

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 2 – Term 1, 2024

Thursday 1 February 2024



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## Ms Campo's news....

### Welcome to the 2024 school year!

I would like to start this newsletter in thanking our amazing staff who have worked together at warp speed to have our classrooms in our new Senior Learning Building unpacked and set up and looking fabulous, ready for our Year 3-6 classes. All of our SLB spaces looked like this last Monday morning!



We are still working on setting up our new Library spaces and hope to have that ready for the children to begin to use in the coming fortnight.

### Our 2024 Preps begin on Tuesday 6 February

Our 2024 Prep children will begin school on Tuesday 6 February and we have provided much information about this special event.

We invite our Preps and their families to arrive at school at 9:30 am (obviously Preps with older Exford siblings will be here already) and we will open the vehicle gates for you at 9:30 am to come in and take family photos in our school grounds.

At 10 am, we ask you to bring your child into the classroom and help them to get settled and to take your family photos, of course! We ask you to make your departure by 10:15 am, so that we can begin the children's first day at school. There may be some tears (children's or adults') and we will always support the children.

- Pick up time on Tuesday 6 February is at 2:30 pm and we will open the vehicle gates for parents to come onto the oval to collect the children.
- Wednesday 7 Feb – arrival time is 8:50 am – pick up time is 2:30 pm.
- From Thursday 8 Feb – arrival time is 8:50 am – pick up time is 3:30 pm (same as all the other children).

For the first couple of days, the Preps will have their outside time at separate times to the rest of the school, just to give them time to get used to the school and for us to build some routines with them. From Thursday, they will be outside at the usual recess and lunch times, with extra staff support.

## Coming Up

- Monday 5 February 2024
  - Prep Assessment Interview – last day
- Tuesday 6 February 2024
  - Preps begin their first day (10.00 am – 2.30 pm)
- Wednesday 7 February 2024
  - Preps Day 2 (8.50 am – 2.30 pm)
- Thursday 8 February 2024
  - Preps begin full time attendance (8.50 am – 3.30 pm)

## Due to the Office

- A reminder to return your child's Asthma and / or Anaphylaxis plans back to the Office.

*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

## Book Packs

Book Packs which were ordered by Wednesday 20 December have now been delivered to school and the teachers have been hard at work unpacking them and placing the Term 2-4 supplies into storage. Book Packs ordered by Friday 2 February are due in the coming weeks. If you have not ordered a Book Pack, please provide the listed items yourself and bring it to your child's classroom teacher. We keep the supplies at school so that spare items are readily available.

## Dismissal time

Can we ask parents to be mindful of collecting children early, please? It is really disruptive for our classroom programs for there to be constant requests for children to be sent to the office with their bags. Students need to remain at school until 3:30 pm, which is our dismissal time, unless there is an unavoidable appointment or a regular therapy appointment.

We understand that our car park is hard work at the moment, but also remind parents that they can arrive up until 3:40 pm to collect children. A reminder that our dismissal time is 3:30 pm and we ask our families to respect the class learning program and the 'setting the scene for tomorrow' discussions that occur in the afternoons by not collecting their children early without having an appointment.

<http://www.exfordps.vic.edu.au/about-our-school/policies>

## Mobile Phone Policy

As per DET Guidelines, students are **not** to have mobile phones (or any Smart devices) at school without the express (and advance) permission of the Principal.

## Uniform Policy

You can find our updated Uniform Policy on our school website. Our uniform is an attractive and practical one and we ask our families to make sure the children are wearing only uniform items. Items not purchased through our school Uniform shop must be identical in colour and style, please. Iron-on logos can be purchased from our Office.

Children with shoulder-length hair need to wear it tied back (not the half up, half down styles, please) and jewellery is not permitted as part of our uniform. Children need to wear the Exford PS broad-brimmed hat whenever they are outside at PE or recess and lunch time – from the months of September right through until the end of April, as per our Sun Smart Policy.

Our Year 6 students were very excited to receive their Year 6 uniform items on Friday and proudly showed them off at Assembly. We'll have a photo ready for the next newsletter.

## Year 1 - 2 English on Line

Our Year 1-2 teachers will begin doing the English on Line learning assessment with our Year 1 students from Monday. Teachers will be released to complete this task with each Year 1 child, and the information will inform their teaching.

## 'Meet the Teacher' Interviews

We will hold our 'Meet the Teacher' interviews on Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 February, where you can have a conversation with your child's teacher and discuss their learning needs. Appointment times will be released through Xuno – stay tuned to hear from Mrs Harper in our office.

## 2024 dates to remember

### Term 1

#### Monday 5 February

2024 Prep assessments - Day 4

#### Tuesday 6 February

- 10 am – 2.30 pm – 2024 Preps begin their first day!

