



Exford Primary School

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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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You are represented on School Council by:

Parents: Amanda (Caitlyn), Emma (Ella & Maddie), Laura (Olivar & Ruby), Mark (Harriet), Michael (Eamonn), Naomi (Kallan & Ashlyn), Sarah (Lily & Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Harry)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki

Staff: Ms Campo, Ms Coletta, Mr Jenner, Mr Malane and Mr Wilson (visitor)

Ms Campo's News...

Remote Learning

Well, it has been a very intense learning curve for us all, that's for sure! As I have said in our FlexiBuzz messages, I really do thank our staff, students and families who have worked so hard to have a Remote Learning routine at home. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher.

Here is a post from Year 1-2 Butler on the first day of Remote Learning that captures the Exford spirit, perfectly!

Our staff, families and kids have got into the spirit of learning from home and I am really enjoying reading the Year 5-6 kids' very thoughtful reflections on what they are feeling and have learned about themselves.



Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2020 Dates

I'm not sure when we'll all be back at school together - Premier Andrews has put the Remote Learning Plan in place for all of Term 2 - if there is any change to that timeline, we will all be informed.

These times are certainly worrying and challenging and they will affect us all differently - we understand that managing working from home and supporting your children's learning and everything else families need to do is a big ask of everyone!

Here's a few links for you:

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

WebEx

We have started using WebEx video conferencing with our Year 3-6 students over the past few days. The classes are having class meetings and we will progress to having live teaching within WebEx.

Contact tabs in FlexiBuzz v Seesaw

The only flaw in Seesaw is that messages aren't sent as emails, only notifications - which Mr Wilson and I have turned off as we are linked to every child in the school (!!). When I last looked in Seesaw there were over 4000 notifications and parent messages don't look any different to student posts.

So if you are need to make contact with the Office or the Principal team, can we suggest you use the Contact links in FlexiBuzz, as they will send us a direct email. Please allow at least 24 hours for a response - you can always ring the school if it is more important and needs a quicker response.

New Mod 5 building...it's here and ready for Year2 1-2 Ambrose and Reid!

The New Mod 5 building is ready to go! Mrs Ambrose and Ms Reid are chomping at the bit to move their classrooms into the lovely new rooms. When we do come back to school, the children in Years 1-2 A and R, will move straight into the new room! That also means that we can return the Art room to an eager Mrs Quayle and we can restore the Library to the double space. Best news we've heard all week!



We will be getting the remainder of the space concreted (up to the end of the Art room next week.

Easter Bonnet Parade

We are very sad about not having our special Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 27 March, the last day of Term 1. The Prep Team have prepared an Easter Bonnet page for the newsletter.

During March, we have asked our families to donate Easter goodies for us to make up into Easter Raffle Hampers. We will hold this over to next term to draw, based on the raffle tickets we have received so far.

Easter Raffle (Fundraiser)

Amanda from our Fundraising Team is making a hamper with the donations we had received and we will film the draw next week from the ticket sales we had received to the end of term and put it into Seesaw and contact the winning family.

2021 Exford PS and Eynesbury Station PS (interim name)

Please note that children who are enrolled at Exford PS can remain at EPS after the opening of Eynesbury Station PS, and their siblings can also attend. I am waiting on confirmation of the new school enrolment zones for Eynesbury Station PS and Exford PS. I am working with PTV to assess the future of our Bus service.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 16 April - 13 May 2020

Harry M, Kai W, Luisa, Cooper Wr, Maddi W, Xavier S, Jaron, Rory, Skye, Summer D, Kayebb G, Mason, William G, James G, Kyle, Dayne, Niki, Sophia, Maddie T, Anaya, Vanellope, Paige, Millie F, Archer B, Tharul, Nate W, Connor W, Heath V, Nate M, William S, Madelyn D and JV



Happy Birthday to you!!
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear kids,
Happy Birthday to you!



