



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 2018 No.9 (Term 2, 2018) Thursday 31 May 2018

You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire), Jenny (Aimee), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

Community Representatives: Graham

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot and Mr Wilson (non-voting member)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V70FJsBcOF3w>

Ms Campo's News...

From Mr Wilson

Now that I have been at Exford Primary for over half a term I would like to take the opportunity to thank all members of the Exford PS community for your warm welcome. Exford PS is an engaging school that has student learning at the centre of all decisions that are made. I have attended several school events and I particularly enjoyed my day at the Year 3-6 Athletics, as well as the Prep excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Leading into the second half of this term, we have many interesting events still happening at Exford with our Year 5/6 students participating in the Winter Lightning Premiership. Assemblies continue to be held on a Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Assemblies are a great time for the school community to gather and acknowledge the achievements of our students. This is a great environment for our community to demonstrate to our students the importance of listening attentively as achievements are recognised.

It is an Exford tradition for families to use the playground as they wait for the traffic to clear at 3:30 pm. However, I would ask that families respect that PE classes are often being conducted on the oval and/or Basketball until 3:30 pm. We ask that the oval be kept clear of families and little brothers and sisters until the end of the school day, that would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting more families as the term progresses and aim to know as many children's name as I can by the end of term.

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2018 Dates

Term 2

Friday 1 June

Year 6 Swimming Program

Tuesday 5 June

MPSSA Interschool Sports Soccer -
Year 5 & 6

Wed 6 & Thurs 7 June

Ms Campo and Mr Wilson at the SWR Principals Conference - Mr Jenner & Mrs Talbot in charge of the school

Friday 8 June

MPSSA - Lightning Premiership

Monday 11 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - no school today

Tuesday 12 June

Fundraising BBQ Lunch today
(No Canteen today)

Year 3-4 Excursion Melbourne Museum

Year 5 students - Puberty Health Program

Thursday 14 June

9 am - School Council Finance Committee Meeting

Friday 15 June

Year 6 Swimming Program

Thursday 21 June

International Yoga Day - before school and lunch time activities

Friday 22 June

Year 6 Swimming Program

Thursday 28 June

Semester 1 Reports sent home

Friday 29 June

Year 6 Swimming Program

LAST DAY OF TERM 2!

2:10 pm - Assembly
2:30 pm - DISMISSAL and Eynesbury buses

My thanks

I would like to say a big thank you to the amazing school team we have - I was able to take the time I needed to help care for my mum, without having any doubts about leaving our school for a while. A big thank you to the lovely welcome back I received from children, staff and our community on my return on Tuesday.

Canteen closed

The Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 12 June following the Queen's Birthday Holiday.

BBQ Lunch Order

Given the Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 12 June, we will be offering a Fundraising BBQ for lunch. We will send home a paper order tomorrow, but the note is part of this newsletter.

Enrolments

We ask that our families who have little brothers or sisters beginning Prep for 2019 return an enrolment form - we sent home forms again today.

We would like to have clear enrolment data to use in our continued campaigning for better facilities.

Letter

We hope to have a meeting organised between our School Council President, Vice School Council President, Principal team and Department officials regarding our facilities moving forward. Mr Nardella, member for Melton, raised our situation (as a permanent site moving forward) and the facility updates required - based on a letter from our School Council to Minister for Education Mr Merlino and various Department officials. We will keep you posted.

Staff selection

We will be interviewing for Mrs Christensen's and Ms Lynch's vacancies tomorrow and once they are selected, they will have time in with Prep C and Year 3-4 M to get to know the teachers. We will invite them to the Term 3 Planning Days as well.

Counselling

Pete, our Counsellor is at Exford for one day a fortnight. Families need to be aware that whilst Pete is wonderful, there is a significant waiting list for students to see him.

Families can always see their family doctor to arrange counselling through Medicare - this is often a speedier option. We are exploring getting a psychologist service to the school - OnPsych, who would work through Mental Health Care Plans and Medicare. I will keep you informed. If this is a service you would seek for your child/ren, could you advise me through the FlexiBuzz Principal link, please?

Fundraising this term

Our Fundraising efforts contribute to the leases for our iPads and other technology each year. Our iPad leases cost \$36,000 every year and the \$18,000 - \$20,000 we raise each year goes into supplementing the ICT budget which caters for our students' iPads and other technology, such as MacBooks.

Beanies and Scarves

Thank you to all the families and staff who have ordered beanies and scarves. We will now place the order and their manufacture will commence. We anticipate their delivery by the end of term.

Jingly June

We will give our annual Walkathon activity a break this year and will hold a different sort of fundraising activity this term. 'JINGLY JUNE' is coming! Please see the flier later in this newsletter.

Labels

We will have a labels fundraising activity as well - that way all these lovely beanies and scarves can be labelled easily!

<https://www.thatsmine.com.au/fundraising-with-thats-mine-labels/>

First Aid updates

On Tuesday this week, our First Aid team updated the CPR component of their First Aid Level 2 qualifications and some staff undertook Level 2 First Aid training.

