

Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 19 – Term 4, 2024

Thursday 24 October 2024



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Ms Campo's news....

2025 School organisation

We have now decided on our 2025 School organisation model and have ratified this at our School Council meeting last week. In 2025, we will have fifteen classes and four specialist classes:

| Year Prep – Year 2 (Junior Learning Building) | Year 3-6 classes (Senior Learning Building) | Specialist classes |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 x Prep classes• 5 x Year 1-2 classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 x Year 3-4 classes• 3 x Year 5-6 classes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Arts (Senior Learning Building)• French (Senior Learning Building)• Physical Education (new Gymnasium!)• Science (Gallery building) |

2025 Class lists

Now that we have ratified our 2025 school structure, we will now begin finalising our 2025 class lists.

Families are always welcome to share their thoughts with me in writing on exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au - the due date was **Friday 11 October** – however, I will accept parent emails up until **Monday 28 October**.

As always, our class lists take much 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.

Once class lists are finalised, changes are extremely difficult to make and requests at this time cannot be considered.

Parents will be advised of their child's placement on Monday 16 December after our 2025 Step Up Day activity. Our Office team will post an advice sheet to your child's Seesaw journal.

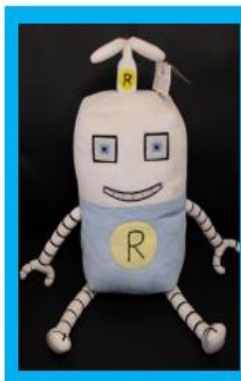
Coming Up

- Thursday 31 October
 - Year Prep Camp themed day
- Monday 4 November
 - Pupil Free day No 4 – no school for students
- Tuesday 5 November
 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wednesday 6 November
 - Transition Visit Number 1
 - Preps 9.15 – 11 am
 - Year 1-6 New Kids 8.50 am – 3.30 pm

Due to the Office

- Wednesday 23 October
 - Year Prep Camp – Money and form due in XUNO.
- Tuesday 29 October
 - Year 1-2 Day Camp money and form due in XUNO
- Friday 1 November
 - Year 3-4 Camp money DUE IN FULL

*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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Gymnasium Site tour

Mr Wilson and I took part in the fortnightly Site tour and meeting this week and took some photos from inside the Gym and Canteen. It is looking so good and we are all so excited about having it handed over to the school mid-late December.



Inside the Gym.



Inside the Canteen - we are working with the Canteen company for a 2025 opening.

The end is in sight!

Our building works don't have much longer to go – we will have the Gymnasium handover in mid – late December and the new oval and play courts mid – late February. Once all the construction works are done, all the Construction team work sheds will be taken off site and we will get all of the car park back. It's been a long haul, but look at what we now have for our students, staff and our community.

We are all heartily over the car park, but we need to keep on being super careful for our kids – never drive at more than a walking pace and keep your eyes on the pedestrians. Year Prep-2 children need to be collected from the teachers in the Gallery play area and wherever possible, parents need to come in and collect their children and supervise their walk to the cars.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation event will take place on Thursday 12 December at the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall. Here is some initial information, with a detailed page coming out soon for our Year 6 students.

- The Year 6 students will need to arrive with their families at 4 pm for a 4:15 pm ceremony (30 mins) (in the family car – no limousines!)
- 4:45 – 5:15 pm – photo opportunities with families
- 5:15 pm – Yr 6 dinner served
- 5:30 – 6:50 pm – Disco and Photo Booth
- 7:00 pm – Pick up by parents

End of Year Christmas Concert

We will hold our End of Year Christmas Concert at the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall on Tuesday 17 December. An information page will be released later in November. As we did last year, we will bus the children from school at the start of the day and will return them to school afterwards. Permission slips and payments will be advised through Xuno later in November. Parents can elect to bring their children by car to the event and / or take them home after the performance.

We will publish the simple costume requirements for parents in a November newsletter.

