



**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.9 (Term 2, 2021) **Thursday 3 June 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

Ms Campo's News...

Remote Learning

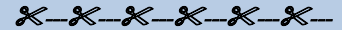
Dear Families,

We hoped that we wouldn't find ourselves back in a lockdown and Remote Learning scenario again ... but we are and we just have to make the best of it as we can. No-one can ask more of us than our doing our best. Please take care of yourselves at this time and reach out if you need a chat or some assistance.

The teachers have now almost completed doing the individual reading assessment conferences they have been doing with the children and will schedule literacy and numeracy teaching sessions online in WebEx from Monday. Please make sure that your child is logging in for these sessions - it may only be another four days of Remote Learning after today (we hope!!), but every day of teaching and learning counts.



Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Friday 4 June

MPSSA Winter Sport Lightening Premiership - **new date TBC**

Tuesday 8 / Wednesday 9 June

Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety Program - **new date TBC**

Friday 11 June

Yr 5-6 Swimming & Water Safety Program - **new date TBC**

Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 15 June

School Review - Final Day

Wednesday 16 June

School Council Mtg - 6 pm

Wednesday 16 June

MPSSA Yr 5-6 Soccer - **date TBC**

Tuesday 22 June

MPSSA AFL Girls Day
- **date TBC**

Friday 25 June

End of term PYJAMA DAY!

Last Day of Term 2
2.10 pm - Assembly
2.30 pm - Dismissal

Term 3

Monday 12 July

Term 3 Begins

Wednesday 21 July

School Council Meeting - 6.30 pm

Thursday 19 August

MPSSA Group 1 - Athletics Carnival

Monday 23 - Friday 27 August

2021 Book Week

Thursday 2 September

MPSSA - Yr 5-6 Basketball

Thursday 9 September

Monday 13 - Wednesday 15

September

Year 3 - 4 Phillip Island Camp

Year 3-4 Camp deposit and note

The Year 3-4 Camp notes and deposit were due on Friday 4 June - obviously notes can't be returned today. Families can still pay the deposit via QKR and notes can be returned on our return to school. We will shift the due date for year 3-4 Camp notes and deposit returns to Friday 11 June.



Resilience Project

Thank you to Mr Young for organising our Resilience Project 'DIS Challenge' over the past week. It's been great to see what our kids and staff are grateful for in their lives .

It's been lovely to watch the kids' and staff videos - and you know what, it's not always 'things' or possessions we have said we are thankful for - it's our family, our pets, our friends, our homes. At times like this, we are reminded of what really counts.



Friday 25 June - PJ Day!



*Wear your
favourite
PJ's to
School!!*

**When: Friday 25 June
(last day of Term 2)**

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge



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

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 17 September 2021.

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.

Your child's log in details were sent home via Seesaw.

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.

We do have some stock of second hand uniforms (mainly our polo shirts) that families have donated back to the school. Please contact Mrs Kelly in the Office if you are interested in an item .

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.

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.

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 - all student absences must be explained in writing.

Fundraising News



Our 2021 target is...
\$5,000 - \$10,000.

Our Tally so far... \$3,572.00

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

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 20 May - 3 June 2021

Heera, Charnjot, Ariaah, Alyce, Jai, Ella, Aadi, Mia, T, Flynn, Aviraj and Arbab

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:

- Year 1-2 Jenner
- Year 5-6 Mastrop
- Resilience Project

☺ Ms Campo

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



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

	Week 5		Week 6	
	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Prep Monagle	Kaiden	Respect	-	-
Prep Smyth	Sam	Kindness	Levi	Personal Best
1 / 2 Ambrose	Tatham	Personal Best	Sahasra	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Sumair	Kindness	Charitha	Respect
1 / 2 Jenner	Axel	Personal Best	Ebadat	Kindness
1 / 2 Parker	Fletcher	Respect	Kiara	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi	Alexia	Kindness	Navroop	Personal Best
3 / 4 Patty	Lily	Respect	Billie-Rose	Personal Best
3 / 4 Roe	Maison	Personal Best	Mohammad	Kindness
4 / 5 Mounsey	Blake	Kindness	Olivia	Kindness
5 / 6 Gundry	Cooper	Respect	Zane	Personal Best
5 / 6 Mastrop	Jaron	Respect	Roqia	Kindness
5 / 6 Talevski	Adrian	Personal Best	Gurnoor	Respect
The Arts	Sienna	Personal Best	Japji	Personal Best
Physical Education	Nate	Kindness	Slater	Personal Best
French	-	-	-	-
OSH Club	Koen	Personal Best	-	-

Poetry Writing in Year 1/2

We have been exploring different types of poetry as writers. We would like to share with you our Colour and alliteration poems. Enjoy!

