

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 17 – Term 3, 2024

Thursday 12 September 2024



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## Ms Campo's news....

### SPLATACULAR Colour Run ... how much fun was that!



Oh, my goodness, what a day we had! Our families' showers and washing machines would have got a real work out that Friday afternoon! Huge thanks to the organising group led by Mr Wilson.

#### School team:

- Ms Rundell, Mr Patty, Ms Mastrop,
- Mrs Scalzo, Ms Villari and Mrs Comer
- Mr Bowden (who swapped work days to be with us that day)

#### BBQ organising Parent team:

- Bailey & Daniel (Everly and Lincoln)
- Natasha & Luke (Kruze and Kaiden)
- Matt (Isaac and Harper)

And to all our families who joined in with the fun and who helped out on the day. To the families who gathered sponsors for the children and raised significant funds for our kids.

Families have until tomorrow, Friday 13 September to register for prizes on the Colour Run website. To do this, please log in with the details you created when you registered your child.

### The end of Term 3 is approaching!

Next Friday is the last day of Term 3, with an early dismissal at 2:30 pm. We will hold our annual Footy Colours Day on Friday and we ask the kids to bring a gold coin to donate to the Kids Foundation, who have been wonderful in their support for our kids.

### 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.



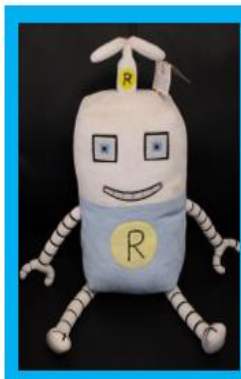
## Coming Up

- Friday 20 September
  - Footy Colours – dress up day
  - End of Term 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm
- Buses will also depart at 2:35 pm, with the expected arrival time at each stop an hour earlier than timetabled.
- Monday 7 October
  - Staff begin Term 4
  - Pupil Free Day No 3 – no students for today.
  - Parent Teacher Student conferences
- Tuesday 8 October
  - Term 4 begins for our students

## Due to the Office

- Friday 4 October
  - Year 3-4 Camp non-refundable deposit and form due in XUNO
- Tuesday 29 October
  - Year 1-2 Day Camp money and form due in XUNO

*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!*



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## Parent Student Teacher conferences

Parent Student Teacher conferences will run on Monday 7 October, commencing from 11 am. Bookings can be made through XUNO.

We will be offering interviews both in person, which will be held in your child's classroom or via Webex. If you are electing to hold your interview via Webex, please include a current email address in the comment box. This will allow us to send you a Webex invitation.

<https://docs.xuno.com.au/how-to-book-parent-teacher-interviews-using-the-family-app>

## Term 4 planning for 2025

Term 4 is always a busy one and we are at the stage of the year where we are focused on our planning for the 2025 school year. We will begin our class list planning shortly after the holidays.

These are some of the preparations that are underway – we are planning our:

- 2025 School / class organisation for next year
- 2025 class lists \* 2025 Book Pack Lists
- 2025 Staffing and financial planning \* 2025 Prep Transition Program
- Year 6 student transition support as they prepare to move to their secondary colleges
- Between year level transitions – our Year Preps will have some time in the Year 1-2 classrooms over the coming weeks and our Year 2 children will do the same in our Year 3-4 classrooms

The payoff for all our work is a lovely, calm and very organised start to the new year, as always!

**2025 Year 6-7 Transition** - The secondary colleges will send out information about their transition programs next term.

**2025 Prep children** - In Term 4, we will send out the invitations to our 2025 Prep Transition program through the 2025 Prep students journal in Seesaw.

**2025 school structure** - We are working on our 2025 school structure and will take the plan to our School Council Meeting on Wednesday 16 October, based on the student enrolments that we have.

If your child will **not** be attending Exford PS in 2025, would you send an email to the school email address **this week** – so we can take your child / children out of our student enrolment count, which effects our financial and school organisation planning - [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### 2025 Class Lists

Once we have ratified our 2025 school structure, we will then begin working on our 2025 class lists.

Families are always welcome to share their thoughts with me in writing on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) - I ask that you do so by Friday 11 October.

As always, our class lists take time and consideration as we develop the most balanced class groups, which take many factors into account – including the children's educational, interpersonal and social needs and based on the needs of the whole school program.

### 2025 Staffing

Once the class groups are finalised, I will then begin to match our staff to their 2025 roles.

## SunSmart time

A reminder that our children need to wear their Exford PS broad-brimmed school hat for all PE, recess and lunch-time play activities from the start of Term 4. Children without hats will be directed to an indoor Lunch Time Club activity. If you could check with your child that they have their hat, and if not, please order a new hat for them from our school office. You can order online through QKR and we will deliver the hat to your child.