We hope that you enjoy reading pages from these classes:

- Preps Easter Bonnet
- Year 5-6 Tasmania Camp stories from Year 5-6 Gundry, Gleeson and Talevski (Year 5-6 Tucker and Malane next newsletter)

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

☺ Ms Campo

Happy Easter

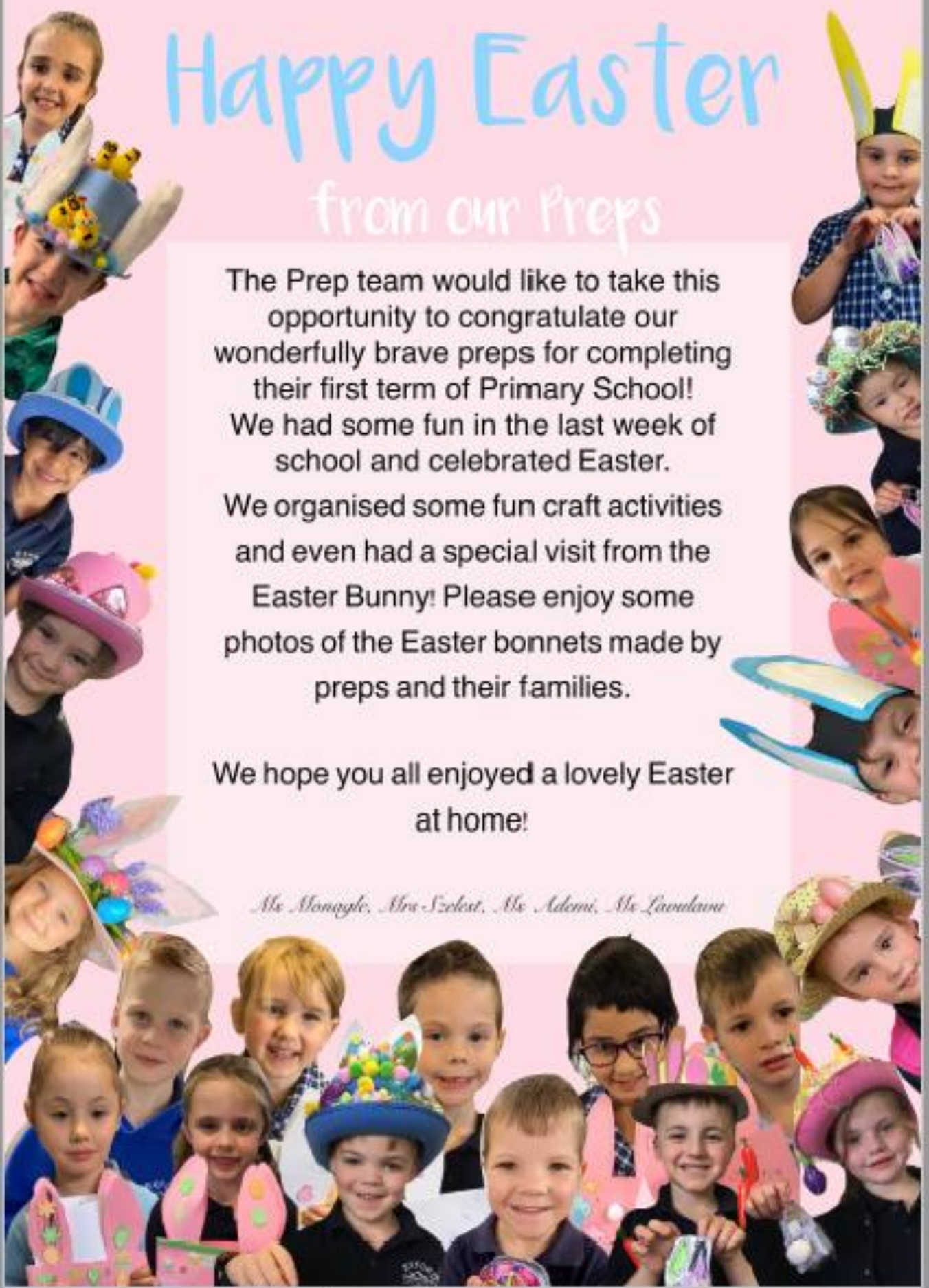
from our Preps

The Prep team would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our wonderfully brave preps for completing their first term of Primary School! We had some fun in the last week of school and celebrated Easter.

