



# Exford Primary School

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Artist impression of our new school entry - ready 2022!

*At Exford, these qualities are really important:*

<b>Respect</b> 	<b>Kindness</b> 	<b>Personal Best</b> 
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*... 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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## NEWSLETTER No.21 (Term 4, 2021) Thursday 2 December 2021

You are represented on School Council by:

**Parents:** Amanda (Caitlyn), Cherry (Jaron), Joel (Gus), Naomi (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...*

#### **The end of this year is in sight!**

I can't believe that this is the second last newsletter for 2021. We are in the final stages of the school year, school organisation is planned, our class lists are finalised, final staff recruiting is occurring, reports are in the last stages and on Monday 13, we move classrooms around, ready for the 2022 school year. We continue to welcome next year's Prep children for their Transition visits, with their final visit occurring on Tuesday 7 December; this is also the State Transition Day, with our Year 6s spending the day at their secondary schools. Our new Year 1-6 children beginning next year are also having their Transition Days every Tuesday.

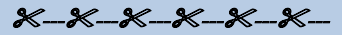
#### **World Principals Day**

Mr Wilson and I had a lovely surprise on Monday...a long held secret by our students and staff. The classes presented us with very thoughtful messages and cards that they'd made some time ago but couldn't present due to the Lockdown. Thank you to our Exford Kids and staff - you are the best!

#### **Children's health**

Thank you to our families who are keeping their children at home if unwell and going to have Covid tests as a precaution. We are nearly through this year, fingers crossed we can get through the year without any more isolations needed. 😊

Cut out & stick me to the fridge!



### **Dates to Remember:**

*Please add them to your calendar!*

## 2021 Dates

### Term 4

#### Thursday 2 December

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews via WebEx (Day 2)

#### Monday 6 - Friday 8 December

2022 Planning Week

#### Tuesday 7 December

2022 Prep Transition Visit No 3  
9:15 am - 12:15 pm

2022 Year 1-6 Transition Visit No 3

2022 Year 7 Transition Day - visits to secondary schools

#### Wednesday 8 December

Year 6 Adventure Park Excursion  
Final School Council Meeting for 2022

#### Tuesday 14 December

2022 Year 1-6 Transition Visit No 3  
2022 Step Up Day - arrangements TBC  
- meet 2022 teacher and class

#### Wednesday 15 December

Year 6 Graduation - arrangements TBC

#### Thursday 16 December

Reports sent home to Parents

#### Friday 17 December

Last Day of School  
1:10 pm - Assembly

### **1:30 pm - Dismissal**

1:30 pm - Buses Depart

## **2022 School Year**

#### Wednesday 9 January 2022

**2022 Student Book Pack orders due**

#### Tuesday 1 February 2022

Day 1 of Term 1 for our 2022 Year 1-6 students

#### Monday 7 February 2022

Day 1 for our 2022 Prep students

## Last school days of 2021

Student reports will be sent home on Thursday 16 December. Due to the AEU Protected Action, reports will include curriculum description per subject and the progression point but will not have any general comments. The children's achievement slides will still be completed and will be uploaded to Seesaw by Friday 10 December. **The last day of school will be Friday 17 December, with a final Assembly at 1 pm and dismissal at 1:30 pm. Buses will start their homeward bus runs from 1:30 pm.**

## Staffing

Ms Kate Tucker has accepted a position at her current school in Ballarat and won't be returning for 2022. Mr Patty has eagerly accepted the challenge of continuing the PE program at EPS (he is a PE major) and he and Mr Young are working together to keep our wonderful PE program in place. We have advertised another position to replace Mr Patty in the Year 3-4 team.

Congratulations to Ms Rachel Fyfe who is the successful applicant for our Classroom teacher vacancy and will join the Year 3-4 team.

## 2022 Step up Day

We will hold our 2022 Step Up Day on Tuesday 14 December, where the children will spend the morning with their 2022 teacher and class. You will receive a letter in Seesaw advising you of the information.

Please note that class lists and placements have now been finalised; these take a long time, thought and effort to make our new classes as balanced for everyone as they can be. We have focused on the children's wellbeing and social groups, as well as balancing positive friendships. Parents are always welcome to share their thoughts about their child's placements and are taken into consideration as we finalise our plans. Changes at this stage are very unlikely.

## Year 6 Graduation Event

We will hold our Year 6 Graduation Event at the school as we did last year and it will be streamed live to our parents. We are working on an alternate plan, now that the 90 + % vaccination rates have been received and restrictions about students needing to be vaccinated to attend a venue have been lifted since our initial planning.