**No Hat, No Play!**

## 2024 dates to remember

### Term 3

#### Tuesday 17 September

- Melton Network Maths Games Day – invitation only

#### Friday 20 September

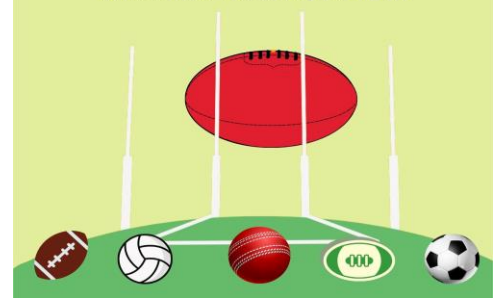
- End of Term 3 - 2:30 pm dismissal
- **Footy Colours Day (gold coin donation for Kids Foundation)**



### FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Staff and students are invited to show their "true colours" on the last day of Term 3, Friday 20 September.

Dress in the colours of your favourite team (AFL, Netball, Soccer, Rugby, Cricket)



### 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.

#### 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 – Gymnasium exterior



## 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 2024 target is...**

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

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$16,323.37**

**WOO HOO!!!!**

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 30 August – 12 September

Kiara, Aishreet, Zoe, Charli, Parmeet, Sienna, Riley, Emelia, Elijah, Ayesha, Gurseerat, Charitha and Alize

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

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](mailto: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 7

Week 8

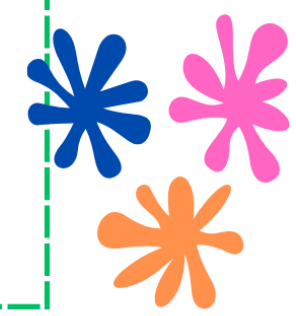


<b>Prep Akamatis</b>	Loretta	Kindness	Emelia	Kindness
<b>Prep Gleeson</b>	Avnoor	Personal Best	Gurman	Personal Best
<b>Prep Mastrop</b>	Aaron	Personal Best	Piper	Personal Best



<b>Year 1-2 Ambrose</b>	Summer	Kindness	Mannatdeep	Kindness
<b>Year 1-2 Blasis</b>	Kruze	Personal Best	Gursaanj	Kindness
<b>Year 1-2 Jones</b>	Aleeza	Kindness	Casey	Personal Best
<b>Year 1-2 Roe</b>	Tavleen	Personal Best	Hana	Personal Best

<b>Year 3 - 4 Fyfe</b>	Bilal	Personal Best	Karman	Respect
<b>Year 3 - 4 Monagle</b>	Emily	Respect	Ariah	Kindness
<b>Year 3 - 4 Mounsey</b>	Harper	Personal Best	Ayanna	Respect
<b>Year 3 - 4 Romanski</b>	Christian	Personal Best	Levi	Personal Best



<b>Year 5 - 6 Higgins</b>	Addisson	Respect	Elissia	Personal Best
<b>Year 5 - 6 Micallef</b>	Trey	Personal Best	Charlotte	Personal Best
<b>Year 5 - 6 Odgers</b>	Ryder	Personal Best	Kritika	Respect



<b>The Arts</b>	Kingston	Respect	Khai	Personal Best
<b>PE</b>	Talia	Personal Best	Lachlan	Personal Best
<b>French</b>	Grace	Respect	Kruze	Kindness
<b>Science</b>	Taela	Kindness	Kallan	Personal Best
<b>Wellbeing</b>	Aurora	Personal Best	Levi	Kindness
<b>Ms Campo</b>	Clara	Respect	Avnoor	Respect
<b>Mr Wilson</b>	Respect	Personal Best	-	-
<b>OSH Club</b>	Lachlan	Respect	Talha	Personal Best





