



Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 2 Term 4 (24th October
2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

October

Oct 29	Group Photo Day
Oct 29	P&C Meeting
Oct 30	School Spec Rehearsal
Oct 31	3-6 Assembly

November

Nov 4	XT excursion
Nov 5	Kinder Transition
Nov 7	K-6 Assembly
Nov 11	School Spec Rehearsal
Nov 14	3-6 Assembly
Nov 12	Kinder Transition
Nov 12	Stage 2 incursion
Nov 18-29	Swim Scheme
Nov 20	School Spec Rehearsal
Nov 21-23	School Spec Performances
Nov 26	P&C AGM

December

Dec 5	Presentation Day
Dec 6	P&C Carols
Dec 12	K-2 Christmas Concert
Dec 13	Sports Assembly
Dec 16	Reports sent home
Dec 17	Year 6 Farewell
Dec 18	Fun Day
Dec 18	Last Day of School

From the Principal

World Teacher's Day



Friday 25th October is World Teachers' Day. Our staff celebrated with a morning tea organised by our chaplain, Cathie Letter. Thanks to the parents who supplied treats for our staff and the students for their kind letters.



Staffing News

This term we welcomed back Mrs Keira Trainor. Mrs Trainor has been on maternity leave, she returns to work on Thursday this term as part of the EALD team. From week 6 she will also be working on Fridays as part of our RFF team.

Public Speaking Grand Final

Last week four of our students participated in the grand final of the regional public speaking competition. Well done to Anushkaa, Thomas, Caitlyn and Elizabeth, it is a tremendous achievement to be representing Excelsior at such a high level. Great credit goes to the staff at Excelsior. Public Speaking was identified a few years ago as an area that we wanted to see improved. Teachers are clearly working hard with their classes in this area to have us consistently represented at the public speaking grand final by multiple students.

Congratulations to Caitlyn and Anushkaa who were grand final winners of this competition! We couldn't be prouder of you both!



Applications for Entry into Selective High Schools 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Parents of students in Year 5, wishing to make an application for Selective High School 2021 must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>.

Please read the instructions carefully. Applications are open from 8 October to 11 November 2019.



Drought Affected Areas

Traditionally every second year at Excelsior the students have participated in a program we call "Term of Difference." This is where the students work to support a charity or raise awareness of an issue.

As you are all aware, many areas in our country are currently affected by drought. We have become aware of a township called Trundle, which is 430 km west of Castle Hill and has a population of approximately 700 people. This year as part of our "Term of Difference" we would like to support this community.

The local public school principal has coordinated community showers and community washing machines for local families to use on the school grounds.

At Excelsior Public School we thought the best way to express our support and thoughts for families affected would be to make up care packages to send out to Trundle.

Mrs Wormald has contacted Mr Southan the principal at Trundle Public School to ask how we can help.

We would like to ask for donations from our school community, which we will send on to the community of Trundle through their primary school.

Suggested items for donation include:

- o Deodorant (non aerosol)
- o Shaving Cream (non aerosol)
- o Shower Gel
- o Lip Balm
- o Washing Powder
- o Roll on Sun block
- o Moisturiser
- o Roll on Fly repellent

