

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 9 – Term 2, 2022

Thursday 9 June 2022



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## Ms Campo's News....

### Woo hoo...we're on the move!

We are very excited to be able to confirm that we will be moving into the new Administration building and the Junior Learning Building on schedule. We will have a team of removalists assisting our move, with the classroom furniture and teacher resources for Prep Micallef and Smyth, Year 1-2 Ambrose, Higgins, Monagle and Roe and Year 3-4 Fyfe and Tekin all being shifted across during the holidays. We have been in packing mode this past fortnight – just like when you move house, it's a great chance to have a good clean up too.

A reminder that **Monday 11 July** (Day 1 of Term 3) is a **Pupil Free Day**, so the staff are able to set up the classrooms, ready for the children's return on Tuesday 12 July. The Assembly area will be back in use, as well.

The front of the JLB's classroom sliding doors have had their colour added this week and today all the signage has been installed



The six Mod 5 classrooms where the Year 1-2 classes and Year 3-4 Fyfe and Tekin and the Art room currently are will begin to be taken off site from mid July, ready for the commencement of the two storey Senior Learning Building, which will also have a new Art room and new Music room... *très excitant!*



## Coming up

- Friday 10 June
  - Year 5-6 Swimming Program (final session)
  - Year 1-2 'Aussie Wildlife' Incursion
- Monday 13 June
  - **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (no school)**
- Tuesday 14 June – Mr Gundry returns from Daddy leave
- Monday 20 – Friday 24 June – Term 3 Planning Week – the children will have one of our specialist teachers for the day
  - Monday 20 – Prep Team and Monsieur Mouhamad
  - Tuesday 21 – Year 1-2 Team
  - Wednesday 22 – Year 3-4 Team
  - Thursday 23 – Year 5-6 Team
  - Friday 24 – Ms Watt, Mr Patty, Ms Anderson, Ms Littlewood and Mr Jenner
- Friday 24 June – end of Term 2 - 2:30 pm Dismissal
- **Monday 11 July - Pupil Free Day (no students)**
- **Tuesday 12 July - Term 3 begins for the students**

*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

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## Semester One Reports

The teachers have been busy working on the Semester One reports for the children. We are now at the proof-reading stage and then the reports will be sent home on Thursday 23 June, accompanied by assessment slides in Seesaw. The reports will refer you to the Seesaw slides – the reports will contain the subject description (e.g. for English or Mathematics) and will then have a comment, such as 'Please refer to your child's Seesaw Digital Learning Portfolio for work samples and teacher feedback.' There will be a progression point score against the Curriculum standard, showing where your child's achievement levels are. There is also a score for attendance and punctuality, Take Home Reading, Behaviour and effort and Homework.

## Car park

Please be mindful to be a courteous driver at all times in our school car park. The number of car park spaces is compromised due to the construction works, so we need everyone to be even more careful so that all our kids are safe. That means strictly obeying the speed limits and parking carefully.

Students **are not permitted** to walk by themselves up to the front car park to be collected by parents. If you are parking in the front car park, please walk down to escort your children back to the car.

## Arrival times – 8:50 am

A reminder that children are not allowed to be left unattended before 8:50 am. Teachers do not begin work before then, and are not able to supervise children before they have commenced their work day. If you need to leave your child, we ask you to book them into OSH Club or to make an arrangement with another parent, please.

## Magpie observer

We all thought it was very funny last week to have a Magpie observing the lunch time footy game, talk about your bird's eye view ... or having a one-eyed Magpie supporter cheering on the game!



## Dates to Remember 2022

### Term 2

#### Thursday 9 June

- Year 5-6 MPSSA Soccer Carnival

#### Friday 10 June

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program
- Year 1-2 'Aussie Wildlife' Incursion

#### Monday 13 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

#### Friday 24 June

- End of Term 2
  - 2:10 pm – Assembly
  - 2.30 pm dismissal (and bus departures)

### Term 3

#### Monday 11 July

- Term 2 commences for Staff only
- Pupil Free Day No 4 – getting our new classrooms ready!

#### Tuesday 12 July

- Term 2 commences for Students

#### Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 August

- Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs Camp

#### Tuesday 13 to Wednesday 14 September

- Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

### Term 4

#### Monday 3 October

- Term 4 commences for students and staff

#### Tuesday 1 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 14 December

- Exford Christmas Concert (we hope!)

