

# Exford Primary School

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## Ms Campo's news....

### XUNO is coming!



We have been working hard behind the scenes to complete our Xuno set-up and have now launched it with our teachers and ES staff. We are launching it with our parent community from Monday 15 May. Xuno will replace our FlexiSchools and School Interviews website and will also eventually phase out our use of QKR.

On Friday 12 May, Mrs Harper will upload our **'How to Xuno'** Parent Guide into Seesaw for you: it will contain step by step instructions for you to begin to familiarise yourself with how to use Xuno. From Monday 15 May, we will hold morning and afternoon 'how to Xuno' sessions for anyone who would like some help.

- Monday 15 – Thursday 18 May – morning session 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

What a fabulous three days away the Year 5-6 children have had – the children and the staff got off the buses this afternoon and they all looked like they had enjoyed every moment of all the activities, from surfing and Lawn Bowls and topped off with an ice-cream stop at Timboon on the way home. An early night to bed for everyone, I think!

Huge thanks to our amazing staff who give up their own family / personal time to make Camps possible for our students. Thanks also to our 'behind the scenes' staff who helped prepare for the Camp.

## Coming up

- Monday 15 May
  - XUNO - roll out for parents
- Monday 15 & Wednesday 17 May
  - SSG Meetings – invite only
- Thursday 18 May
  - MPSSA Year 5 – 6 Girls AFL Day
- Week of Monday 22 May – Life Education for Prep – 6 classes (forms out tomorrow)
- Week of Monday 22 May - Friday 2 June - Year 5-6 Swimming program

## Due to the Office

- Friday 12 May
  - Year 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival money due
- Monday 15 May
  - Year 5 – 6 Swimming money due
- Tuesday 16 May
  - MPSSA Year 5 – 6 Girls AFL Day money due

*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

## Staff absences


Please be aware that replacement teachers are very hard to come by already, even this early into Term 2, and we can only envisage that the situation will get worse as the Winter 'lurgies' set in. Mr Wilson, Ms Littlewood, Mr Jenner and I are all taking classes where we can to avoid class splits – but avoiding splitting classes to the cohort is not always possible.

The flip-side of our Leadership team taking classes is that we may not be available and will not be able to do our usual tasks. We may not always be available for a quick chat, an impromptu meeting, a phone call, Seesaw message or a quick email response. We will always respond to you, of course, but we ask for your understanding if it takes a day or even two for us to do so.

## Life Education Program

The Life Education program returns to Exford in a fortnight's time – the notes will be sent out tomorrow. (Apologies, the notes were to go out earlier this week, but with so many staff away at Camp, it's been a bit busy at school).

The teachers have chosen these units for the children to take part in and will also follow up the recommended teaching points in the classroom.

	Program
Prep	<p><b>HAROLD'S FRIEND SHIP</b> <span style="float: right;">Foundation / Year 1   60 MIN</span></p> <p>After building a model spaceship at school, Harold and his friends Boots and Red, venture into an imaginary world in outer space. As the adventure unfolds students explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to build friendships and care for others</li> <li>• feelings and emotions</li> <li>• safe and unsafe situations, early warning signs and people to turn to for help</li> </ul>
Year 1-2	<p><b>GROWING GOOD FRIENDS</b> <span style="float: right;">Years 2 - 3   60 MIN</span></p> <p>Harold tries to figure out what to give his grandma for her birthday. His friends Boots and Red step in and offer some good ideas. This animated story takes us to familiar surroundings where students can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• define who the "special people" are in our lives</li> <li>• identify ways to make new friends and maintain healthy friendships</li> <li>• explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1 of 4</p> 
Year 3-4	<p><b>ALL SYSTEMS GO</b> <span style="float: right;">Years 2 - 4   90 MIN</span></p> <p>Inside a futuristic machine 'The Venture', the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood, the class explore how interesting the human body really is. Students will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the function of vital organs (heart, lungs, brain, kidneys)</li> <li>• healthy choices to look after the body such as food and exercise</li> <li>• factors that influence the function of body systems such as medicines or second hand smoke</li> <li>• strategies to manage peer pressure</li> </ul>
Year 5-6	<p><b>RELATE RESPECT CONNECT</b> <span style="float: right;">Years 4 - 6   90 MIN</span></p> <p></p> <p>A unique, contemporary module that explores building positive, safe and respectful relationships. Presented via a series of fictitious vlogs that resonate with young people moving through middle, upper primary school and beyond this module focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• understanding how and why it's important to respect ourselves and others</li> <li>• exploring the impact of disrespectful behaviours</li> <li>• identifying characteristics of positive relationships and strategies to maintain them</li> <li>• strategies to respond to unsafe or disrespectful situations online and offline</li> <li>• strategies for emotional regulation and avenues to seek support when needed</li> </ul>

We have also organised our annual 'Police in Schools' program for our Year 5-6 students – talking about their digital footprint and identity, the risks in accessing social media (13 years is the minimum age) and cyber safety. We will advise our families when we have the confirmed date.