2024 dates to remember

Term 4

Thursday 31 October

- Year Prep Camp themed day

Monday 4 November

- Pupil Free Day No 4 – no school for students

Tuesday 5 November

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 6 November

- 2025 Transition Visit No 1
Prep - 9.15 – 11 am
Year 1-6 kids 8.50 am – 3.30 pm
- Year 3-4 MPSSA Cricket Day

Thursday 7 November

- Melton Network Maths Games Day – invitation only
- World Outdoor Classroom Day

Monday 11 - Tuesday 12 November

- Year 3-4 Lady Northcote Camp

Tuesday 12 November

- Year 1-2 Lady Northcote Camp Day

Thursday 14 November

- MPSSA Soccer Day

Wednesday 20 November

- 2025 Transition Visit No 2
Prep - 9.15 – 11 am
Year 1-6 kids 8.50 am – 3.30 pm

Monday 2 December

- Year 6 Adventure Park excursion

Monday 2 – Friday 6 December

- Book Fair – opens 8.30 – 9 am each day

Wednesday 4 December

- 2025 Transition Visit No 3
Prep - 9.15 – 11 am
Year 1-6 kids 8.50 am – 3.30 pm

Tuesday 10 December

- 2025 Transition Visit No 4 (final visit)
Prep - 9.30 – 12.30 am
Year 1-6 kids 8.50 am – 3.30 pm
- Year 6-7 Secondary School Transition

Thursday 12 December

- Year 6 Graduation event @ Bacchus Marsh Community Hall (info coming soon)

Thursday 13 December

- 2024 Semester 2 reports sent home

Tuesday 17 December

- 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

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



To our students who celebrated their birthday 11 -24 October

Avnoor, Rina, Ella Rose, Abigail, Ryder, Jasmin and Aurora

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.

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| 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

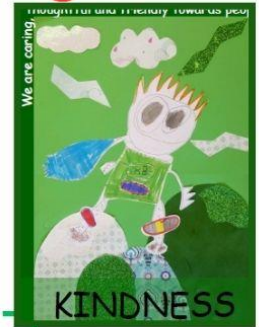
Week 1

Week 2

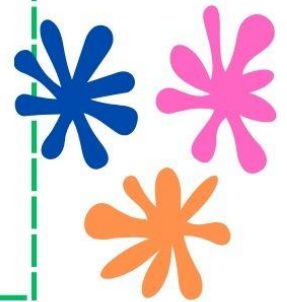


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| Prep Akamatis | Oscar | Respect | Adhiraj | Kindness |
| Prep Gleeson | Max | Personal Best | Willow | Respect |
| Prep Mastrop | Ayesha | Personal Best | Evan | Personal Best |

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| Year 1-2 Ambrose | Ella | Personal Best | Gurnaazreet | Personal Best |
| Year 1-2 Blasis | Nate | Personal Best | Zaffar | Personal Best |
| Year 1-2 Jones | Layla | Personal Best | Alina | Personal Best |
| Year 1-2 Roe | Aeryn | Personal Best | Hareem | Personal Best |



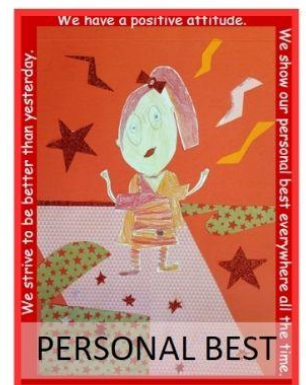
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| Year 3 - 4 Fyfe | Olivia | Respect | Sumair | Personal Best |
| Year 3 - 4 Monagle | Rosana | Personal Best | Fletcher | Kindness |
| Year 3 - 4 Mounsey | Lincoln | Kindness | Levi | Respect |
| Year 3 - 4 Romanski | Trista | Personal Best | Tatham | Kindness |

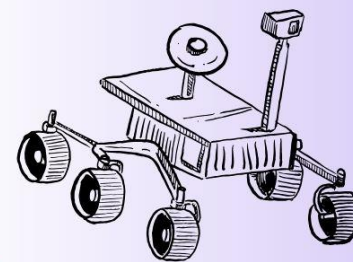


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| Year 5 - 6 Higgins | Abbey | Kindness | Addisson | Respect |
| Year 5 - 6 Micallef | Jack | Personal Best | Kiara | Personal Best |
| Year 5 - 6 Odgers | Brenda | Personal Best | Raina | Personal Best |

