

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 16 – Term 3, 2024

Thursday 29 August 2024



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Ms Campo's news....

SPLATACULAR Colour Run ... tomorrow is going to get messy!



Please see the detailed note we sent out through Seesaw and Xuno. We suggest that the children come to school dressed in their 'I'm going to get messy' white clothes (not their school uniform tomorrow). Children travelling on the school buses **must** bring an old towel to sit on, so that they don't leave a mess on the seats. A reminder that our car park will be impacted in the afternoon (please see info sent out in Seesaw and Xuno).

Father's Day Stall

To all our special blokes out there – dads, step-dads, grand-dads, uncles and honorary dads and grand-dads who take care of our kids, we wish you a fabulous Father's Day!



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that assisted with our Father's Day stall yesterday:

- Naomi - Kallan's mum
- Sarah - Charli and Willow's mum

Phones

Our phone lines continue to be out of order and Telstra are advising us that the area outage should be rectified by Monday 4 September. Please email the school if you need to on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Footy Colours Day

Friday 20 September is the last day of Term 3 and we always hold our Footy Colours Day on this day. We are asking that they children bring a gold coin to donate to Kids Foundation, who continue to support our children and their families. All sporting teams and codes are welcome to be represented.



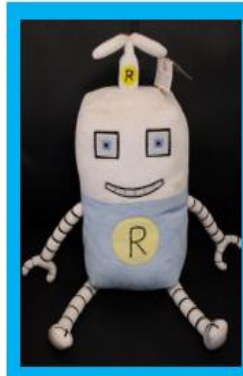
Coming Up

- Friday 30 August – **SPLATACULAR Colour Fun Run!**
- Tuesday 3 September
 - Year 1-2 Special Person's Day
- Wednesday 4 September
 - Year 5-6 MPSSA Basketball Day
- Week of Monday 9 September - day TBC - Our new playground will open
 - Last day for our existing oval space
- Tuesday 10 September
 - Year 3-4 MPSSA AFL 9's

Due to the Office

- Monday 2 September
 - Year 5-6 MPSSA Basketball Day – form and money due in XUNO.
- Friday 30 September – Parent Opinion Survey closes

*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

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Staff replacements

As we've communicated before, the staffing shortage in schools continues to be a real challenge that we are all dealing with (as are many other organisations, such as health care). Our priority will always be providing a stable classroom environment for the children. As discussed at our School Council meeting last week, our priority order is:

- No 1 - Shielding our children's classroom programs and our teachers' planning time (which also means shielding our specialist programs)
- We use Ms Hudson, our CRT who we have employed for as long as she is available
- We will split only one class at a time to the Prep – Year 2 and one class to the Year 3-6 teams
- We then move to using staffing from other programs – Tutoring, inbuilt Professional Learning release, Leading Teacher coaching, Principal team's work etc
- Staff also have to cover Yard Duties for absent and not-replaced staff
- This has a further impact on leadership staff being able to attend to other duties in a timely manner – e.g. attend meetings, respond to emails, return phone calls etc
- We have placed an 'out of office' auto-reply on our school email account to let people know that we will always respond, but it just might take a few days longer than it would normally

There's only so much we can do in a day, particularly when short-staffed, and providing a calm and settled learning environment for the children will always be our priority.

'The Right to Disconnect'

The 'Right to Disconnect' was legislated by the Federal Parliament earlier this year and it came into effect on Monday 26 August 2024, as a win for workers' rights. The legislation makes it clear that all employees have the right to refuse contact outside their normal working hours from their employer and from third parties, which includes other staff, students and parents.

Our staff have always been so generous with their time, responding to messages and posting to Seesaw before, during and after their working hours. We have had a discussion this afternoon about this new industrial condition and our need to respond within working hours. Being mindful that staff often (especially at the moment with staff shortages) have both recess and lunchtime duties and still need to have their break – this will mean that our response time will be slower than it has traditionally been. However, I'm sure that we all respect each others' rights to 'switch off' and have some time for ourselves and our families.

