

Exford Primary School

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Ms Campo's news....

Bus accident

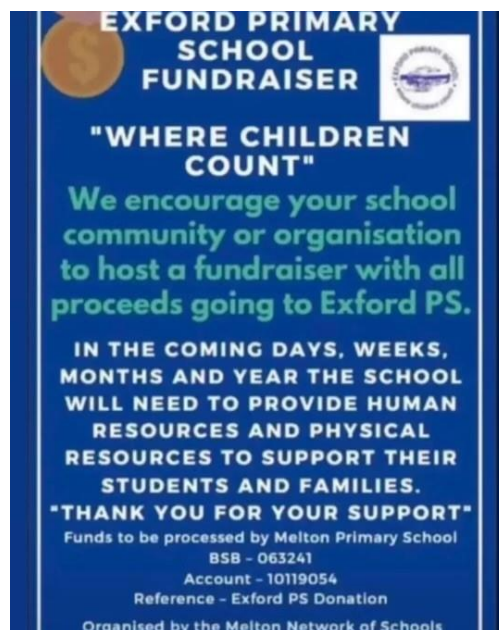
To our brave children and to their families – please know that you are all in our hearts and minds every moment of every day. I want to acknowledge the inspirational outpouring of support for all of our children and their families and for our whole school community. To our staff and the community around us who have been entirely focused on helping our children, families and each other – you are amazing.

It is lovely to have most of the children now back at school, with some still children recovering at home and a small group still recovering in hospital from their multiple surgeries. The medical teams have our eternal thanks and gratitude for their skilled work.

It is said that tragic events like these bring out the best and worst in people, but we have only seen the best, and I thank you all. Our school has been overwhelmed with offerings of love and support: food and support, flowers, messages of encouragement, fundraising and so many other offers.

We are working on developing a list of all the offers so that we can formally acknowledge them and take up their generous offers.

Please note that Melton PS will be the banker school for all EPS fundraising, with their Principal and Business Manager working with us to track and document all donations. I attach the flier here for your reference, it includes all the banking information.



Dealing with Trauma

As we have already posted via Seesaw, we have Student Support Services team members with us and can provide immediate counselling for our children, please contact the school and we will arrange that for your child.

- Additional support is available through the Kids' Helpline: 1800 551 800 or <https://www.kidshelpline.com.au>
- There are also resources on the Better Health website which helps parents support their children after they experience trauma – <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyiving/trauma-and-children-tips-for-parents#bhc-content>

Emerging Minds also has a number of relevant factsheets that may be of use

1. Emerging Minds – fact sheet: What parents and caregivers can expect in the short term after a disaster or community trauma
2. Emerging Minds – fact sheet: Trauma responses in 5-12 year olds
3. Emerging Minds – fact sheet: What parents and caregivers can expect during and immediately after a disaster or community trauma

Coming up

Events we have postponed

- Life Education Program
- Year 5 – 6 Swimming Program
- Year 3-4 Melbourne Museum and IMAX Excursion
- MPSSA Sports events

*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!*



Children's fundraising effort



Ella in Year 2 suggested the idea that the kids at Exford PS wanted to help the children by raising money too, so we started that for the kids this week. This will be banked with the receipt raised with Melton PS.

Many primary schools around our network and from across Melbourne are also doing fundraising activities to support our Exford children.

Funds raised will be used to provide ongoing therapies for our children (e.g. trauma informed counselling, occupational and physical therapy and wellbeing therapies, such as arts, canine, music and sports therapies).



Car park

We invited Melton Council traffic engineers to come and meet with us about the challenges posed by our car park, especially given so many more families are driving since the accident. Council will work with us to find improvements, however, in the interim, it is really important that all vehicles are driven **slowly** and **courteously** in our car park and on Exford Road.

Gallery Building

Our Gallery building will receive a make-over as part of our school upgrade, with our four Gallery classes moving into other classrooms for the remainder of the year. We were scheduled to move on Wednesday 7 June, however, our builders have kindly agreed to a fortnight's delay so as to keep our students settled in their familiar classroom arrangement. Year 5-6 Fye and Year 5-6 Higgins will move to the Library Mod 5 (the remainder of the Library books, after our classroom bulk loans, are in the process of being packed up). When the Gallery building is renovated, we will establish our new Library. Year 3-4 Micallef and Year 5-6 Mounsey will move to the Mod 5 building at the end of the Basketball courts.

Senior Learning Building progress

The Senior Learning Building is coming along nicely, with the roofing expected in the coming months. They are currently working on the installation of the structural steel. The view from the first floor is lovely – we've been joking we'll need to add blinds to block out the view or nobody will get any work done!

School photos

Our 2023 school photos should arrive in the coming weeks. We completed the 'proofing' process at the start of Term 2. We will let you know when they arrive.