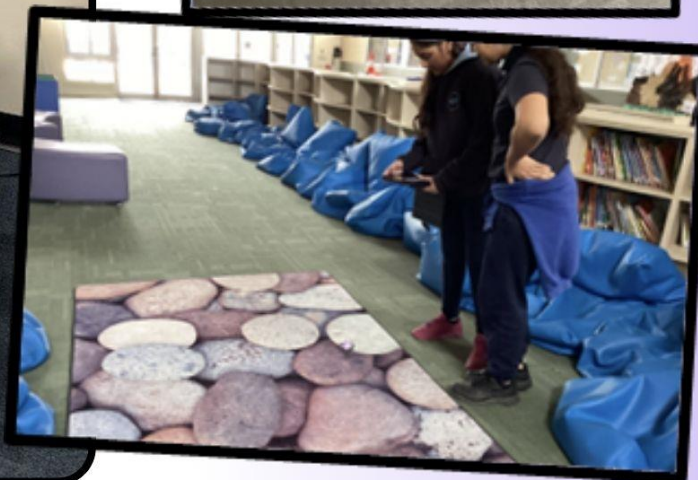


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| The Arts | Jean | Kindness | Afraa | Respect |
| PE | Daman | Kindness | Zion | Personal Best |
| French | Max | Personal Best | Ariah | Personal Best |
| Science | Talisha | Respect | Emma | Personal Best |
| Wellbeing | - | - | Candy | Kindness |
| Ms Campo | Monson | Respect | T.J | Respect |
| Mr Wilson | - | - | Aina | Kindness |
| OSH Club | - | - | Evan | Personal Best |



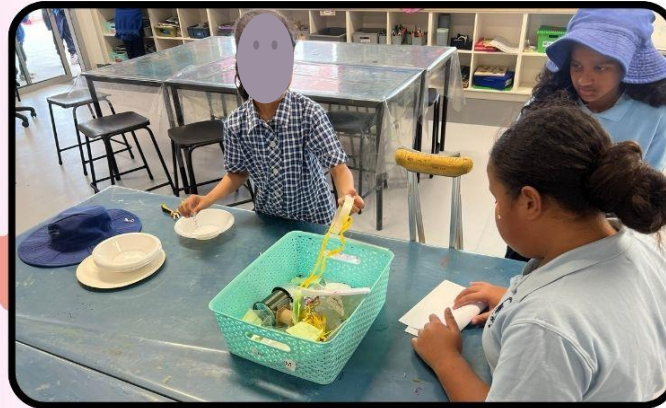


Lunch Time Clubs





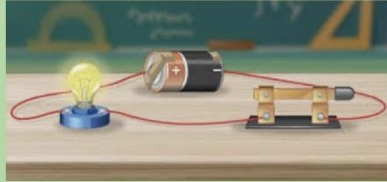
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SCIENCE - Forces and Energy at Work.

This term all the students are inquiring into the big concepts.

- **Movement:** Things move in special ways depending on their size and shape
- **Force:** Forces can be acted upon when in direct contact or at a distance from an object
- **Change:** Things move depending of how an object changes its shape
- **Energy:** Energy can be transferred



Take a look at what they've been up to so far..

Preps



The Prep scientists have started off this term's Science inquiry exploring ways to move and groove. They will be finding out about objects that move in particular ways.

Year 1-2



The Year 1-2 scientists have started off this term's Science inquiry exploring different ways to push and pull everyday objects. They will be finding out about concepts, Force and Energy through pushing and pulling in water and air.

Year 3-4



The Year 3-4 scientists have started off this term's Science inquiry exploring different ways they can move marbles by creating their very own marble game. They will be inquiring about different forces and how these forces can act through direct contact or at a distance.

Year 5-6



The Year 5-6 scientists have started off this term's Science inquiry exploring concepts, Forces and Energy. Why not do this with a torch! In collaborative teams, they had to think and draw a cut-away diagram of what they might think is inside a torch to make it work.

Soil Week Australia's School Competition



Congratulations to the following Exford Primary School students for submitting wonderful and creative projects for the 2024 'Healthy Soil-Healthy Food' competition sponsored by Soil Week Australia.

Ditya (Prep G)

Taela (Year 3-4 F)

Seerat (Year 3-4 R)

Sumair (Year 3-4 F)

Clara (Year 3-4 F)

Charli (Year 3-4 K)

Charitha (Year 3-4 R)

Kiara (Year 5-6 M)

These students put their best foot forward to plan, design and create an engaging and thought-provoking piece of work, promoting the idea that we need to look after our soil if we want our food to be healthy and delicious.

The students won a \$100 Visa card voucher for the school, which will be used for Science explorations!

Well done to all of you!





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