We organised some fun craft activities and even had a special visit from the Easter Bunny! Please enjoy some photos of the Easter bonnets made by preps and their families.

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter at home!

Ms Monaggle, Mrs Szelest, Ms Ademi, Ms Lavulani



(We have included children with photo permissions, only)

Tasmania Camp accounts – from Year 5-6 Gleeson, Gundry and Talovski (Malanz and Tucker next newsletter)

Year 5-6 Gleeson Camp to Tasmania.

Anna

No one could see the sun, the clouds were so dense, it even started to rain! Too bad, this was the day I went surfing and things weren't going to change. I had to wait two whole HOURS before I could go in the water. By the time I got in the water it started to pour. The water was freezing, my feet turned into ice cubes along with my hands! I kept nose diving because the waves were so high. I couldn't bear to stay out there any longer, even though it was so much fun, because it was FREEZING

Jessie- Lee

As I walked into the fresh, cold and icy water I felt so many goose bumps all over my body. I started to paddle on my surfboard. It was super hard, but I had lots of fun with all of my friends. Overall it was the best time I have ever had in my 11 years of living in Melbourne. A big thank you to Mr Gundry and other teachers for planning this amazing camp.

Jaxon

I am freezing my toes off!
Surfing was never my thing; I have always loved Football and Soccer more than anything, but I knew I wouldn't give up. 'That's a perfect wave' explained the instructor, so as I went out towards the wave I turned around and paddled so fast. I stood up on my board straight away. I regretted it instantly... but I got up and that is the main thing... I accomplished surfing.



Marshall

The ship to Tasmania was massive, it was called the 'Spirit of Tasmania'. When we got inside, it looked smaller. The cabins were like living in a mushroom because there was a mini table and chair as you walked in. It was like sleeping on a roller coaster in the bed. The best thing on the ship was the food and drinks. Tasmania was surprisingly beautiful, with really nice weather. We saw lakes, cliffs, beaches, and tropical terrain on the way to the caves. I liked the mazes and I kind of liked camping.

Olivia

For many, Year 5-6 camp was a great experience and very enjoyable. I personally really enjoyed surfing because it was really fun! The water was warm, and the waves were also a good size. I caught heaps of waves and had a great time in the ocean.



Tika

Tasmania was amazing! My favourite part was surfing in the warm ocean. I was one of the lucky ones and went surfing on the Monday when it was beautiful weather... On Thursday it poured rain. It is hard to choose my favourite part when I loved so much. I had so much fun whilst surfing. I felt so accomplished that I stood up on the board. Camp was a great time!

Heidi

It was really dark and a bit chilly too. The thing is... the day we got to Devonport (3rd of March) it was sunny and warm. As opposed to now, it is soggy, muddy, cold and dark. We only have limited time - left how could things be so stressful? After this it was relaxing because we were going home on Spirit of

Charlotte

Year 5-6 Camp was filled with many adventures, memories that I'll have forever. Overall, my favourite was learning to surf, we spent an hour in the water with amazing instructors who taught us to catch waves. After many tries I finally got a wave to shore.

Sophie

Tasmania Camp was an amazing experience we all will never forget. Our Camp included many amazing and fun activities, such as surfing, ~~Tasmania~~ The Movies Fairy Penguins, Mole Creek Caves, Swimming Pools, and Beach Games. I know that everyone really enjoyed themselves and had heaps of fun. A huge thank you to our amazing staff who really helped us all. Devonport is a beautiful place that gave us one of the best camps in Exford history.