#### Wednesday 7 February

- 8.50 am – 2.30 pm – 2024 Preps Day 2

#### Thursday 8 February

- 8.50 am – 3.30 pm – 2024 Preps begin full time attendance

#### Friday 9 February

- 8.50 am Assembly – 2024 new students presented to our community with their Exford certificate

#### Monday 12 February

- Remaining Student Book Packs delivered – for orders placed by Friday 2 February 2024

#### Friday 16 February

- 8.50 am Assembly – 2024 Prep students presented to our community with their Exford certificate

#### Tuesday 20 February

- 1.30 - 4.40 pm – Day 1 of Meet the Teacher – you will be able to book through XUNO once opened.

#### Thursday 22 February

- 1.30 - 4.40 pm – Day 2 of Meet the Teacher – you will be able to book through XUNO once opened.

#### Wednesday 28 February

- Waddurung Welcome to Country and Smoking – for the start of the construction for our Gymnasium

#### Thursday 7 March

- **School Photos Day**

#### Friday 8 March

- Year 1 – 2 Melbourne Zoo excursion

#### Monday 11 March

- Labour Day Public Holiday – No school today

## 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 XUNO 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.



To our students who celebrated their birthday 1 January - 1 February

Austin, Monson, Aarvin, Sehaj, Alaiyna, Taimoor, Emily, Zeke, Willow, Annabel, Mannatdeep, Harper, Tyler, Rodney, Avery, Talisha, Gursaan, Hana, Lara, Harman, Ashton, Kina, Malika, Everly, Tyler and Rableen

**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.**

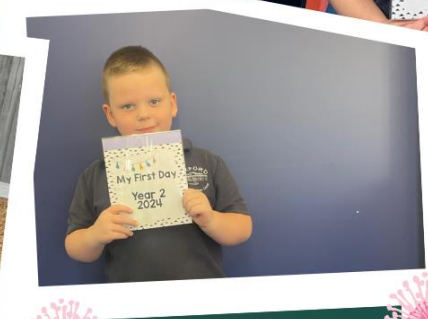
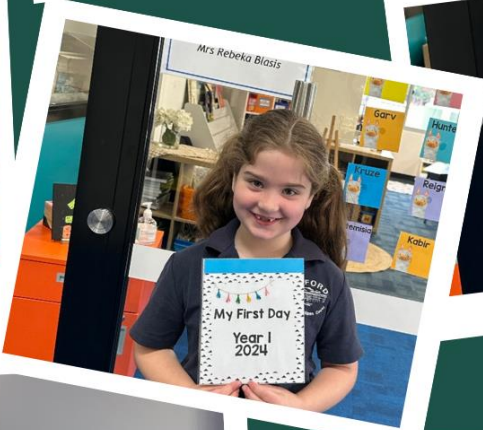




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SCHOOL



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# Exford Primary School Instrumental Music Programme



## Learn a Musical Instrument at School

### Learning Music...

- \* builds confidence
- \* develops concentration
- \* teaches perseverance
- \* promotes literacy & numeracy
- \* improves fine & gross motor skills
- \* engages children...because it's FUN!

### at School

Keep your  
afternoons &  
evenings free!

Give the Gift of Music



piano



keyboard



drums

### Give your child the well rounded education they deserve

"Exford children have loved having the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. By working in partnership with Performing Arts Headquarters, our children are able to have individual or shared lessons within the school day. It's lovely to listen to the children as they develop their musical talents!"

Lisa Campo - Principal  
(Exford Primary School)

### Quality & Convenience

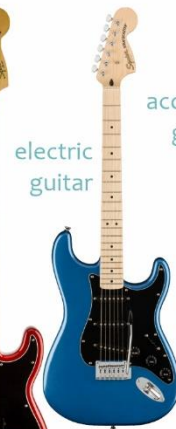
- \* Learn conveniently **within school hours**
- \* Receive a 30 minute weekly lesson at school
- \* Learn individually, with a friend or in a small group format
- \* Qualified, experienced & caring teachers
- \* Friendly & personalised approach to learning & customer service
- \* Lessons timetabled around school and student needs
- \* Regular performance opportunities available
- \* 30 years experience working in schools
- \* All teachers have current Working With Children Checks



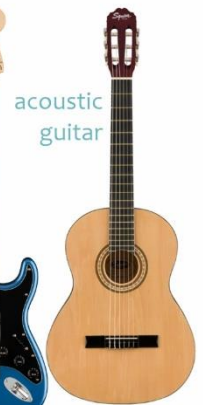
singing



bass guitar



electric guitar



acoustic guitar

Prefer AfterSchool lessons?  
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Ages 2-5

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