



Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!
www.exfordps.vic.edu.au



Artist impression of our new school entry - ready 2022!

At Exford, these qualities are really important:



... 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), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Naiomi (Kallan and Ashlyn), Rebecca (Hannah, Joshua and Thomas), Kylie (Peyton) Sharon (Charlie & Archie)

Community Representatives: Graham and Jacki (SC President)

Staff: Ms Campo, Mrs Cassar, Ms Mastrop and Mr Wilson

Ms Campo's News...

Lockdown 6.0

Remote and Flexible Learning arrangements will continue until the end of Term 3, as confirmed by Premier Andrews. As always, please reach out to us if you need a helping hand.

Our fingers and toes are crossed for a Term 4 return to onsite learning for everyone. We are looking forward to having our kids back in their classrooms.

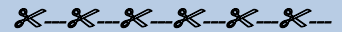
Last week of Term 3.

We have one more week of Term 3 to go. Our Term 4 Planning Days will occur this week: Year 1-2 and Year 5-6 Planning will be on Tuesday 14 and Year Prep and Year 3-4 Planning Day will be on Thursday 16 Sept. The teachers will post fun activities for the children to complete. There will still be onsite supervision for the children attending.

Last day of Term 3

As per usual practice, school will finish at 2:30 pm on the last day of term (Friday 17 September) for onsite students. OSH Club will commence their afterschool supervision from 2:30 pm. **Students need to be collected at 2:30 pm or booked into OSH Club, please.**

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



Dates to Remember:

Please add them to your calendar!

2021 Dates

Term 3

Monday 13 September

Please email the school on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au if your child will not be attending Exford PS in 2022

Friday 17 September

Footy Colours Day - onsite and at home kids wear their footy / soccer / sporting teams apparel

Last Day of Term 3

2.30 pm - Dismissal for onsite children
2:30 pm - Buses collect the children

Events and activities to be rescheduled

Year 1-2 Sovereign Hill excursion
Teeth on Wheels Van
MPSSA Group 1 - Athletics Carnival -
Year 5 - 6 Swimming & Water Safety Program

Term 4

Monday 4 October

Term 4 Begins...fingers crossed it will be onsite for all children. We'll keep you posted!

2022 Preps

We are at the time of year where we begin planning for the following year.

If you have a child who will be starting school with us next year, would you please contact the Office and we will send home an enrolment form for you. We also need a copy of the birth certificate and the immunisation certificate.

If you have received your Prep child's enrolment form already, we'd appreciate your sending it back so that Mrs Kelly in the Office can process it for you - please note that she is not able to process enrolments without the birth certificate.

Our 2022 Prep Transition Program is in the planning and we would like to include all our little ones so that they can have a great start at our school.

We have now set up our 2022 Preps journal in Seesaw and will begin to send out information for you.

If you have friends or neighbours hoping to enrol at Exford PS for 2022 (in any year level), would you ask them to contact our Office, please?

2022 Enrolments

Strathulloh PS is now advertising for their staff, so it's important to let them know if your child will be transferring there, so that they can be included in the numbers so that they know how many classes they can offer and how many staff they will need.

Equally, if your child will not be at Exford PS next year, we also need to know not to include them in our enrolment count. All children who are currently enrolled at Exford PS are entitled to remain at our school and little brothers and sisters are also able to enrol.

Please confirm by **Monday 13 September** if your child will not be attending Exford PS next year.

We would like to be able to work out how many classes we will need for next year and to confirm our staffing - we need accurate student numbers to be able to do this.

Book Club

In response to the current lockdowns, Book Club have temporarily added the option for parents to have their orders sent directly to their homes.

To view issue 6, please click on the following link:

<https://scholastic.com.au/media/6421/bc621web.pdf>



Staffing for 2022

- Welcome back to Mrs Micallef who returns to Exford from maternity leave next week - returning three days a week this year and returning full time from next year.
- Congratulation to Mr Parker who has been appointed to an ongoing position in regional Victoria, which will be closer to Mr Parker's family so little Henry can grow up with his extended family.
- Mrs Quayle and Mr Welshe have been transferred to the schools they have been at for 2021 on a permanent basis - we wish them all the best!

School Camps

Sadly, our Year 2 Lady Northcote and Year 3-4 Phillip Island Camps have been cancelled due to the continuing Lockdown and the lack of available dates for Term 4. Please contact Mrs Humplik in our office for the Camp payment refund - we would prefer not to hold Camp payments over to cover next year's expenses.

SunSmart times ... No hat, no play!

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 game times. 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).

Office News

Lost Property

We are receiving an increasing number of items in our lost property tub, which are either unnamed or still have the previous owners' details.

Please ensure all items are clearly marked, particularly items that are removed during the day, such as hats, jumpers, scarves and beanies.

Lost property is checked daily and items which are clearly labelled can be returned to the child without delay.

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premier's 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 17 September 2021.

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.

The Challenge closes on Friday 18 September.

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 school every day - especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020 and 2021.

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.

Fundraising News



**Our 2021 target is...
\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

Our Tally so far... \$3,572.00

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

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 3 Father's Day Stall - canceled for 2021 ☹️
- Term 4 - End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ - TBC

If you are interested in helping out with the Fundraising activities at our school, please contact Ms Campo through the FlexiSchools 'Contact the Principal' link.

Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 27 August - 9 September 2021

Gurekham, Maarja, Ishmeet, Kiara, Isaac, Charli, Gursehaj & Carter



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 (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.

Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Including pages from:

- Year 1 - 2 Higgins
- Prep Smyth - Book Week

☺️ Ms Campo

Stage 1 Upgrade at Exford PS



Getting ready for the concrete pour for the first half of the Junior Learning Building.