Colour Poems

Orange

By Afraa

Orange is the colour of the sunset
Orange looks like petals
Orange tastes like orange
Orange sounds like birds singing
Orange smells like buttercups
Orange feels like fabric
Orange makes me feel gorgeous

Yellow

By Prynce

Yellow is among us
Yellow is for Maccas
Yellow looks like candy
Yellow is for a sun
Yellow is like the lollipop

Pink

By Chloe

Pink is the colour of my water bottle
Pink looks like the sunset
Pink tastes like cotton candy
Pink sounds like a pink bird singing
Pink smells like flowers
Pink feels like slime
Pink makes me feel happy

Yellow

By Axel

Yellow is the colour of the sun
Yellow looks like the sun
Yellow tastes like lemon
Yellow sounds like textas
Yellow feels weird
Yellow makes me feel hot

Green

By Ebadat

Green is the colour of grass
Green looks like leaves
Green tastes like jelly
Green sounds like wind blowing the grass
Green smells like grass
Green feels like grass
Green makes me feel calm

Red

By Aadi

Red is the colour of fire
Red looks like lava
Red tastes like raspberries
Red sounds like fireworks
Red smells like lava
Red feels like the sun
Red makes me feel real hot

Yellow

By Liam

Yellow is the colour of the sky
Yellow looks like Among Us
Yellow tastes like lamingtons
Yellow sounds like sunflowers
Yellow smells like butter
Yellow feels like slime
Yellow makes me feel nice

Red

By Natalia

Red is the colour of fire
Red looks like a rose
Red tastes like an apple

By Uvraq

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Yellow Feels like the hot sun
Yellow looks like the colour called yellow
Yellow tastes like butter
Yellow sounds like Richmond Tigers

Yellow

By Vinay

Yellow is the colour of the sun set
Yellow looks like the sun
Yellow tastes like capsicum
Yellow sounds like calm music
Yellow smells like butter
Yellow feels like slime
Yellow makes me feel happy

Red

By Talisha

Red is the colour of a car
Red looks like my house
Red tastes like raspberry softdrink

Red

By Olivia

Red is the colour of strawberries
Red looks like watermelons
Red tastes like apples
Red sounds like birds
Red smells like roses
Red feels like slime
Red makes me feel confident

Yellow

By Kiarra

Yellow is the colour of sand
Yellow looks like the beach
Yellow tastes like lemonade
Yellow sounds like waves
Yellow smells like oil
Yellow feels like sunshine
Yellow makes me feel bright like a shooting star

Pink

By Inaaya

Pink is the colour of a car
Pink looks like paper
Pink tastes like cotton candy
Pink sounds like strawberries
Pink feels like a cake
Pink makes me feel happy

Orange

By Jonah

Orange is the colour of the sun
Orange looks like an orange
Orange tastes like orange juice

Alliteration



Terrible tiger tries to time Talisha
By Mia

To create alliteration, we focused on three consonant sounds - /s/ /t/ and /c/.

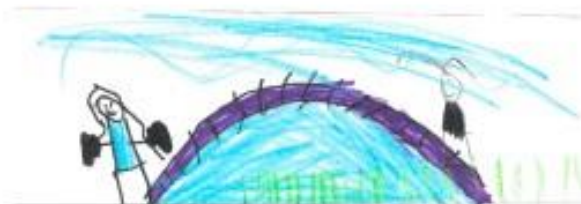
We brainstormed nouns, verbs and adjectives that begin with these sounds to use in our alliteration.



A tiger tackles Talisha.
By Marcus



Caleb the cat creeps.
By Ned



Talisha tackles Te Wai
By Caleb



Snow seen in socks.
By Te Wai

5/6M ~ SUSANNE GERVAY

WRITING WORKSHOP



We were lucky enough to have Susanne Gervay, an Australian author come and visit us to run a Writing Workshop.



She told us all about how she got the ideas for her stories, how she became an author and what inspired her to do so.



We also did some amazing narrative writing with the prompts she gave us.





Parents & Carers



TRP@HOME

The notion of family in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures is closely tied to themes of **connectedness and kinship**.

In this setting, family structures are pivotal to identity formation, understanding one's own spiritual and cultural belonging, and assists in establishing strong links with **community**. Ultimately, **family and kinship** are a cohesive force that bind Aboriginal people together.

Check out this [video](#) to find out more about the kinship system for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

To facilitate more positive conversations as a family, the below questions have been developed to help families practise the GEM principles daily within conversation. They are a great way to build deeper connections as your family shares a meal either in the morning, afternoon or evening or at a time that works best.

Here are some great **GEM CHAT** questions and ideas to get you started;

- Remember someone who has done something **kind** for you recently. What did they do for you? How did this make you feel?
- What is your perspective? Can you put yourself in **someone else's shoes and understand their point of view**?
- Who is someone you know who may be experiencing some difficulty currently? What could we do for them as a family?
- What is something **kind** you are going to do for someone today?

Head to [TRP@HOME](#) for a range of extra ideas, resources and activities that you can do to check-in and support the mental health of everyone in your home!



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PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources

www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

Victorian
premiers'
reading
challenge



OPEN UP A NEW WORLD

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



To register, visit education.vic.gov.au/prc



1 2 3 Magic & Emotional Coaching



UNDERSTANDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Learning how to prevent arguments with your child.

Learning how to help your child to listen, think and stay calm.

1 2 3 Magic & Emotional Coaching gives information on how children develop and learn. It gives you effective skills to talk to your child and practical strategies to help you redirect them and keep yourself in control.

This is a short free program for 2 hours per week, for 3 weeks. It gives you great ideas and tips and helps your child to be more resilient.

BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!

DETAILS:

WHEN:

Thursday 3rd of June
Thursday 10th of June
Thursday 17th of June

TIME:

9:30am till 12:00pm

WHERE:

Kurunjang Community Hub
33 Mowbray Crescent
Kurunjang

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