



Exford Primary School

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Monday 28 January 2019

Dear Exford Families - new and returning!

We hope everyone has had a great start to the year and enjoyed time with the kids at home.

Here's some reminders for the start of the school year - this information was all provided through the newsletters last year and our Transition Information booklets.

This information is in an A-Z format for you:

BOOK PACKS -

- * You can pay for your child's / children's Book Packs through QKR (our online payment app) at any time
- * Our school Office opens on Tuesday 29 Jan from 8:30 am and or you can also come in to school and organise Book Pack payments in person
- * The Book Packs will be labelled with the children's names and classes and will be delivered to the classrooms as children's payment receipts are processed
- * A work book and writing implement will be provided for children whose payments are yet to be made
- * The staff will label all items for the children and their spare items will be stored individually (with any leftover items returned at the end of the year)

CANTEEN

- * H & H Canteens have taken on our school canteen from 2019
- * The Canteen will open on Wednesday 30 Jan - I am waiting on the draft Canteen menu to send out to you and will send it as a separate FlexiBuzz
- * I am hoping the new company will continue to use Ultimate Schools website - this is yet to be confirmed. (* I am aware Ultimate Schools sent out a text message - I will confirm as soon as I can)
- * Existing family credits with Ultimate Schools can be queried - see their website for contact details
- * From Wednesday 30 - children can order their lunches from the Canteen - but ordering the traditional way - where a brown bag with the child's name, class, lunch order details and money needs to be placed in the class lunch order tub

EXTREME WEATHER DAYS

- * It has certainly been an extremely hot start to 2019 and the weather for our school start looks like continuing the trend.
- * On days where the weather is extreme, we keep the students inside in the air-conditioning - either for both recess and lunch or just lunch

EYNESBURY BUS SERVICE

- * Eynesbury Buses resume service from Wednesday - you would have received the Bus advice sheet last year
- * A reminder that the afternoon Bus timetable has reversed - Buses 2 and 4 will depart first, Buses 1 and 3 will depart second. Mornings will depart at the same.

FENCE

- * We are still working with the insurance company regarding the replacement of our fence - we have temporary fencing in place until then

OFFICE HOURS

- * Our Office hours are 8:15 am - 4 pm each day, beginning from Tuesday 29 Jan

SCHOOL START - for Year 1-6 children

- * Children in Years 1-6 for 2019 begin on Wednesday 30 Jan with our usual start time of 8:50 am
- * There will be an Assembly on Wednesday morning - with children sitting together (not in class groups) under the covered Assembly area - we will take them to class from there

SCHOOL START - for Prep children

- * Have you booked your child's Prep assessment time yet? www.schoolinterviews.com.au and the event code is f68b5
- * Assessment days are Wednesday 30 Jan, Thursday 31 Jan, Friday 1 Feb and Wednesday 6 Feb
- * Children in Year Prep for 2019 begin on Monday 4 Feb at 10 am (10 am - 2:30 pm)
- * Families are welcome to arrive from 9:30 am and have 'first day' photos in our school grounds and then move into the classrooms at 10 am
- * Tuesday - 8:50 am - 2:30 pm
- * Wednesday 6 Feb - no school for Preps (final assessments day)
- * Thursday 7 and Friday 8 Feb - 8:50 am - 3:30 pm

SUN SMART

- * From September to April, children need to wear their Exford school hat when outside at recess or lunch breaks and during PE classes
- * We encourage parents to provide their child / children with their own supply of sunscreen (the school does not supply sunscreen)
- * Teachers will remind the children to reapply before recess and lunch time (we are not able to apply it for the children)

- * There will be reminder signs on the inside of all of the classroom doors reminding the children as well I will attach our Sun Smart Policy to the first newsletter

UNIFORM SALES

- * Our school Office opens on Tuesday 29 Jan and you can organise any uniforms needed - you can also order them through QKR and we can send the items home with the children

Hopefully that covers all the queries - feel free to send a question by FlexiBuzz if there's something else you need to know. Looking forward to seeing our kids on Wednesday 30 January!
Ms Campo