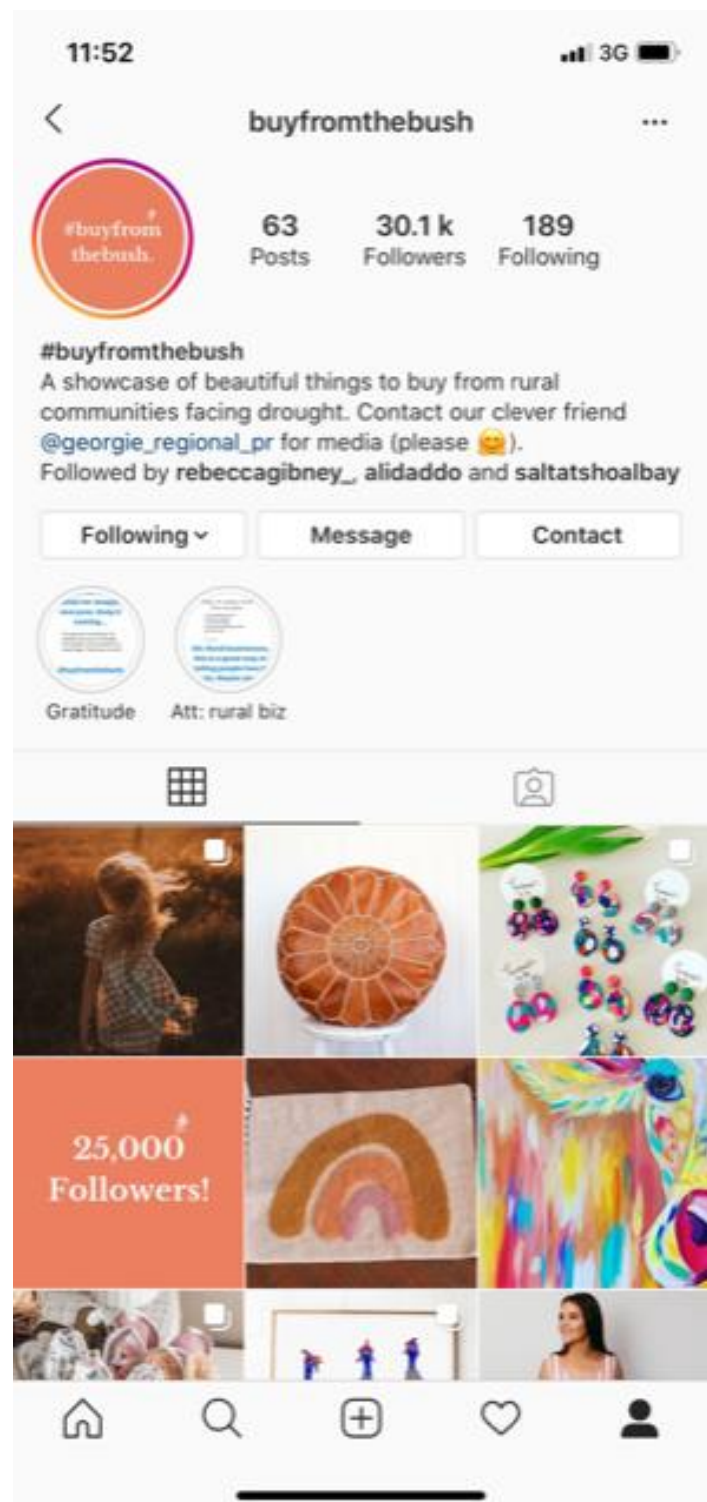
If you are able to donate something from the list, please send to Mrs Wormald's room as we will package up and deliver to Trundle.

The cut-off date for donations will be week 5 (Friday 15th November).

As a community, we can make a real difference to those struggling during this drought.

Continuing with this theme, leading up to Christmas if you are looking for gifts please consider looking at supporting country businesses. For parents with an Instagram page consider following "**buyfromthebush**". This page has been set up to encourage people from the city to buy remotely in the lead up to Christmas.

If you buy something from this page or have other ideas about how we, as a community, can help our country cousins, please let us know so that we can spread the word!



Premier's Reading Challenge

This year 251 students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading and encourages students to connect with quality literature. Well done to all students who participated in the challenge this year.



Kindergarten Transition

Tuesday 22nd October was the first of our three kindergarten transition mornings. Kinder transition provides our new students with time to become familiar with our school before they begin in 2020. It also provides new parents with valuable information about the transition to primary school.

Kinder transition will continue on Tuesday 5th November and Tuesday 12 November.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to Excelsior for Term 4. I am sure that the students had a wonderful holiday and are ready once again for learning.

Group Photos

Group photos are being taken next Tuesday, the 29th of October 2019 during school hours. If your child/children are in a sports team now or were in a sports team earlier in the year, they will need to **bring** their school sports uniform to school on photo day. They will be given an opportunity to change before the photos.

The first photos are music, dance and other group photos that require all students to be in summer uniforms.

Students in a band or a recorder ensemble will need to bring their instruments for their group photos. Students who are in Senior Band will need to meet promptly in the COLA at 8:40 am for their group photo. Junior band will have their photo at 9:05am. They will need to line up in their usual spot when the bell goes and let their teacher know they are present before going to the COLA. They will need to be at school on time.

XT Art Sculptures by The Sea Excursion

A reminder that the XT Art excursion to Sculptures By The Sea is on Monday the 4th of November. Students attending this excursion will need to arrive at school at 8:40am and meet Miss Luu in the lower quad. The bus will be departing promptly at 9am. Teachers can not wait for late students.

Students need to wear their sports uniform, including their school hat. They should apply sunscreen at home and bring their sunscreen, crunch and sip, recess, lunch and plenty of water in a small backpack. They should also bring a pencil and eraser. I am sure that students will enjoy their day viewing the sculptures of a variety of artists, with the beautiful Bondi Beach backdrop.

Year 6 Fun Fair

Year 6 are very excited to be hosting the annual Fun Fair on Thursday 31st October. The Year 6 students will be responsible for running an activity or stall on this day. Money raised will be used to purchase a gift for the school. Students are permitted to wear mufti clothing for this event, ensuring that closed in shoes are worn. Shoulders must be covered so no singlets are allowed.

K-2 students are invited to participate in the planned activities before recess, while 3-6 involvement will take place after the recess break. The cost of the activities will range from 50cents to \$2.

After lunch, any prizes awarded will be given out at a K-6 gathering under the COLA.

Kind regards,

Deputy Principal
G.Couqué

Cleanaway Material Waste Incursion

In conjunction with local Council, Cleanaway will be running a Stage 2 incursion on Material Waste on Tuesday 12th November 2019.