Car Park and early drop-offs

I have needed to speak to a number of drivers this week – we ask that you **park** to let your child / children out of the car and **do not** stop and drop in the car park, please.

We are also getting children being dropped off at the front of the school before 8:50 am – teaching staff are not legally on duty before 8:50 am and cannot take on supervision of children before this time. Please book your child / children into our Before School Care program or enlist the support of another family to help out.

End of year events

We have made the decision to book Bacchus Marsh Community Hall again for our Year 6 Graduation and our end of year Christmas Concert. Whilst the Gym might be handed over, the car park and the area around the Gym will still be impacted – it's too close to call and we want our events to be organised as usual. **So please put the dates into your calendars!**

Premiers' Reading Challenge - closing

The 2024 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge closes on Friday 6 September (that's next Friday!). Please ensure all books have been entered and finished prior to this date. As we need to verify those books in readiness for your certificate to be issued.

2024 dates to remember

Term 3

Friday 30 August

- Colour Run Fundraiser!



Tuesday 3 September

- Year 1-2 Special Person's Day

Wednesday 4 September

- Year 5-6 MPSSA Basketball Day

Friday 6 September

- Premiers' Reading Challenge closes for 2024.

Week beginning Monday 9 September

- Our new Playground and landscaping opens

Monday 9 / Tuesday 10 September

- Work begins on the stormwater drainage, sports field and hard courts works begin

Tuesday 10 September

- Year 3-4 MPSSA AFL 9's

Friday 20 September

- End of Term 3 - 2:30 pm dismissal
- **Footy Colours Day (gold coin donation for Kids Foundation)**

Term 4

Monday 7 October

- Term 4 begins for staff only
- Pupil Free Day No 3 – no school for students
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Bookings to be made through XUNO.
 - Information in the next newsletter and bookings will be open mid-September

Tuesday 8 October

Term 4 begins for students

Monday 4 November

- Pupil Free Day No 4 – no school for students

Tuesday 5 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 11 - Tuesday 12 November

- Year 3-4 Lady Northcote Camp

Tuesday 12 November

- Year 1-2 Lady Northcote Camp Day

Thursday 12 December

- 9:30 am - Year 6 Graduation event @ Bacchus Marsh Community Hall

Tuesday 17 December

- 9:30 am - End of year Christmas Concert @ Bacchus Marsh Community Hall

Friday 20 December

- End of Term 4! (1:30 pm dismissal)

Construction update



Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, and iPads. 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 – Colour Fun Run – Friday 30 August
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



Our 2022 target is...

\$5,000 - \$10,000.

Our Tally so far...

\$2,500.00

CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)	Science
Prep Akamatis	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Prep Gleeson	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Friday
Prep Mastrop	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Blais	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Jones	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Roe	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Fyfe	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Monagle	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Mounsey	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Romanski	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5-6 Higgins	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Micallef	Thursday	Monday	Monday	Thursday
Year 5-6 Odgers	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday	Thursday



To our students who celebrated their birthday 16 – 29 August

Rangi, Sumair, Uvraj, Brodi, Harvey, Summer, Anshpreet, Taela, Iasinita, Marcus, Aarish and Divya

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.



Every day counts

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...



When your child misses just.....	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12 that is....
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year of school
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 1/2 years of learning
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of learning
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning

The best learning time for students is the start of the school day. Give your child every chance to succeed

- When children regularly arrive late, they miss out on so much.
- They miss out on the lovely morning 'Meet and Greet' which connects children with their classmates, staff and classroom environment.
- We schedule literacy and numeracy for our morning lessons - so regular lateness means that children are missing critical learning every day they are away / late.
- Being on time prepares your child for the school day and the routines which support their learning.
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes and social connections.
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day.

Gates open / first bell 8.50 am		Learning starts at 9 am
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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 XUNO or email the school directly on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au – all student absences must be explained in writing.



Office News

Uniform / Lost Property – a reminder to ensure all uniform items are clearly marked with your child's name, this enables us to return items to your child without delay.

Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans – A reminder to return your child's Asthma and / or Anaphylaxis plans back to the Office. If you have misplaced this document, please call Mrs Kelly in the Office.

CSEF Fund – The Camp Sports and Excursion fund application process has closed for 2024. This will reopen in 2025.

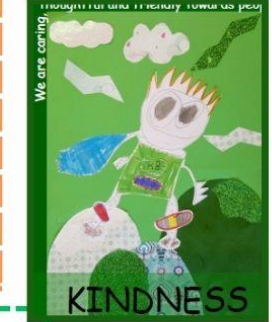
Student of the Week

Week 5

Week 6

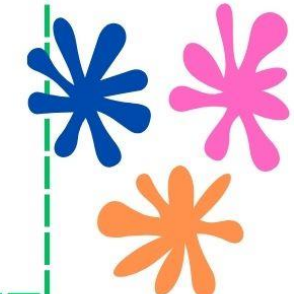


Prep Akamatis	Tegh	Kindness	Cailen	Kindness
Prep Gleeson	Zion	Personal Best	Archie	Kindness
Prep Mastrop	Aarvin	Personal Best	Aria	Respect



Year 1-2 Ambrose	Alex	Personal Best	Sienna	Personal Best
Year 1-2 Blasis	Garv	Personal Best	Shahzain	Respect
Year 1-2 Jones	Mason	Personal Best	Mikado	Personal Best
Year 1-2 Roe	Jack	Personal Best	Tyler	Personal Best

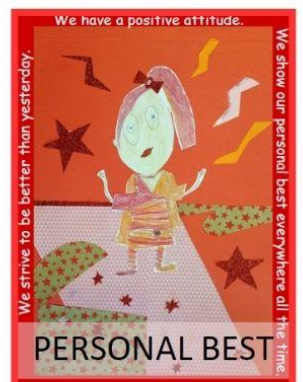
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Dishen	Personal Best	Kaiden	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Monagle	Zaynab	Personal Best	Fateh	Personal Best
Year 3 - 4 Mounsey	Liam	Personal Best	Paarth	Kindness
Year 3 - 4 Romanski	Holly	Kindness	Melody	Kindness



Year 5 - 6 Higgins	Kallan	Kindness	Lachlan	Personal Best
Year 5 - 6 Micallef	Noah	Personal Best	Noah	Kindness
Year 5 - 6 Odgers	Te Wai	Respect	-	-

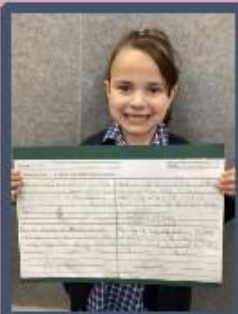
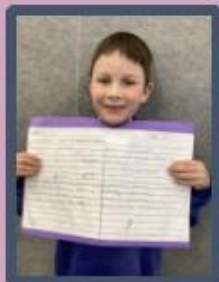
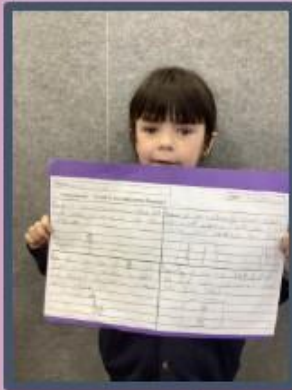