My favourite part about Camp was when we went to the pool. ~~My~~ Gundry chased and then threw myself and other kids around in water. That was heaps of fun. I also liked setting up the tent with my friends, Gus, Talan and Xavier but I didn't like packing it up. Ryan

On Camp we went to one of the biggest mazes in the Southern Hemisphere. It's at Devonport Tasmania. Go there with your friends and get lost. It will cost \$14.50 for a child. Talan

On day three of the Year 5/6 Tasmania Camp the 5/6 cohort went to ~~Tasmania~~, a place in Tasmania that had four mazes. One of them being one of the biggest mazes in the Southern Hemisphere. When we got there, we got into teams and we all went in and out of mazes and got lost in a number of them. We had fun with the teachers and other students and we had such a fun time exploring the little village. Ebony

The Year 5-6 Tasmania Camp of 2020 was marvelous. It was my first time going to Tasmania and first time on the 'Spirit of Tasmania'. It was the first interstate camp at Exford Primary School. There was yummy food and fun activities like caves, mazes, surfing and more. I really enjoyed my last primary school Camp. Riley



Our Camp to Tasmania was amazing! It was full of fun and excitement and out of all the activities we did, surfing was the one I enjoyed the most. It was so much fun, from start to finish, just hanging out with my best friends from school.

Zoe

The Camp was great, a little wet but the surfing was an unforgettable experience. I also loved the movie! The caves were a terrifying yet amazing sight. The stalactites and stalagmites were even more amazing in real life, but I was glad to have solid ground to stand on! Especially after the higher parts of the caves. ~~Tasmania~~ was much bigger than I expected it to be, but it appears my group is better than the maze because we did not get very lost AT ALL. I did manage to get us lost in the treehouse(-ish) maze @ at first I did feel very sad but now I feel lucky I didn't eat cold food at Camp, otherwise I'll be sick! ~~Saban~~

As I saw the ride go around I got more nervous. It was time, I jumped in my seat ready to go they pulled my seatbelt. Ready to go "3,2,1" it started, as we went down a drop that had a curved back. It pulled me back, it felt like someone was holding me in footy. As we went upside down I felt like I was hanged by my feet. As I almost fell out the ride, it was that fast, the wind was in my face. The carriage pulled me side to side I bashed my arm into the side of the carriage, then the ride stopped and I LOVED IT!!

Maurice

We went to ~~Tasmania~~ and there was lots of mazes; they had quite unique shapes such as a hexagon. They were hedges and it was very bright and colourful. On Thursday it was raining ALL day and we watched the movie 'Small Foot' at the Surf Club and 'Go' at the cinemas. We are the first group of kids in Exford HISTORY to go overseas to TASMANIA. We stayed at the Mersey Bluff Caravan Park and we got lots of compliments!! Emily



Back in March, Year 5-6 went to Tasmania for four days. We left school on Monday afternoon and headed for Port Melbourne to catch the 'Spirit of Tasmania'. We set sail at 7pm, by early morning we had arrived in Tasmania. We camped in tents, did many activities and learnt a little about Australian history. Even though we got rained on, a lot, it didn't ruin our time away. It was ~~Tasmania~~. Caitlyn

Camp was so fun. There's of course, always ups and downs of everything. Like the food wasn't the greatest but surfing was literally so good. I reckon the colder it is when you're surfing, the better. Chanelle

I got into my wetsuit, making sure I had it on the right way. I listened to the instructions and then it started to rain! It was pouring. I didn't care though because it was so much fun. Zoe

We arrived in Tasmania on the Tuesday. We were all so excited. We got to do so many fun activities, such as surfing, ~~Tasmania~~ swimming pools with a massive water slide, Mole Creek Caves and the movies, we watched an amazing movie called 'GO'. I enjoyed the Camp and I'm so happy that I went. Olivia



My favourite part of Camp was going on the 'Spirit of Tasmania', especially on the way back because we got to run around and explore it. On the way there it was night time so we had to sleep. I really liked the ship because I had never been on one before. Brodie

For Camp in Tasmania, we went to the hot/warm pools. I felt the rain sprinkle on my head and freeze my scalp. It made my spine wiggle and giggle, it was a lot of fun.

I enjoyed it a lot, Tasmania was ~~tazmazing~~ amazing. Millie

It was the last night of Camp and Millie and I went to bed early, but that night we had 2 more people in a ~~2-man~~ tent, gee that was squishy because it had been raining all day and their tent got soaking wet and that's why they had to come into our tent!

By the time the other 2 people came into our tent Millie and I were still wide awake, the next morning we had to get up early but ~~Mr~~ Gundry didn't wake us up early enough, so we had to pack the tents up wet and really fast to make it to the 'Spirit of Tasmania'.