#### Thursday 15 December

- Year 6 Graduation Evening

# FlexiSchools Absence

If your child is unable to attend School, you must submit a FlexiSchools absence.



To celebrate Education Week, we have partnered with six local primary schools to create an amazing art exhibition, which is on display outside Australia Post until **Monday, 13 June**.

Vote for your favourite artwork by visiting the art display in-centre and scanning the QR Code. The school with the most votes at the end will WIN a \$1,000 Officeworks voucher.

For more information visit [Event: Vote for your favourite local school artwork - May 23, 2022 | The Village Bacchus Marsh](#)

## victorian premiers' reading challenge

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

- The PRC includes the following features:
  - 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.

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.

For more information  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)



## 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 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 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 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2022 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 2021

If a form was not lodged in 2021, 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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application form 2020 ([education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au))

## Canteen

The Canteen will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. The canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesdays, until further notice. To order please visit the following web page: [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

## Fundraising

Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics 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 3 – Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



**Our 2022 target is...**  
**\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$2137.50**

## Specialist Timetable

CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)
Prep Micallef	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
Prep Smyth	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Higgins	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Monagle	Friday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 1-2 Roe	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Fyfe	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Gundry	Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Tekin	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5-6 Mounsey	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 5-6 Mastrop	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 5-6 Talevski	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday

## 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 and 2021.**

**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 27 May - 9 June**

**Charnjot, Aariah.F, Alyce, Gurman, Ella.C, Mia.T,  
Saraiya, Arbab, Tanreet, Isabell and Avlyn.**

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.





# Student of the week



## Week 5

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Avlyn	Respect	Charlotte	Respect
Year Prep Smyth	Zayann	Personal Best	Gusaanj	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Lincoln	Personal Best	Tatham	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Charnjot	Personal Best	Ryder	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Summer	Personal Best	Dimitri	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Shailene	Personal Best	Nihal	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Frankly	Personal Best	Arnavnoor	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Elissia	Personal Best	Awheata	Respect
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Jasleen	Personal Best	Ollie	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Dayne	Personal Best	Maarja	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Noah	Personal Best	Rhianna-May	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Charlie	Personal Best	Chloe	Respect
The Arts	Summer	Respect	Aleesha	Respect
Physical Education	Gurman	Personal Best	Ryan	Respect
French	Chloe-Louise	Respect	Jeremy	Personal Best
OSH Club	Daniel	Kindness	Aleesha	Respect

**Congratulations to the following students who received  
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 5 & 6**





# PREP MICALLEF

## visit the Werribee Zoo!



On Friday 27th May, the Year Prep students went on their very first excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo! We took part in a lesson called 'Habitat Heroes' where students were able to explore an animals habitat using their senses to uncover how living things grow, change and survive in nature. The highlight of the day was definitely the safari bus, where we were able to see a range of animals in the wild. Some of the animals we came very close to on the bus were giraffes, zebras, hippos, rhinos, wild horses and a range of deer and antelope species. We all had a wonderful day at the zoo!













# LEGO Club

LEGO Club gives students the opportunity to create some LEGO masterpieces during lunch time. Here are some of our students showing their awesome building skills:



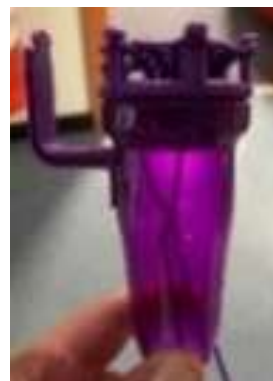


# Knitting Club is open for everyone!

Knitting Club happens in the French classroom most days, unless Ms Campo has a lunchtime meeting. Our younger students start on the French knitting tools, which is excellent for developing hand strength and co-ordination, and this also helps with holding a pencil and writing and cutting out in the classroom.

Learning to knit (with either a French knitter or with knitting needles) is a perfect Growth Mindset activity to practise being resilient about learning to do something new and crafty, as well as making friends with other students.

Our older children progress to using knitting needles and are working on making Trauma Teddies and beanies. They are also very patient helpers with our little knitters and it's a very social group.





# games CLUBS





## Year 3-6 House Athletics Carnival

I'm so proud of the effort that all of our students displayed at our House Athletics Carnival. It was great to see students and staff wearing their house colours and supporting each other throughout the day. Thanks to everyone that helped make the day a success!