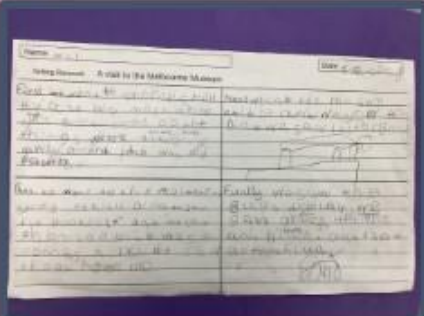
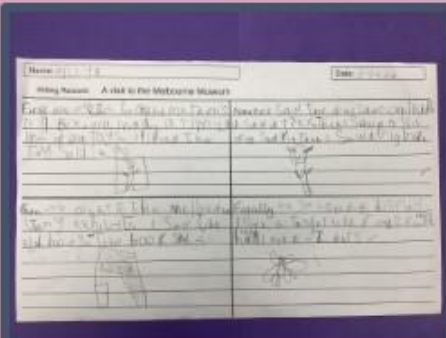
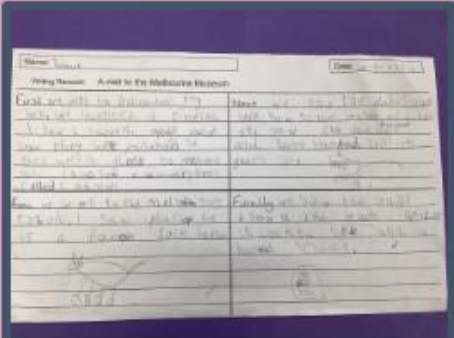
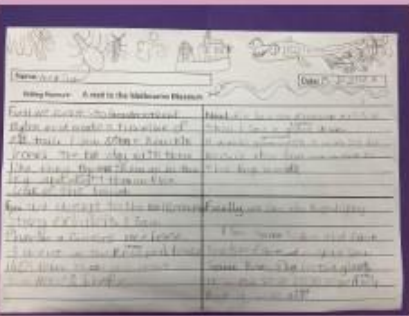
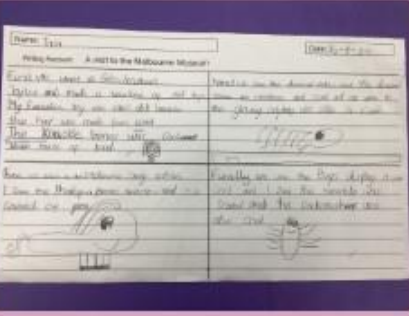
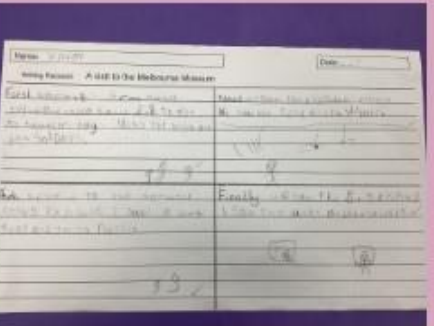
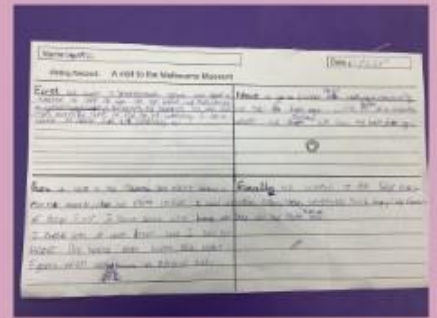
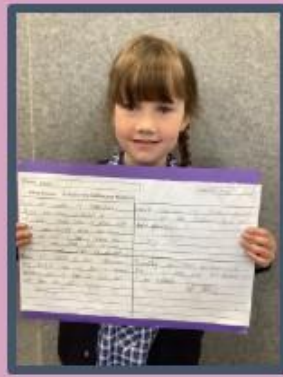
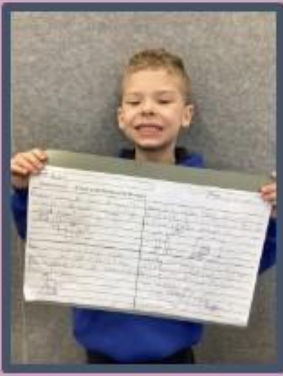
The Arts	Levi	Personal Best	Amber	Respect
PE	Dishen	Personal Best	Ryan	Personal Best
French	Kritika	Personal Best	Mia	Respect
Science	Rangi	Personal Best	Logan	Respect
Wellbeing	Deegan	Personal Best	Mia	Kindness
Ms Campo	Kallan	Kindness	Gurnaaz	Kindness
Mr Wilson	Tanya	Personal Best	-	-
OSH Club	Mirha	Kindness	Avery	Personal Best



Year 1-2 AMBROSE

The students in 1-2 Ambrose wrote fabulous recounts of their exciting day at the Melbourne Museum. They wrote about the education session 'My Grandmother's Toy Box' where they made a timeline of toys from the past. The students also wrote about the three exhibits we visited.