## School photos

We have finalised all the photo 'proofs' earlier this term and would anticipate the school photo packs being delivered within the month.

## 2023 dates to remember

### Term 2

#### Monday 15 May

- XUNO – roll out for parents

#### Monday 15 and Wednesday 17 May

- Student Support Group Meetings – invitation only

#### Thursday 18 May

- MPSSA Year 5 – 6 Girls AFL Day

#### Friday 19 May

- Professional Practice Day Number 1 – **no school** for our students on this day

#### Monday 22 – Thursday 25 May

- Life Education Program

#### 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

- 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

#### Friday 23 June

- End of Term 2 – 2:30 pm dismissal

## Thank you!

A big thank you to the following mums who kindly helped run our Mother's Day stall - Natalie (Rodney) and Naiomi (Kallan)



## 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](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

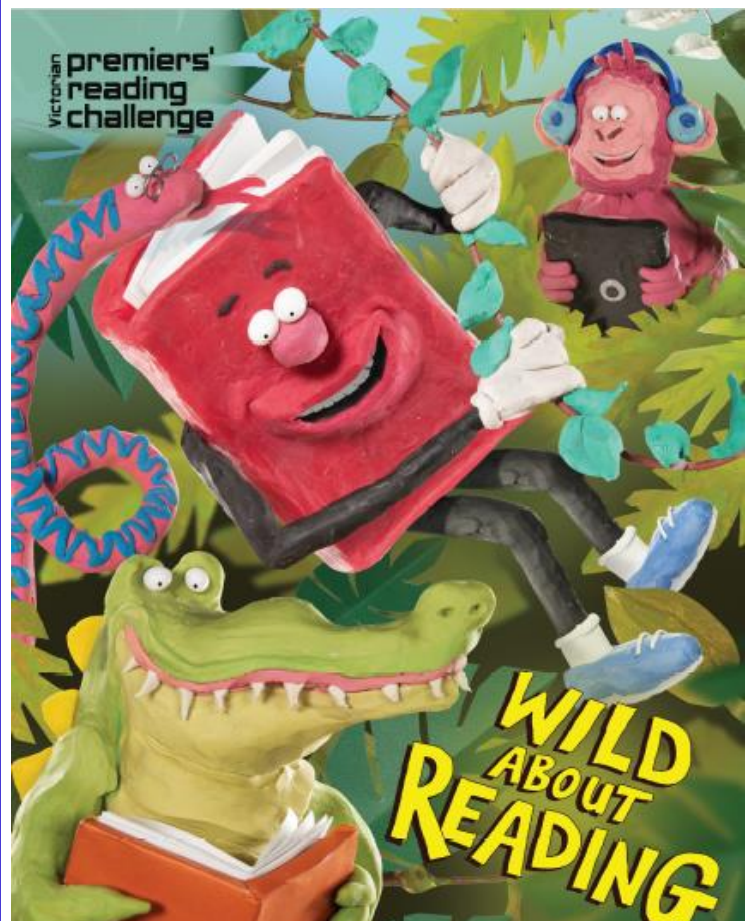
The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

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>





## 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...*

**\$5079.60**

*Easter Raffle*

**\$1654.60**

*Furniture Sales*

**\$3425.00**

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	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 - 11 May**

**Kardinya, Talha, Shan, Paige and Lincoln**

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 1

## Week 2

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Skylah	Personal Best	Lincoln	Personal Best
Year Prep Smyth	Levi	Respect	Everly	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Bailey	Kindness	Logan	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Max	Personal Best	Kabir	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanski	Malika	Kindness	Savana	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Saraiya	Kindness	Alex	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Jasleen	Personal Best	Gurmanvir	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Bailey	Personal Best	Indianna	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Mahayla	Kindness	Sohang	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Maison	Personal Best	Paige	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	William	Personal Best	Allayna	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Max	Personal Best	Elijah	Personal Best
The Arts	Mason	Personal Best	Everly	Kindness
Physical Education	Faatea	Kindness	Tatham	Personal Best
French	Gurseerat	Personal Best	Riley	Personal Best
Science	Aleeza	Personal Best	Xavier	Respect
OSH Club	-	-	-	-
Ms Campo	Teddy	Kindness	Mia	Personal Best
Mr Wilson	Tait	Kindness	Mohammad	Personal Best

*Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for Week 1 & 2*

Kindness





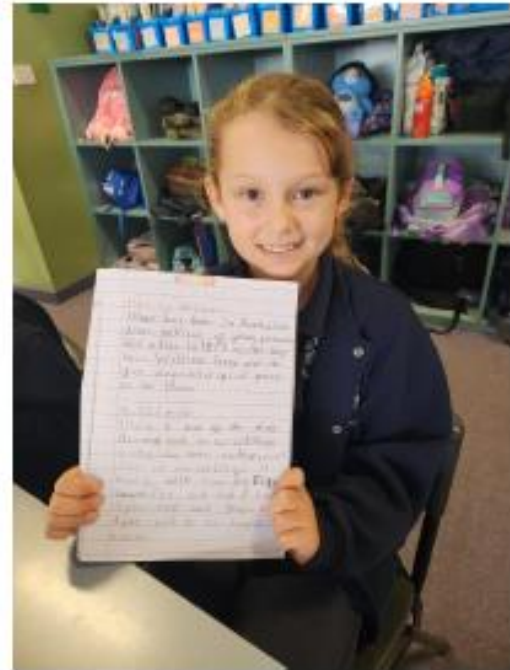
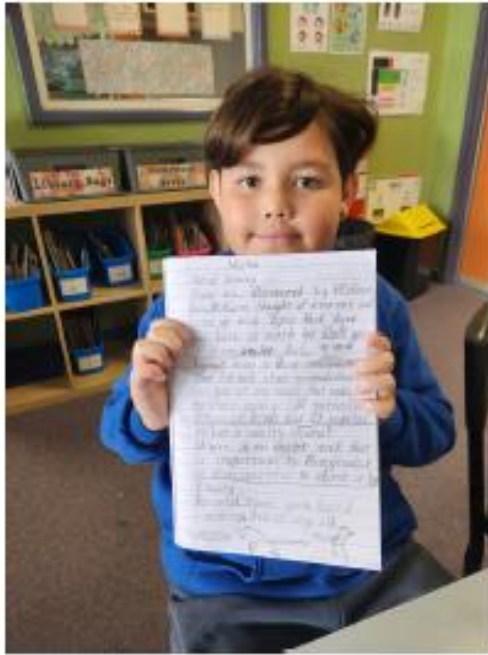
# INFORMATION WRITING

## in 3-4 Micallef

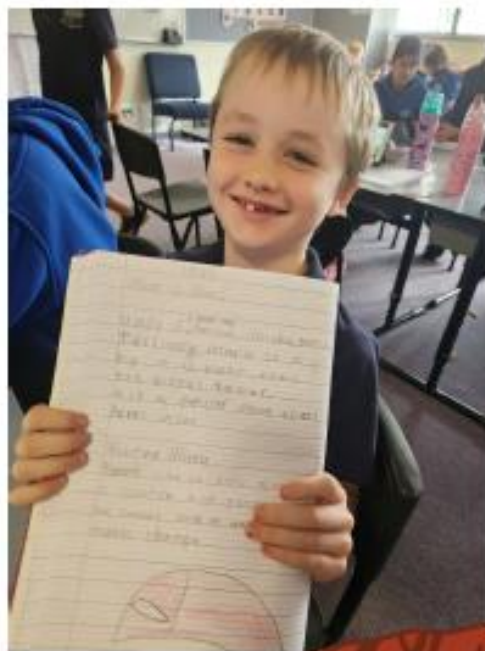
In 3-4 Micallef, we have been learning how to write informatively, focusing on our use of sub-headings, illustrations, diagrams, maps, bolded words, and paragraphs. We researched information about one of Australia's famous landmarks - Uluru.

Then drafted and published our writing. Check out our work below!



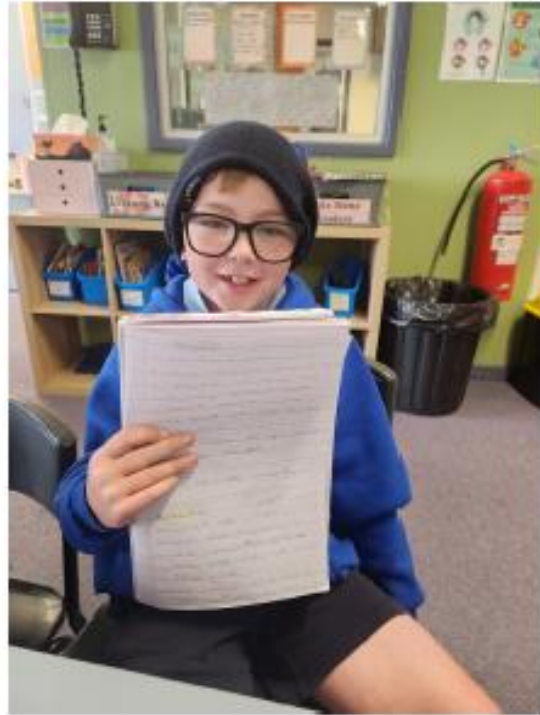






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 animals that live in  
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 100 species of birds and  
 different types of plants  
 have like to live in  
 birds which means that  
 frogs like to go in water  
 water.

A big rock  
 which is a mountain  
 a mountain which is  
 water. Wukus is a lot of water  
 Wukus, Wukus is water.





# *Science in Year Prep*

To begin Term 2 our Year Prep students have been learning about things that move. We began by learning about the human body and how it moves, discussing voluntary movements such as dancing to your favourite song or doing a cartwheel. We also discussed involuntary movements such as blinking and breathing. As a group we identified other things in our world that move, the students came up with some great answers such as aeroplanes, motorbikes, giraffes, spiders and much more. Here are some of our Year Preps drawings of things that move in our world:







# JOIN THE FUN!



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