to follow it carefully. These precautions are to prevent or significantly limit any further community outbreaks of Covid-19. (See next page).

### **Our School will look a little different!**

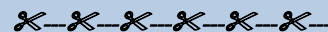
Mrs Ambrose and Ms Reid have been hard at work setting up their classrooms.

Mrs Talbot has been leading the way in re-inventing our Library. There will be different spaces within our Library to suit readers of different ages, with regularly changing book displays. We are looking forward to its being ready for the kids

Mrs Quayle is very excited to have the Art room back and will be eager to get into some Art classes as the children return.

We will be moving some of the playground equipment to accommodate the new concrete areas.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



### **Dates to Remember.**

Please add them to your calendar!

## 2020 Dates

It's nice to have our Return to School Plan in place now.

### **Tuesday 26 May**

Tuesday 26 May sees the first stage of our return to school

**Staggered arrival and departure times will be our daily normal until further notice.**

8:50 am - Year Prep children

9 am - Year 1-2 (and any approved Year 3-6) children

3:20 pm - Year Prep children will be dismissed

3:30 pm - Year 1-2 (and any approved Year 3-6) children will be dismissed

### **Monday 8 June**

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

### **Tuesday 9 June**

Tuesday 9 June sees the return of all students to school

8:50 am - Year Prep children - line-up on the oval (Canteen end)

9 am - Year 1-2 children - line-up on the oval (Art Room end)

9 am - Year 3-6 children - line up on oval (Canteen end)

3:20 pm - Year Prep children will be dismissed from the oval

3:30 pm - Year 1-2 will be dismissed from the oval

3:30 pm - Year 3-6 children will be dismissed from their classrooms

### **Tuesday 23 & Thursday 25 June**

3:45 pm onwards - Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx

## Return to School Plan

I shared with you the key points from Premier Daniel Andrews and Education Minister James Merlino's presentation on Tuesday 12 May. I sent out a detailed FlexiBuzz for you.

### Key dates:

- Monday 25 May - Pupil Free Day (no students and no OSH Club program)
- Tuesday 26 May - Year Prep -2 children return to school
- Monday 8 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 9 June - Year 3-6 children return to school

On Tuesday 19 May, we sent out our detailed Exford PS Return to School Plan for our families and this aims to keep all members of our community safe and continuing to practise social distancing.

### During this period, we ask parents to:

- Not visit the Office, classrooms or the Canteen
- Not come early / stay late for a play
- Not congregate or linger on the school grounds or around the school gates
- Follow the bollards in place to direct pedestrian traffic
- Use FlexiBuzz and or Seesaw to contact staff
- Phone the school with any queries / request a call back
- Use the Canteen app (if the Canteen starts up in this time)
- Make any payments electronically

During this period, the front gate is to be used only by:

- Arrival / departure of OSH Club staff, parents (and little brothers and sisters) and students
- Arrival / departure of staff
- Arrival / departure of Bus Kids

During this period, the vehicle gates are to be used for:

- 8:50 am - arrival of Prep students
- 9 am - arrival of Year 1-2 students
- 9 am - arrival of Year 3-6 students
- All adult to exit by the side gate (so we have one-way pedestrian traffic)

During this period, the side gate and vehicle gates are to be used for:

- 3:20 pm - departure of Prep students (and any older siblings by arrangement with Ms Campo or Mr Wilson)
- 3:30 pm - departure of Year 1-2 students
- 3:30 pm - departure of Year 3-6 students

As always, if you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher.

It feels very strange and non-Exford-y to say please don't stay and play and to ask our families to stay away from the Office and the classrooms - but hopefully the need for this next stage of social distancing will ease as time moves on. 😊

## Our School Upgrade Plan and additional funding

We were thrilled to hear that our school will be receiving an additional \$2.4 million to supplement our school upgrade amount of \$6.24 m.

This new funding will pay for the early works package of bringing mains water and sewerage to our site, which will be a very welcome improvement to our school facilities.

Our Project Team are reassessing our costs to determine whether Stage 1 and 2 can be combined as part of the \$6.24 m expenditure of the Stage 1 funding. Fingers and toes are crossed that it can be afforded!

- Stage 1 -
  - Mains Water, mains sewerage, power upgrade
  - New Admin building
  - Fire Services Road
- Stage 2 - hoping now to be included with Stage 1
  - Staffroom at end of Admin building
  - Junior classroom building (8 classrooms)
- Stage 3 - subject to additional future funding
  - Rework BER building for our Library and Rich Learning area
  - New Art room
  - Senior classroom building (2 level - 6 classrooms on each level)
- Stage 4 - subject to additional future funding
  - Community Hub - Gymnasium and Canteen
  - Redo oval - in new position

[Please see the Master Plan image on the next page!](#)

## Happy Birthdays!!



*To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 21 May - 3 June 2020*

Lewis, Toby K, Heera, Ariaah, Alyce, Jai N, Saha, Aadi, Blake T, Aviraj, Zac V, Arbab and Drew



Happy Birthday to you!!  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday dear kids,  
Happy Birthday to you!

**We hope that you enjoy reading pages from these classes:**

- Ms Coletta's Year 3-4 class

*Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!*

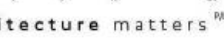
😊 Ms Campo



**MASTER PLAN (5-YEAR WITH STAGING) - OPTION 5**  
21st May 2020

M EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL 19/20 CAPITAL WORKS

1:500 @ A3





During remote learning 3/40 have really enjoyed completing a Wellbeing activity each day. We have been using the app Smiling Minds and would love to share with you how we feel after completing one of the activities.

After Smiling Minds I feel calm and relaxed. It makes me feel happy.

**ELLA**

After Smiling Minds I feel happy and angry at the same time.

**ANNABELLA**

After Smiling Minds, I feel calm and ready to do lots of things. If I feel tired or annoyed it makes me feel better again.

**ELISE**

After I complete a Smiling Minds activity, I feel happy and calm. It helps me calm down when I feel frustrated.

**JADE**

I feel happy and calm after doing a Smiling Minds activity.

**ARITRIKA**

After Smiling Minds meditation, I feel calm and relaxed.

**BLAKE**

After Smiling Minds, I feel calm and happy

**SPENCER**

After Smiling Minds I'm calm

**KAYLEB**

I feel happy while I'm doing smiling minds

**SUMMER**

After Smiling Minds, I feel happy

**ALLAYNA**

After Smiling Minds, I feel happy.

**CHARLOTTE**

After Smiling Minds, I feel calm.

**SIENNA P**

Smiling Minds makes me feel calm.

**CAITLYN**

Smiling Minds makes me feel calm, comfortable and happy.

**ASHA**

Smiling Minds makes me feel happy and relaxed.

**ABBIE**

Smiling Minds does not make me feel relaxed.

**KAILEN**

I don't really enjoy Smiling Minds.

**LACHLAN**

After Smiling Minds I feel relaxed.

**LINCOLN**

After Smiling Minds I feel nice.

**SIENNA K**

After Smiling Minds I feel relaxed and unstressful.

**RYAN**



Smiling Minds



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