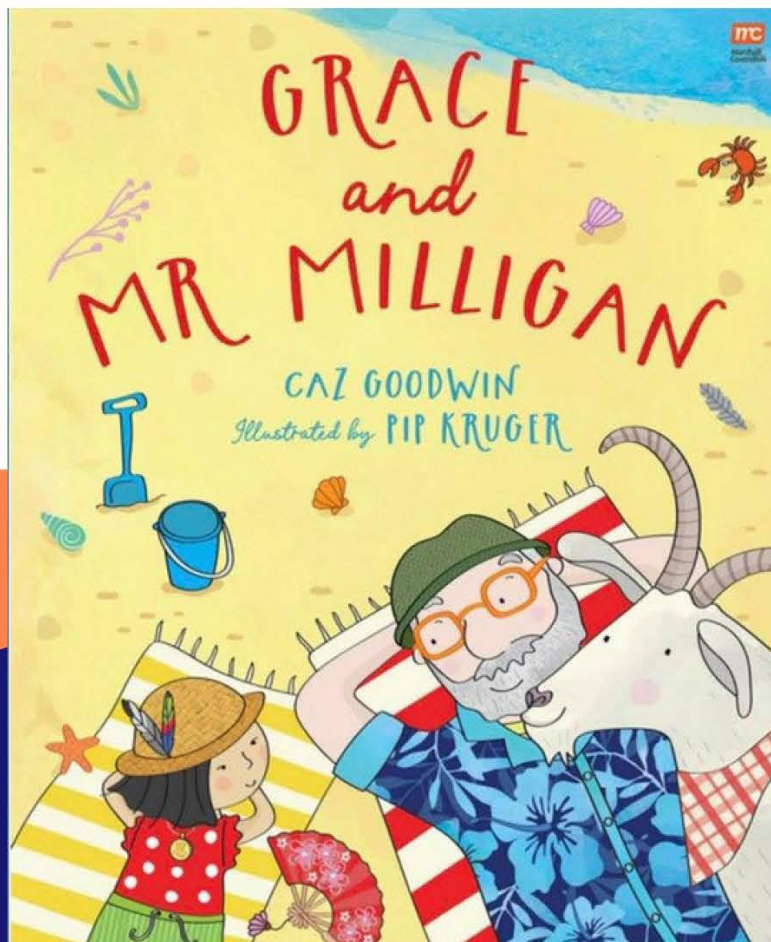


Book Week



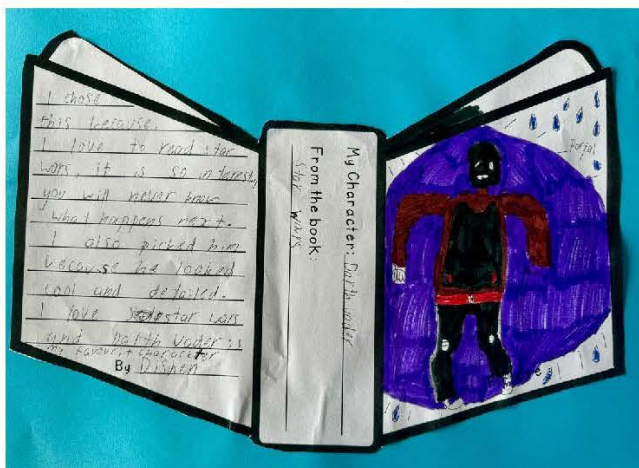
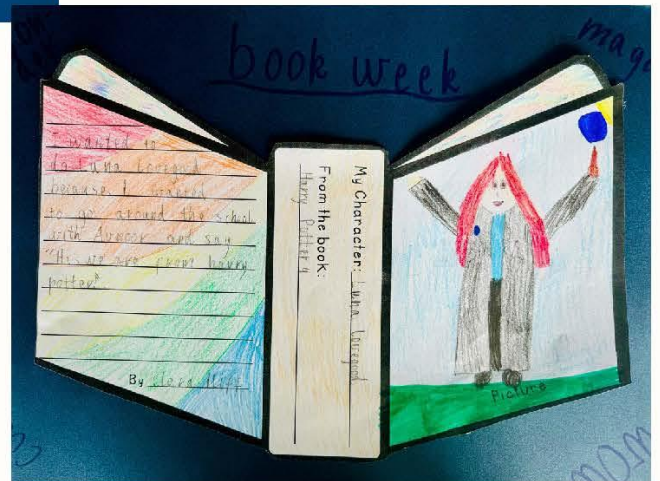
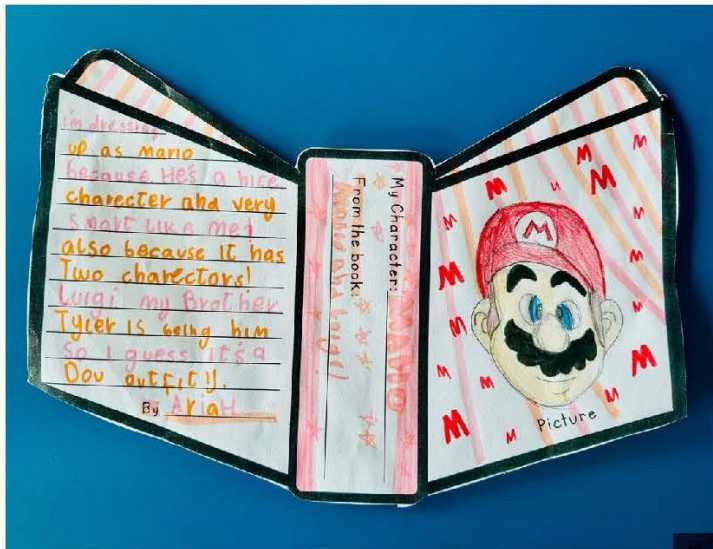
This week in Year 3 - 4 F

We read 'Grace and Mr Milligan', which explored concepts about friendship.



The children had lots of fun writing about their favourite books.

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French Club - Tuesday



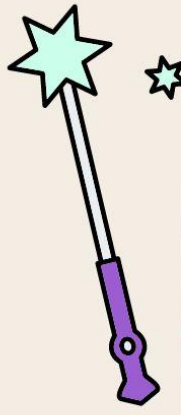


Fun Costume Dress up