NAPLAN results

We anticipate the release of NAPLAN results for our Year 3 and Year 5 students in July 2023. When we receive the reports, we will send them home with the children.

2023 dates to remember

Term 2

Monday 12 June

- King's Birthday Public Holiday

Thursday 22 June

- Semester 1 Reports sent home

Friday 23 June

- End of Term 2 – 2:30 pm dismissal

Dates which have been postponed

- Life Education Program
- Year 5 – 6 Swimming Program
- Year 3-4 Melbourne Museum and IMAX Excursion
- MPSSA Sports events

Please note that we have postponed these events to remove bus travel for our children until they have had a chance to recover.

XUNO is coming!



You will have received your XUNO 'welcome email'. Please ensure you have created your account. This will enable you to log an absence, view reports, see our latest news and calendar. If you have any question, please don't hesitate to call our office on 9743 5025. We are more than happy to help.

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.
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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

APPLICATIONS CLOSE SOON

Prep applications are also due.

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>



grateful
for all

Exford PS has been
overwhelmed by the love and
support from both near and far.



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.

(This is our usual fundraising - separate from our current efforts to support our kids after the bus crash).

Our Tally so far...

\$5,079.60

Easter Raffle

\$1,654.60

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 – all student absences must be explained in writing.

Happy Birthdays!!

To our students who celebrated their birthday 12 - 25 May

Savana, Shahzain, Seana, Leroy, Poppy, Darren, Bailey and Levi.M

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 3

Week 4

	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Akamatis	Casey	Kindness
Year Prep Smyth	Logan	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Kaiden	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Axnoor	Personal Best
Year 1 - 2 Romanski	Emmanuel	Kindness
Year 1 - 2 Talevski	Kina	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Jones	Kendra	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Micallef	Siddharth	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Gurman	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Fyfe	Ava	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Frankly	Respect
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Izabelle	Kindness
The Arts	Hanna	Personal Best
Physical Education	Kingston	Personal Best
French	Tyler	Respect
Science	Danyal	Personal Best
OSH Club	Chloe	Kindness
Ms Campo	Navroop	Respect
Mr Wilson	Waniya	Personal Best

**No Student of
the Week
certificates
this week**

*Congratulations to the following students who
received **Student of the Week**
Certificates for Week 3*

Kindness



Term 2 in I-2 Talevski

Maths

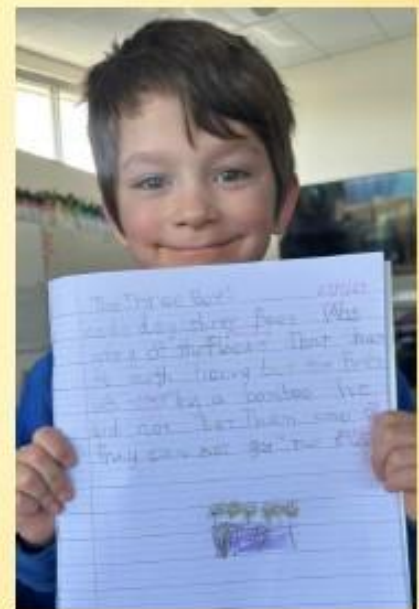
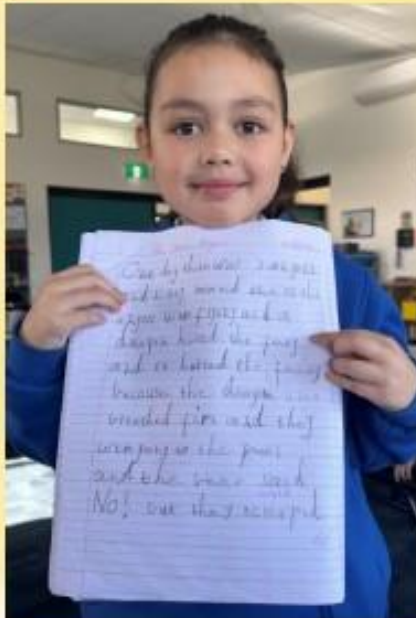
Earlier this term in Maths, we learnt about data collection and representation.

We used tally marks to collect data then transferred our data to a column graph as well as a pictograph.



Writing

In Writing, our topic is Narrative Writing. We read the story "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and changed our characters and setting to write our own narratives.



MATHS IN PREP SMYTH



In Prep Smyth, we have been learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects. We have had lots of fun creating shape monsters, shape pizzas, crazy shape faces, shape art and even going on shape hunts around the classroom.



MATHS IN PREP SMYTH



LOOK AT OUR
SHAPE ART!

We traced
around circles,
squares,
triangles,
rectangles and
hexagons to
create our
artwork.





JOIN THE FUN!



NAB AFL Auskick is for everyone and is one of the best, first experiences for kids aged 5-12, wanting to learn all about Australian Football.

Find your closest centre today.

play.afl/auskick