The concrete pour for the first half of the Junior Learning Building



The crane which poured the concrete for our Junior Learning Building.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates for **Week 7 and Week 8**

	Week 5		Week 6	
	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Prep Monagle				
Prep Smyth				
1 / 2 Ambrose				
1 / 2 Higgins				
1 / 2 Jenner				
1 / 2 Parker				
3 / 4 Gashi				
3 / 4 Roe				
3 / 4 Patty				
4 / 5 Mounsey				
5 / 6 Gundry				
5 / 6 Mastrop				
5 / 6 Talevski				
The Arts				
Physical Education				
French				
OSH Club				

No Student of the Week

Week 7 & 8

Due to Remote Learning



1 / 2 HIGGINS REMOTE LEARNING



What are we grateful for?

Family - Sumair

My Family - Annabel

3D shapes, I love them - Darcy

Sister and my Mum - Elizabeth

Doing all this work and drawing
and writing - Leroy

What is something we've done for someone else?

Helping the preps - Leroy

Helped Mum cook - Darcy

Helping everybody - Ayaan

Helped my Mum clean - Charitha

Helped my Father in garden - Sumair

I've helped someone pick up trash - Siri

Helping my Dad at his new house - Annabel

What is something we are doing for ourselves?

Playing roblox - Elizabeth

Doing my schoolwork - Leroy

My new room- Annabel

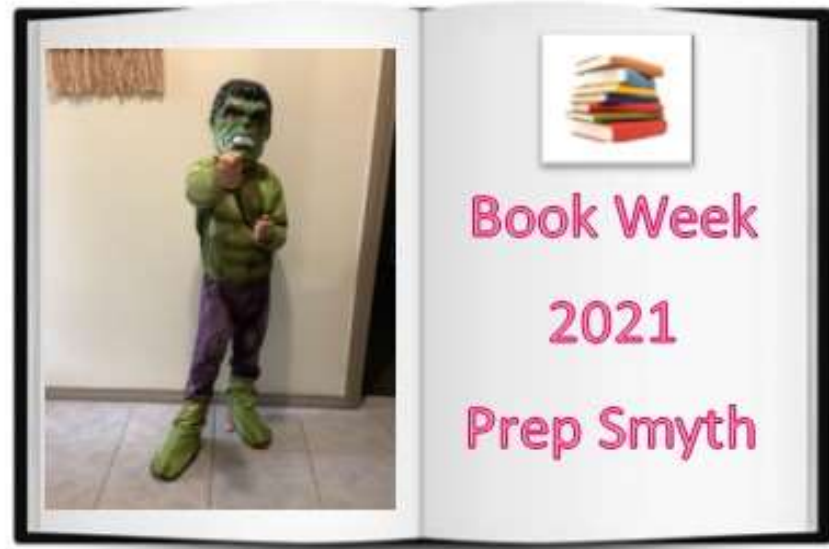
Playing around the house -

Darcy

Books- Sumair

I play and build a house with my blocks - Ayaan





Book Week
2021
Prep Smyth

Newsletter



VACATION CARE!

Next week we begin the September holiday vacation care. We are happy to announce that at this stage we will be able to run incursions for the children. We are excited to be able to share these experiences with the children.

Last holidays we asked the children what they would like to do during their holidays. We have planned the most popular themes and used the children's ideas to create a fun filled program!

What do you need to bring?
Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. When bringing food, please make sure it's nutritious, nut free and doesn't require heating or cooking. Please be mindful of the planned incursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately.

Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS HOLIDAYS



Tuesday 21st of September – Magic of Science Incursion



Thursday the 23rd of September – Deluxe Bear Making Incursion



Tuesday the 28th of September – DIY Push Bally Cart Incursion



Thursday the 30th of September – Pokémon Trainer Incursion



Newsletter



What we've been up to...

The children have been interested in recreating 'The Voice' at OSHC. Each morning the children have taken on new roles as judges and contestants while they tried the best to turn a judge's chair. The children gave each other positive feedback on their song choices and singing abilities. The children's confidence has grown over the last few weeks of this experience which has been great to see!



We discovered a new way to make a volcano using citrus fruits. We began with lemons and then extended the experience to add mandarins, limes and oranges to hypothesise if the same effect would happen when mixing the ingredients together.



French Knitting

This week we starting French knitting. We created our own looms out of recycled materials and small icy pole sticks for pegs. All the children have been involved at some point across the week and having a go to create the longest chain possible.



CLUB NEWS

Over the last few weeks on a Friday afternoon, we have held an 'Around the World' Club. The children have experienced a range of different cuisines from around the world we have tried Pão de Queijo (Brazilian cheese breads), Sushi Bowls, Minecraft Pizzas with Vegetarian Pepperoni and Peach iced tea with finger sandwiches. The children have enjoyed having new things to try and give variety to our menu. We will continue to source new ideas for foods to try with the children.



HOME DELIVERY NOW AVAILABLE

ISSUE 6 ONLINE NOW



Book Club is open and home delivery is available!

In response to the current lockdowns, we have added the temporary option for all parents to have their orders sent directly to their homes. This option will enable them to place and receive orders while their children are undertaking schooling at home.

- When parents place their Issue 6 Book Club orders, they'll have the option to select **home delivery** or **school delivery** if you have Book Club opened—if not, the default will be home delivery.
 - The home delivery option will automatically be added to schools in the lockdown area.
 - The home delivery option can be selected by parents at the time of ordering for \$7.50
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Victorian
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reading
challenge



OPEN UP A NEW WORLD

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



To register, visit education.vic.gov.au/prc





Junior registrations are now open for
Season 21/22

Join the EAGLES NEST as we fly into our very
own true home ground in Eynesbury!

U11, U13, U15 & U17

Register online at playcricket.com.au
Search for Eynesbury Cricket Club

Get in quick as cricket season is just around
the corner!