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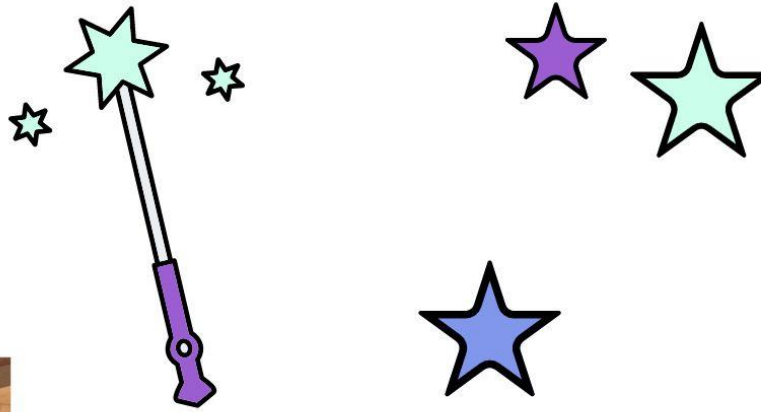
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TOUR DATES

Term 2

- Wednesday 17 April
- Wednesday 1 May
- Wednesday 15 May
- Wednesday 29 May
- Wednesday 12 June
- Wednesday 26 June

Term 3

- Wednesday 17 July
- Wednesday 31 July
- Wednesday 14 August
- Wednesday 28 August
- Wednesday 11 September

Term 4

- Wednesday 16 October
- Wednesday 30 October
- Wednesday 13 November
- Wednesday 27 November
- Wednesday 11 December