FlexiBuzz

We have added an extra link to our Contact section in FlexiBuzz - there is now an Office tab available for you to use to contact the Office regarding payments, uniform etc.

CONTACT

School

Contact

We value communication. Please submit your message and details using the form below and we'll make contact with you as soon as possible.

Your Name *

Email *

Please provide your email for the school to make contact. A copy of this form will also be sent to this email address as confirmation.

Phone Number *

Who would you like to talk to? *

Message

Attendance ... Every Day Counts

A reminder that family holidays should be taken during school holidays wherever possible and **not during term time**. When children miss out on learning due to prolonged absence (e.g. a holiday in school time), it is very difficult to catch them up - they often miss entire units of class work.

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.

Did you know that:

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.

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.

Playground works

You may have noticed our playground works - each year playgrounds are audited and any changes in playground regulations or specifications (e.g. from the last audit) which are required are implemented.

Parent Rep Program

Mr Wilson will take over looking after our Parent Representative program, along with Sharon, our organising parent and School Council Vice President.

They will organise a meeting shortly for our Year Prep and Year 1-2 Parent Reps.

Fundraising News



Our 2018 target is...

\$18,000 ~ \$25,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$3,887.32

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays - 31 May - 13 June

Blake T, Mackenzie S, Cooper W, Zachary V, Arbab, Drew, Noah S, Spencer, Dane C, Isabell K, Claire, Iyiesha, Summer M, Lilly I, Madelyn H Reece and Ellie T



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 over the child who is celebrating and **birthday cup-cakes** are always welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song (and a photo for Seesaw!).

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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Please see the pages from -

- Mrs Roe and Year 1-2 Roe
- Ms Monagle and Year 1-2 Monagle

Ms Campo



Look for the Orange dot in our School Library for books included in the Challenge.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is BACK at EXFORD PS

The Victorian Premiers' 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 7 September 2018.

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 students will have received their login username and password this week from their classroom teacher. These login details are used to log the books your child has read. To make this easier, I have attached QR codes below, (using a QR Reading App – Android or Apple device) you can quickly view the [Student Login Page](#) and [Challenge Booklists](#). *These QR codes can also be found in every classroom, the library and at the display board at the front of the school.*

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please request a form via email (jenner.nathan.n@edumail.vic.gov.au) and I will send one home with your child.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Mr Jenner
Leading Teacher – Educational Leader

QR CODE	QR CODE	QR CODE	QR CODE
Student Log in	Challenge Picture Booklist	Challenge Chapter Booklist 1	Challenge Chapter Booklist 2

Victorian Premiers' reading challenge

Rules for Student Challengers

1. Keep a record of your reading on the Premier's Reading Challenge website, using your login information provided by your child's teacher.
2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10. You can be learning at a school or learning at home.
3. Between March and closing date of the challenge:

If you are in:	You must read:	Number from the Challenge Book list:
Prep	30 books	20 or more
Year 1	30 books	20 or more
Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3	15 books	10 or more
Year 4	15 books	10 or more
Year 5	15 books	10 or more
Year 6	15 books	10 or more
Year 7	15 books	10 or more
Year 8	15 books	10 or more
Year 9	15 books	10 or more
Year 10	15 books	5 or more

4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
5. Your online books must be verified as read by a Coordinator/Teacher in your school.
6. All your information must be completed online before the closing date (September 7th) of the challenge.

1 /2 Roe enjoys National Simultaneous Storytime.



I liked the part when the mouse looked everywhere to look for her children. I enjoyed the words. Annabella



Today our class participated in reading the Story Hickory Dickory Dash as part of the National Simultaneous Storytime across Australia. At 10.40 our whole school read the story. Here are some of our reactions after listening to the book.



It had lots of rhyming words in the book and the author made it funny because the cat kept on trying to get the mouse and failed. Indi



I enjoyed the book because when the mouse climbed up the clock it got smacked by the clock parts. The cat couldn't catch the mouse as she was too quick. Tyson

I thought it was great because it was a rhyming book that was funny and had interesting words such as screech and moan .Ryan



This story had rhyming words and the mother mouse found her children who were hiding from the mouse. Cailin



I liked this book because it was funny and the pictures had lots of detail showing the cat chasing the mouse. Lachlan

23/5/2018
10.45 am

I liked when the mouse found her children and it was a funny book. Caitlyn



I liked how the mouse didn't get frightened. Alexia



It was clever how the mother mouse tricked the cat to being smacked by the clock chime. Zaylen



The cat was funny because the clock hit the cat. Liam



It was a really good story as it was funny and I laughed a lot. Kailen



My favourite part was when the cat stood on the nappy and I laughed out loud. Kayleb

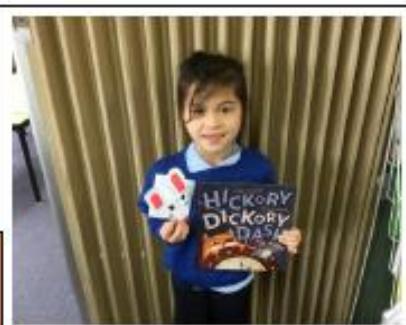
Jordan I enjoyed the cat because it chased the mouse and the mouse was scared.