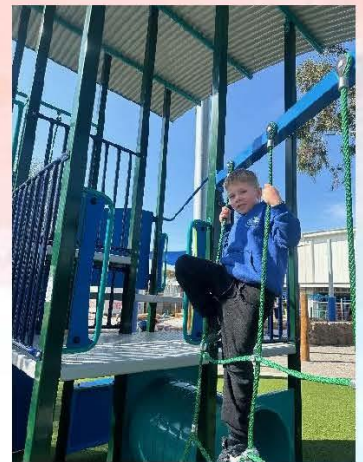








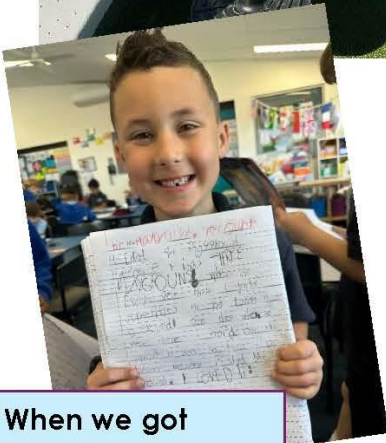
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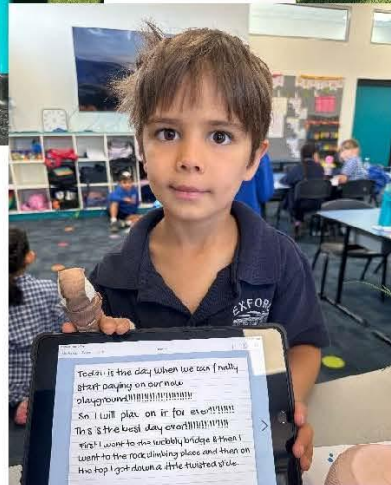
**We are super excited  
about our new  
Playground!**

**Here is what we think...**

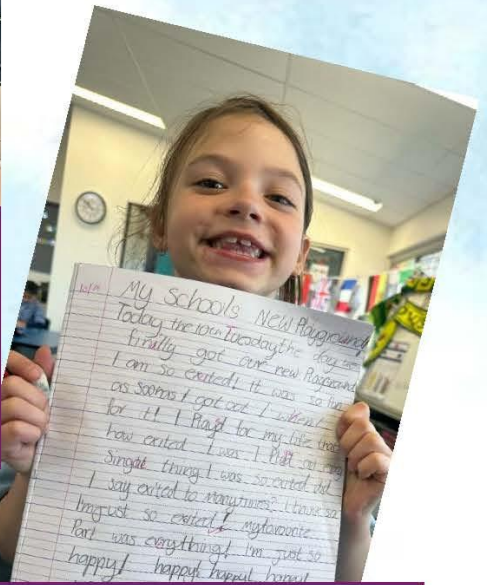




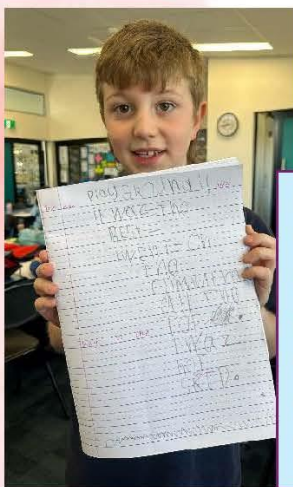
When we got there, I had butterflies in my tummy I was so excited! - Kruze



Today is the day when we can finally start playing on our new playground!!! This is the best day ever! - Danyal

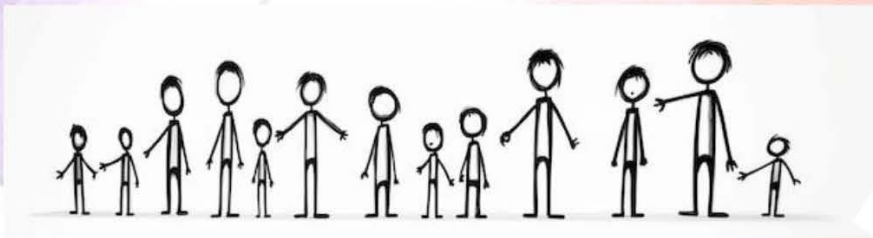


As soon as I got out, I went for it. That's how excited I was. I played on every single thing I was so excited. Did I say excited too many times? I think so BUT I AM JUST SO EXCITED!!! - Aurora



It was the best! I went on the climbing frame and went all the way to the top. I was not scared! - Deegan

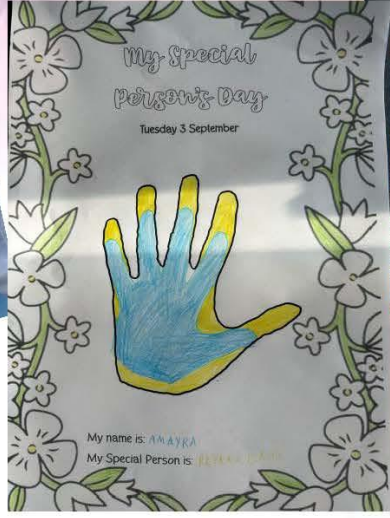
# Special Persons Day in Year 1-2 Blasis