Here are some of the highlights:



# Year 5-6 MPSSA Winter Lightning Premiership

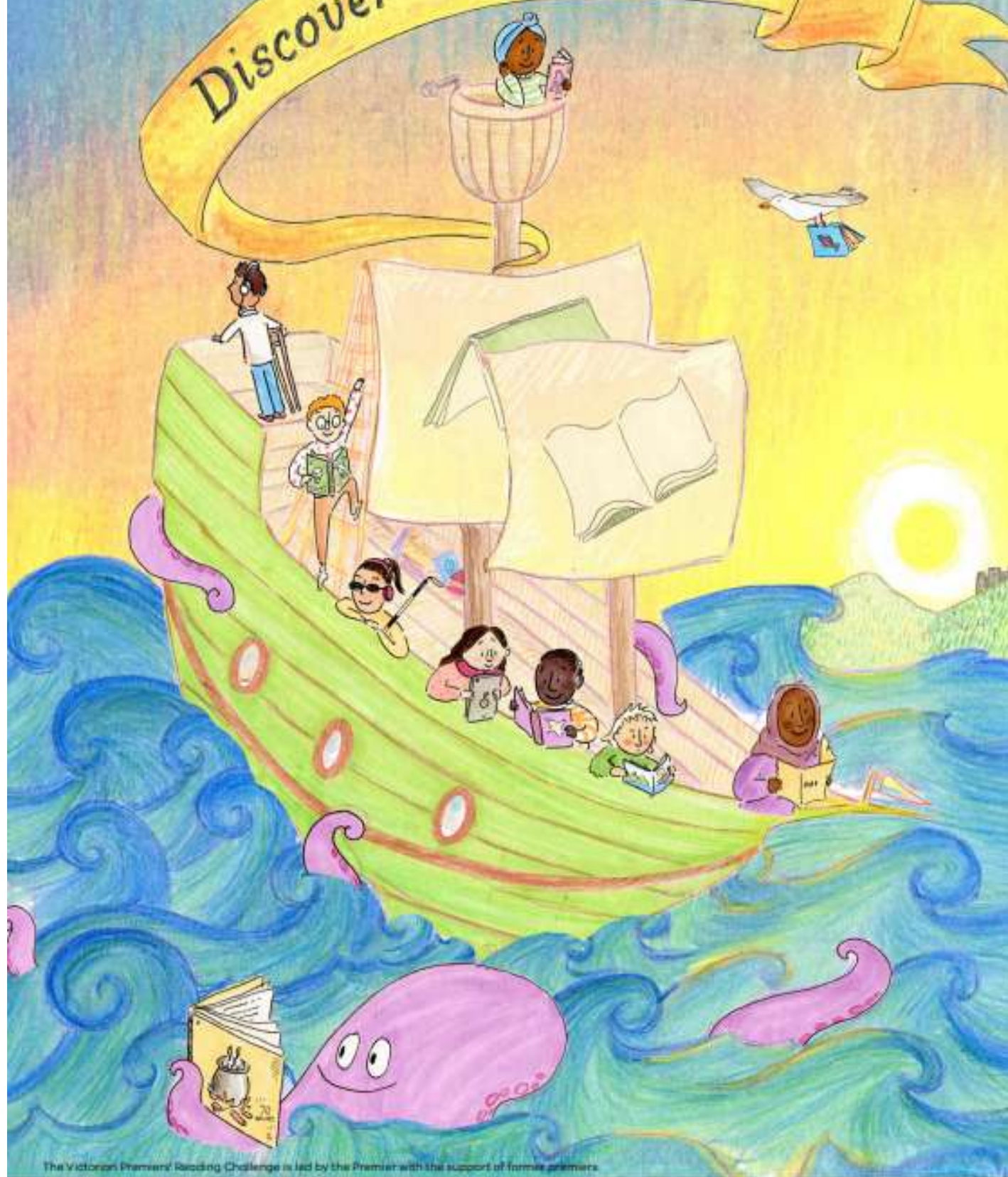
On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, our Year 5-6 students went to a range of venues to represent Exford PS in AFL, Netball and TeeBall. The students showed an enormous amount of effort and sportsmanship! Our Mixed AFL team managed to make the grand final to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the carnival.





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