Our event will now involve each Year 6 class graduating separately (approx. 10 minutes per class), with a strict limit of two adults and siblings being able to attend in the Gallery (all adults and 12+ year old children must show evidence of being double vaccinated and all must wear a face-mask). The Year 6 cohort of children will remain in their classrooms to observe their friends as they take their turn in the Gallery with their families.

Each class will have a timeslot for their families to join us in the Gallery, with the whole event being livestreamed.

We will then give our families time to go home (whilst our Year 6 students have their meals) and then will proceed with the remainder of the formalities. The students will then have the rest of the time for their dancing, photos etc, before being collected. We will send home a new schedule of events as soon as we have confirmed all details.

## We are very proud of Maya and Ella!

Ella (Year 3 Patty) and Maya (Year 5 Mounsey) have both done something amazingly generous recently. Both students (and Ella's sister as well) have had a major haircut to donate their own hair to make wigs, for people who have lost their own hair due to treatment for serious illnesses.

What a wonderful example they both are to us all. They are brave and thoughtful and they have both done a lovely act of Kindness towards someone they don't even know. I know I am so proud of them both.



**Ella**  
(look at those long plaits that were donated)



**Maya**  
(that's the hair Maya is holding!)

## Absence Learning Plans

If you have made the decision to keep your children at home for the time being, we will need to complete an Absence Learning Plan for them and they will be marked as Absent (Parent Choice). Please note that Remote Learning is only available for children who are isolating or children who have extreme health complications.

## 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).

We also encourage families to provide their children with sunscreen roll-on to keep in their school bag.

# 2022 Student Book Packs

A reminder to families that the Student Book Packs need to be ordered by Wednesday 9 January in order for them to be delivered to school, ready for the children's school start.



## EXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL BOOKLIST



Exford Primary School uses an **online only** ordering system for Book Packs with our stationery supplier Paperchase Office National.

There will be **NO** collection day at the school. Book packs will be delivered free of charge to the school for distribution to the students.

Only Complete Packs can be ordered through the Paperchase Booklist website, see below for details.

**Please place your order online no later than 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to guarantee free delivery to the school.**

Orders placed after the cutoff date may incur a \$5 late fee, and are not guaranteed to be delivered before the start of Term 1 2022.

Parents can contact the school office for assistance to place the book list order if they do not have any access to the internet at home.

### Online Ordering Procedure

1. Go to <http://booklist.paperchase.com.au>
2. ENTER THIS SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: **BTSEXPS**
3. Click 'Create Order', Enter students first and last name, choose year level from the drop-down list and follow the prompts to place your order.

Please check your E-mail for order receipt.

**PLEASE NOTE: All packs will be delivered to the school for distribution to students and therefore must be pre-paid.** Payment must be made during the online ordering process, by **Visa or Mastercard** (credit card or debit card accepted). ZIP Pay also available\*

\* ZIP - Interest free, nothing to pay upfront, flexible repayments. You will need an active Zip account. Conditions apply: <https://zip.co/create-an-account>

Payment will be processed at time of ordering.

If you elect not to purchase the booklist through Paperchase please ensure children come to school on the first day with the required materials.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office. If you are experiencing significant financial hardship please contact the school for an appointment to discuss payment options.



## Construction photos

It's so exciting to see our Junior Learning Building starting to take shape. Mrs Ambrose's class were delighted to be in the right place at the right time to see the first beam go up, a few weeks ago.



## 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](mailto: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**



## Christmas Raffle Fundraiser



We have sent home our End of year Christmas Raffle tickets for you to sell (thank you to Maya who prepared all the tickets) to family and friends. If you need more, just let us know and we can send more home for you.

If you are interested in helping out with preparing the Raffle prize hampers, please contact Ms Campo or to Office through the FlexiSchools 'Contact the Principal' link.

## Happy Birthdays!!



To our students who celebrated their birthdays from 19 November - 2 December.

Ivy-Leigh, Charlie, Gurnoor, Gurmanvir, Te Wai, Zoe, Faatea, Navroop, Rose, Liam & Pavreet.