**In our PBL unit of History, students have explored the past and present. We learnt about life in the 'olden days' and compared toys, technology, transport from the past versus now!**

**We invited the 'Special People' in our lives to come in and share artefacts from their past.**

**Thank you to all families who volunteered to spend their morning with us. We loved having you all in our classroom!**



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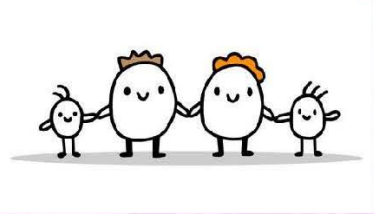
Aurora

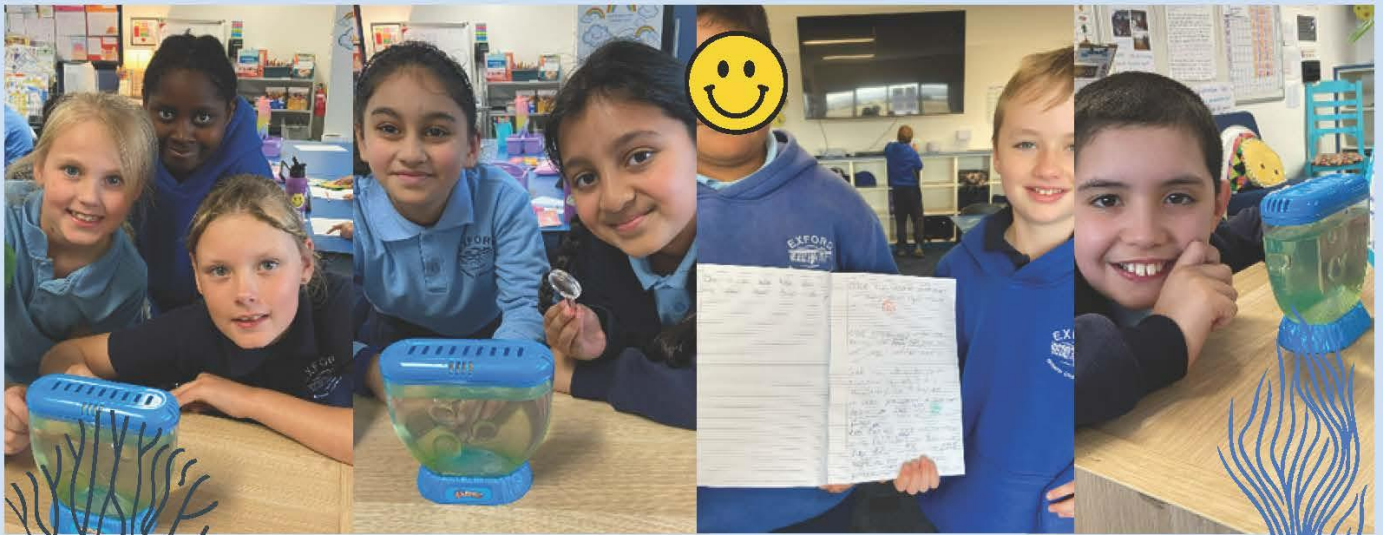
### VIP Interview

Question	Record the response here
What was the name of your primary school?	[Redacted]
How did you get to school every day?	By tram
Did you have to wear a uniform to school?	Yes Blue and white check dress, or navy blue tunic and white shirt
What was your favourite subject at school?	Sport & reading
Who was your favourite teacher?	Mrs McCormack Grade 2
What is your favourite memory of school?	Sports Days and inter school carnivals Reading resources Easier - smaller classes resources - assistance
Do you think nowadays students have it easier or harder at school?	Listen, learn, think Do your best and try try try again
What advice do you have for students at school?	try try again
When you were my age, what did you want to be when you were older?	Policewoman

### VIP Interview

Question	Record the response here
What was the name of your primary school?	St Augustine
How did you get to school every day?	Scanard Bus
Did you have to wear a uniform to school?	yes
What was your favourite subject at school?	PE
Who was your favourite teacher?	MCC To skip
What is your favourite memory of school?	Learning
Do you think nowadays students have it easier or harder at school?	easier
What advice do you have for students at school?	enjoy