By the time we got to the ship, it was time to head home back to Melbourne and we were all so tired and couldn't wait for either McDonalds or ~~KFC-HU~~ Ruby



A Day to the swimming pool. Once we got to the pool, people couldn't wait to get in there, so as we got in our swimming suit, we were ready to go in. I heard joy and screaming everywhere, one of the sides was deep and the other one was not, it felt like I was in the ocean, going up and down, there was a lot of splashing in the pool, it even got colder when it rained. Jaron



Tasmania Camp 2020 – Year 5/6 Talevski



On March 2nd 2020, our Year 5-6 cohort set sail for Camp on the "Spirit of Tasmania". We were lucky enough to have many fun activities planned for us, such as surfing, Mole Creek Caves, ~~Tasmania~~ penguin watching, Maritime Centre Museum, visiting an aquatic centre and cinema. In our opinion, it was a TASMAZING way to start 2020!! – Whole class statement from Year 5-6 R.

'Everybody sit on your board,' said the instructor. I had a difficult time getting on to my board. At one point I even fell off it but I got on... 23 million years later. A gigantic wave hit the rocks. 'Everybody loads out five meters', asked the instructor. I jumped on my board and started paddling as hard as I could. 7 paddles later I stood up on my board and, I can't believe it, I'm surfing for the first time ever! – Mitchell



At Tasmania Camp, my favourite activity was surfing. I liked surfing because it was fun, especially catching big waves. My whole group had lots of fun. – JV

On the third astonishing day of 5-6 School Camp it was dusk when the Exford's Year 5-6's lumped onto the bus to the cinemas. We dashed off the bus to the movies to get our popcorn and drinks. We finally walked upstairs and sat down to relax and enjoy the movie. - Jubeez



It was a cold night in Tasmania. Everyone was excited as we were off to see the penguins! After a short bus ride we arrived at the Penguin Reserve. After a few minutes the penguins started to sneak out. It was mating season which meant there weren't many around although, we all scored watching a mini penguin fight. I think I speak for all the Year 5-6's when I say the penguins were awesome! - Ella



My Camp highlight was going to the Mole Creek Caves. Walking through the forest to get there was beautiful. The forest was so pretty, quiet and calming. Seeing the stalactites of Mole Creek Caves was amazing. They looked like rocks were dripping down from above. - Summer



The best part of Camp, that I enjoyed the most was the BOAT RIDE! It was so cool. The buffet food we enjoyed was delicious (the only disappointment was that there was no hot chocolate). I loved sleeping on the boat because the boat rocked me from side to side very slowly. I personally loved that. - Caitlyn



Group one were the first group to go surfing. We walked up the sandy stairs to get to the beach. We walked along a long black road until we finally found the surf beach. As we walked towards the surf instructors, we saw tiny little crab. During surfing, I continuously fell off my bright blue foam surf board. At one point my surf board was on top of me! After surfing we walked to the beach that was right near our camp site we had time to chill out there. We also saw a baby blue bottle jelly fish! This was my Camp highlight. - Madelyn



It was 9 degrees Celsius underground in a deep dark cave. Crystals surrounded us, glow worms were lighting up the way making it easier to see the micro spiders. It was a beautiful and amazing sight. Echo's throughout the cave was heard as we walked through the caves.

What an adventure it was. - Emma

Tasmania was a Camp highlight for me, standing out because of the high hedges and the miniature town called Little Town. My friends and I had fun running through the mazes listening to the teachers tease us as they incorrectly guided us through the maze. – Andrew



Tasmania was a place we visited in Tasmania with 8 interesting hedge mazes. We entered the maze and were surrounded by signs that tried to lead us the wrong way. This was a one of my Camp highlights. – Olivia

We finally arrived at Tasmania, set up our tents and unpacked our suitcases. Day 2, we walked to the Maritime Centre in the pouring rain. When we got there, we participated in many activities like the virtual experience, clay fish making, treasure hunt and more. That same day we went to Tasmania. It was really a day of adventure. - Ruby