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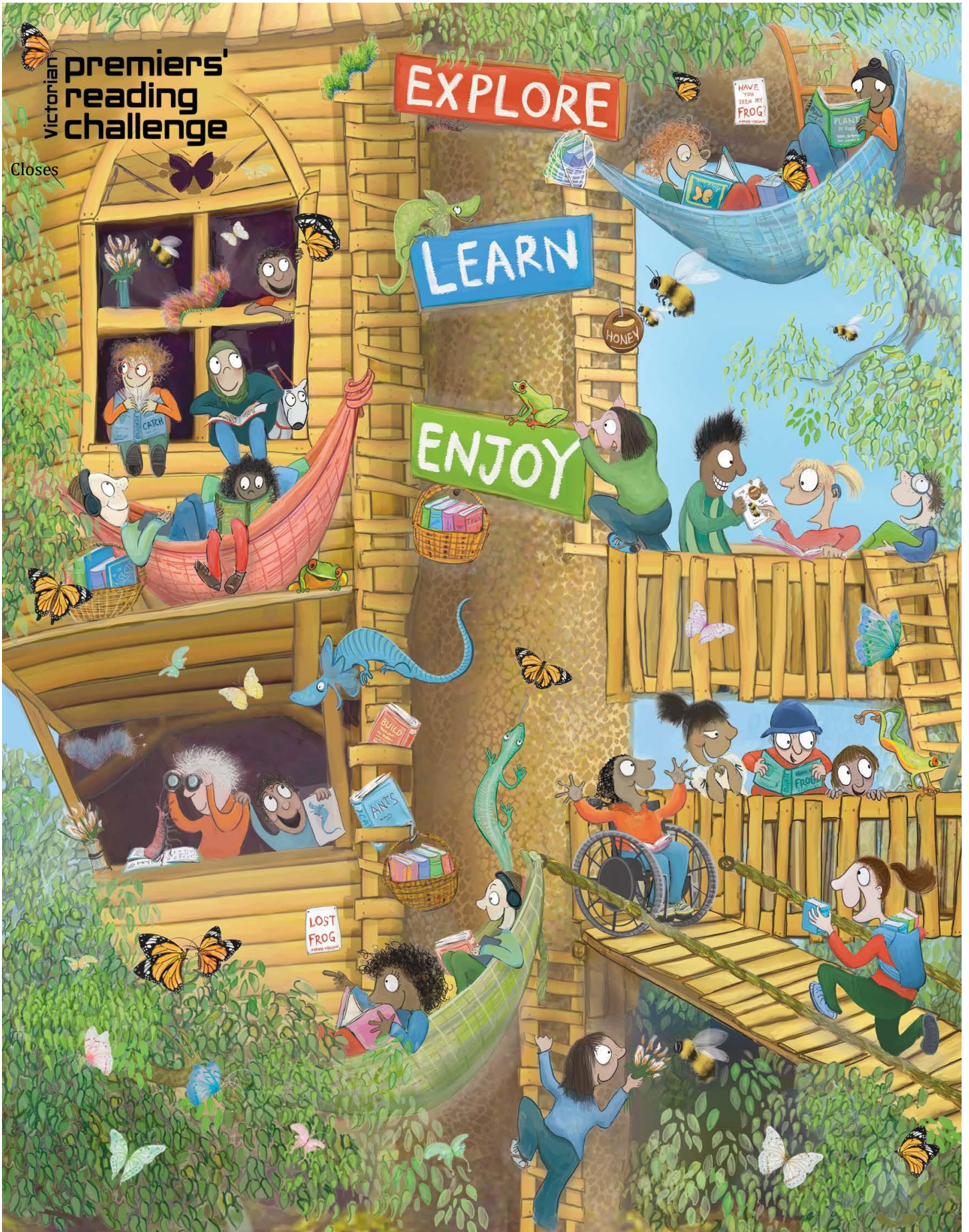
Enrolments for 2025 are now open

Parents are welcome to contact the school on 9743 5025, for further information and to book in for one of our Enrolment Tours.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families into our school community.

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