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 Prep Monagle
- Year 3 - 4 Gashi

☺ Ms Campo

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK



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

	<u>Week 7</u>		<u>Week 8</u>	
	<u>Student</u>	<u>Exford Value</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Exford Value</u>
Prep Monagle	Sienna B	Personal Best	Tait	Personal Best
Prep Smyth	-	-	Clara	Personal Best
1 / 2 Ambrose	Aarish	Personal Best	Nate	Personal Best
1 / 2 Higgins	Abbey	Kindness	Moksheddep	Respect
1 / 2 Jenner	Axel	Kindness	Marcus	Personal Best
1 / 2 Parker	-	-	Kendra	Personal Best
3 / 4 Gashi	Frankly	Personal Best	Elise	Personal Best
3 / 4 Roe	Jacob	Personal Best	Garbrielle	Personal Best
3 / 4 Patty	Max	Personal Best	Amneet	Kindness
4 / 5 Mounsey	Jasper	Kindness	Blake	Personal Best
5 / 6 Gundry	Sophie	Respect	Elodie	Respect
5 / 6 Mastrop	Xavier	Personal Best	Gus	Personal Best
5 / 6 Talevski	Gurnoor	Personal Best	Marshall	Respect
The Arts	Damanveer	Personal Best	Elijah	Personal Best
Physical Education	-	-	Violet	Personal Best
French	Harrison	Personal Best	Raisa	Personal Best
OSH Club	-	-	-	-

PREP MONAGLE



# Welcome to Miss Monagle's Ice Cream Store!

Here's 24 Flavours You've Never Seen Before!

Prep Monagle have been learning about a style of Poetry called "Alliteration". Alliteration is a writing technique used where each letter in the sentence begins with the same letter.

Our clever kids have used this style of Poetry to invent their own amazing delicious ice-cream flavours.

Which one would you try?



ORANGE OCTOPUS  
STRAWBERRY SMASH  
- RILEY

BANANA BOY  
MINT MAGIC  
PINEAPPLE PUNCH  
- MARLEE

BLUEBERRY BLUE  
STRAWBERRY SUN  
PLUM PIG  
- ARIAH

CHERRY CAKE  
OCTOPUS ORANGE  
BANANA BOY  
- RYDER D

CHOCOLATE CHERRY  
MINT MARSHMALLOW  
COTTON CANDY  
- AKSHAN

**CHOCOLATE CHIP**  
**BLUEBERRY BOSS**  
- CHARNJOT

*Pear Punch*  
*Choc-carrot*  
*Strawberry Snot*  
- Ryder C

Blueberry Bird  
Strawberry Sand  
Rainbow Robot  
- Aydin

Blueberry Boy  
Strawberry Stones  
Raspberry Robot  
- Tanvir

Blueberry Bash  
Choc-cherry  
Strawberry Swirl  
- Taela

Orange Octopus  
Banana Boy  
- Rableen

Strawberry Surprise  
Banana Baby  
Chocolate Chip  
- Nihal





Subway Sun  
Green Grass  
Chocolate Cake  
- Tait

Gummie Gipster  
Mint Moon  
Raspberry Rose  
- Flynn

**APPLE AMBULANCE**  
**BANANA BOY**  
**CHOCOLATE CHIPS**  
- KAIDEN

Bluberry Bum  
Rainbow Rabbit  
- Sienna

MARLEE MINT  
GRAPE GATE  
STRAWBERRY SUN  
- AURORA

MINT MARSH MELLOW  
BANANA BALL  
- DISHEN

Strawberry  
Sprinkle  
- Ritish

**GRAPE GLUE**  
- ISABELL

Watermelon Water  
Celery Cake  
Apple Ant  
- Tanya

Mango  
Monkey  
- Abani

Chocolate Chomp  
Strawberry Snakes  
Vanilla Volcano  
- Jaskirat

Rainbow Rain  
Green Grape  
- Gursehaj



## Year 3-4 Gashi

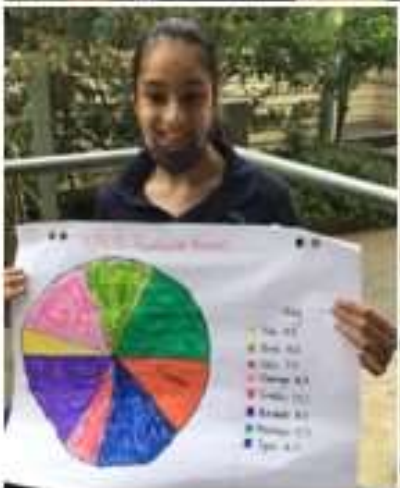
In Maths, we have been learning how to collect and represent data in different ways.

Haven't we had fun creating some amazing graphs?!

We collected data on Year 3-4 G's favourite animals. We then used this data to make a strip graph and a pie graph.

We also had a great time creating our very own pictographs!





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# BIG Summer Read

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**1 DECEMBER 2021 - 31 JANUARY 2022**

Download the **Beanstack Tracker** app,  
register to play at <https://plv.beanstack.org>  
or visit your local public library

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# EXCITING NEWS

## Teeth on Wheels are visiting next Term



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***ARNOLDS CREEK RESERVE  
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