It sounded like the cat was going to get the mouse but the cat didn't. Callum



It was good and it had a lot of writing and it was funny that the cat was chasing the mouse. Joy



I laughed when the cat stepped in the dirty nappy on the bedroom floor. Elodie



It was a really good story because the mum mother was trying to find her children and they were running away from the cat. Max



I liked the cat because he was looking all over the rooms for the mouse. Isaac



I liked this book because it was funny and the pictures had lots of detail showing the cat. Blake

Sienna I liked when the cat hurt himself on the clock.



1/2 Monagle

Hands On Science Incursion

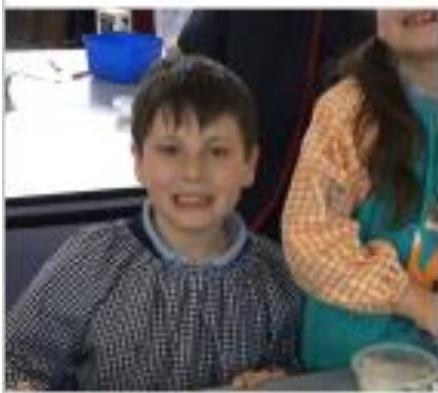
25.5.2018



On Friday, the students in 1/2 Monagle participated in an exciting incursion. The purpose of the visit was to enhance our Project Based Learning unit where we are learning all about chemical change.

The students participated in 3 experiments and worked in small groups to mix together household chemicals such as vinegar, detergent, food dye, water, bi-carb soda and the 'magic potion' which was purple cabbage juice. We observed some interesting changes, we watched purple cabbage juice turn blue and pink! It was great to see the students able to share when working together, ensuring everyone had a turn. Well done 1/2 M.





SPECIAL BBQ LUNCH

(organised by our Fundraising parents)

To be held on Tuesday 12 June - orders due back on Thurs 7 June 2018

If you would like your child to have a special BBQ lunch order on Tuesday 12 June, please fill in the choices and quantities and return the order form by Thursday 18 Feb, one order form per child please. All food and drink orders must be made in advance.

Please note the Canteen will be closed on Tuesday 12 June 2018.

Student's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

(Each student must have their own permission & order form)	<u>Beef Sausage in bread - \$2</u>	<u>Chicken Sausage in bread - \$4</u>	<u>Vegetarian Sausage in bread - \$4</u>	<u>Hamburger in a roll - \$3.50</u>	<u>Water bottle \$1</u>	<u>Frozen icy pole 50 c</u>	Total Due \$\$\$
Order quantity							
Tick if onion required							
All forms, orders and money to the Office, please. <u>No orders taken after 9:30 am on Thursday 8 June 2018.</u>							



On your marks, get set, it's...

JINGLY JUNE

at Exford Primary School!

For the month of June we kindly ask our extended school community to check under your couch cushions and in your pant pockets for loose change to donate to Exford PS - in support of our classroom iPad leases.

Collect as many coins as possible from grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends and co-workers - **EVERYONE HAS LOOSE CHANGE!**



Please bring your coins to your classroom between **Monday June 4th - Friday June 29th** and deposit them in the 'JINGLY JUNE COIN DRIVE' container

- OUR SCHOOLWIDE GOAL IS \$5,000!

There will be **weekly prizes** awarded to the classroom that brings in the most money and a **VERY SPECIAL CLASS SURPRISE** for the class with the highest total **\$\$\$** at the end of June!



We are taking a break from our annual Walkathon this year, so the "JINGLY JUNE" Coin Drive" is our MAJOR mid-year fundraiser.

Let's **JINGLE** our way to a grand total!!!

OSH Club News

Before School / After School Care Program



Program Update

This week at OSH Club, we have been having heaps of fun with our new art supplies and toys that were delivered. The children were very excited to unbox our new items, our most popular items by far have been our baby dolls, with the children playing with them each session. The children have really enjoyed being able to get out on the oval for some fun in the sun: we have been lucky to have playing 'Markers Up', 'Jump the Creek' and 'Scarecrow Tiggy'. 'Markers Up' has been very popular with all ages this week, with Preps to Year 6s playing. Inside the children have also been busy having a blast with our new board games, 'Penguin On Ice' has been very popular with the younger children, challenging their problem solving skills. The older children have been equally as challenged by 'Tiny Hands'.

Friendly reminders:

PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. This is very important as if your child does not remember to go to OSH Club, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.

If your child is due to be absent or needs to be booked in on late notice (less than 24 hours) please ensure you call and leave a message to ensure we have adequate staffing - although this is only for emergencies. Please make the bookings online as much as possible.

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

Thankyou from the

OSH Club Team!



Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Sharon Assistant: Rebecca OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Co-ordinator direct at the program.