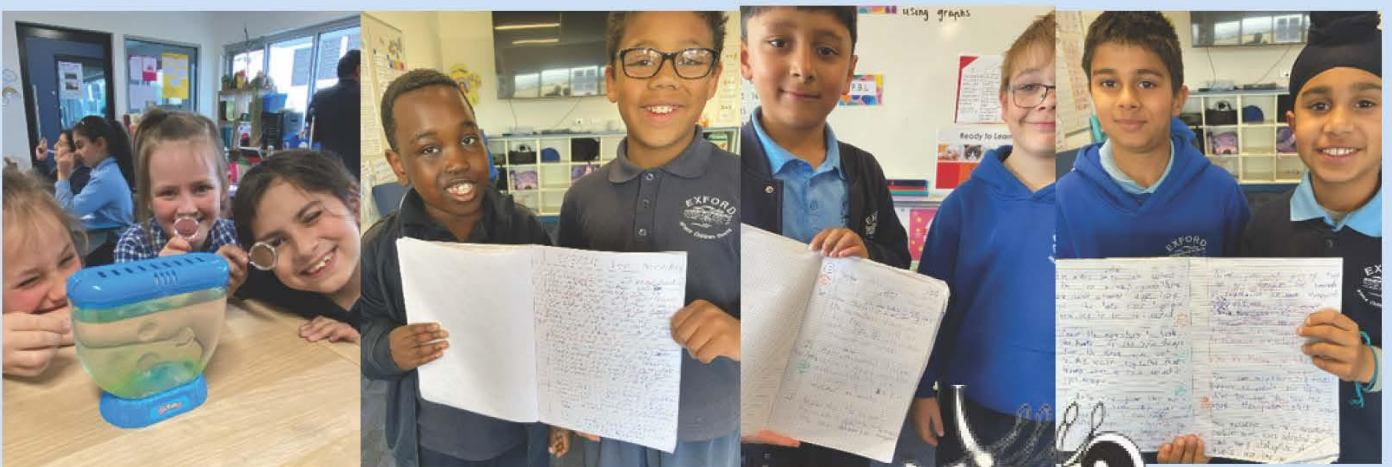




**EXPLORING THE WORLD OF SEA MONKEYS THROUGH  
EXPLANATION WRITING  
BY YEAR 3-4 MONAGLE**

This week, Year 3-4 Monagle have been learning about the fascinating world of Sea Monkeys as part of our learning in Writing. Students have been curiously observing how Sea Monkeys develop and grow in class whilst researching information to create their own explanation texts explaining their life-cycle.

Students have been working on improving their explanation texts by organising their information logically and sequentially, learning to understand and include scientific vocabulary and to create diagrams and illustrations that reflect their information.



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Look at the amazing art work some of our staff completed during Book Week.

We created pieces around the book “Australia: Country of Colour” by Jess Racklyeft.



Reading is magic



## Hello Families...

Wow... Can you believe we are at the end of term!

The last month has been great, lots of fun, learning opportunities and new experiences on offer to the children..

Our Extended Learning Activity (ELA) - Ultimate Tag finished up at the end of August. This was such a great program, giving the children the opportunity to participate in a program that promotes physical activity, great sportsmanship and being part of a team.

Our FOMO Club - Science Squad is also coming to an end this week. The children have enjoyed getting messy and experimenting in activities such as, Making Snow, Lemon Lava, Rainbow Skittles, Layers of the Ocean, and of course Making Slime.

We asked the children for their feedback and to give us some suggestions on the new resources they would like at the service and we received them this month. So the children have enjoyed playing and challenging each other with new board games such as Snakes and Ladders, Trouble, Chess or Checkers, Bingo and more. New Indoor activities include Mini Golf, Ring Toss, Tabletop Soccer and much, much more.

We really enjoy being outside when the weather allows us, playing out on the oval, the sandpit, the bars and at the basketball hoop. We also really enjoy playing group games, Indoors and Outdoors such as Octopus, Gladiators, Four Corners, 21, ABC Pacman, Doggy, whose got your bone, Buzz and Wink Murderer are just a few.





## Coming Up

Sept 09

### Creative Inventors Week

Let your Imagination soar as we engage in creative activities that combine expressive arts, materials and crafts to fuel your Inner Inventor and unlock your hidden talents.

Sept 20

### Last Day of School

Our program will start at 1.30pm and we will celebrate the last day of term with some party food and party games.

## Special Announcements

### School Holidays

Just a reminder that the school holiday program is NOT running at our school Exford these coming holidays. Alternatively, you may enrol your child/ren at our Bacchus Marsh or Melton Primary Services via the Oshclub website.

We are aware this is not ideal for many of you however due to the construction at the school and the safety and wellbeing of your child/ren the decision has been made. If you have any further questions, please reach out and ensure you are keeping upto date with any emails sent to you to avoid any miscommunication moving forward.





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# eSafety for Parents

Supporting your child to  
navigate online safely



- Cyberbullying



- Parent resources





## 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.