It closely connects to our Science Unit for Term 4, Material Worlds, and students will discover that materials in our waste that are “on loan” and need to be returned for recycling. Students will find out how our recycling contributes to a sustainable future and how to recycle more effectively at home and school. They will also learn that objects are made of materials that have observable properties and everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways. This incursion is provided at no cost to students.

Sarah Semler
Assistant Principal

PSSA – Friday 25th October 2019

Cricket vs Beaumont Hills PS at Wrights Road Reserve
Softball/TBall vs Castle Hill PS at Fred Caterson
Touch Football vs Jasper Road PS at Ted Horwood
Basketball vs **BYE**

PSSA –Friday 1st November 2019

Cricket vs Oakhill Drive PS at Bella Vista Oval
Softball/TBall vs Beaumont Hills PS at Fred Caterson
Touch Football vs Winston Heights at Ted Horwood
Basketball vs Northmead PS at Fred Caterson

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR

K-2 Merit Certificates Week 2

KK	Fiona Z	1B	Lilian H	1/2R	Jasmine H
	Ethan U		Lila P		Pranesh K
	Vihaan R		Hunter Q		Ruby Z
	Kayal K		Anas B		Joel H
KN	Ashlee F	1C	Nolan M	2M	Emily C
	Jacob H		Peter H		Alyssa C
	Lexi W		Mila B		Louis H
	Xander P		Chloe Z		Hayden F
KA	Cooper L	1D	Jack L	2S	Lucas L
	Daniel S		Hamish S		Andre N
	Yadhu K		Maisie L		Toby B
	Adam M		Anay P		Aryash P
KW	George M	1H	Julia C	2SB	Zoe L
	Maddie S		Marcus H		Loretta L
	Pablo M		Riyaan T		Jackson H
	Michael Z		Chloe Y		Trinity H

Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 2

Jonathan G - **KW** Lucas L – **2S**

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 2

Student of the Week

3B	Feitu L
3G	Jake T
3R	Thomas M
4E	Anna R
4L	Lucas C

Student of the Week

4/5B	Ghazal E
5J	Morris W
5/6L	Sam B
6B	Madeline H
6D	Olliver L



**Excelsior
Public School
P&C Association**

Dear Parents,

We would love to see some new parents at this month's P&C meeting on **Tuesday October 29th at 7:15pm.**

Our Annual General Meeting is not far away at the end of November. We have a number of vacant positions in the subcommittees and all Executive roles become open for nominations too. These positions need to be filled if you want the P&C to continue to provide all the services we currently do (canteen, uniform shop, tennis, art, dance, band, special events, school banking, student health and well-being). You don't need to speak fluent English to do many of the roles or to join the P&C but we do

need more cultures represented on our committees. Please contact us if you are interested in helping your child's school community by volunteering for a role.

P & C meetings are generally held the 4th Tuesday of the month during school terms and run from 7:15pm to 9:00pm. Meetings are informal, friendly and all comments are listened to. The Principal and Deputy Principal attend these meetings so it is a great opportunity to get to know who runs your school.

If you have any questions about the P&C or how you can contribute to this school community, please email the Executive committee on excelsiorpandc@gmail.com.

Sharon Evert
President

P&C - Events



The Events Committee is very excited to bring you Excelsior Public School's Carols by Candlelight.

This event has been organised in collaboration with the school and our fabulous teachers are hard at work preparing the children to sing for you.

The event is on Friday 6th December from 6:00pm for a sausage sizzle prior to the Carols starting at 7pm.

We will be selling battery operated tea light candles, please do not bring along your own candles as naked flames will not be allowed for safety reasons. Tea light candles will be \$2.50 each.

In addition, we will have the Christmas Tree Raffle, there will be a note going home soon with raffle tickets. There will be many prizes and many winners on the night. Make sure you sell your tickets and return the stubs with your money in an envelope to be put in the P&C box located in the school office. Please ensure the ticket stubs have your name and contact number on them in case you are the lucky family. Posters will be up and around the school closer to the event so you can see some of the amazing prizes we have. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The money raised from this event will go towards resources that benefit our children.

If you require additional raffle tickets to sell, please email excelsiorpsevents@gmail.com and we will organise that for you.

Please bring along a blanket to sit on (no chairs) and some nibbles if you wish. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks on sale.

If you can volunteer for just a half an hour on the BBQ or selling candles it would be greatly appreciated. Please email excelsiorpsevents@gmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING

Hello School Bankers and welcome to Term 4.

There are 2 great new rewards available this term:

- a) Water skimming bounce ball
- b) Polar pencils and pencil toppers

If you have any questions please include a note in your banking deposit book.

Thanks and Happy Banking!

Tenielle - School Banking Coordinator

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club Orders close Friday 1st November

Issue 7 is a bumper Christmas catalogue with over 400 titles that is sure to have something for everyone!

Order online via scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Sorry, but the school does not accept cash or cheque.

Happy reading!
Trudy
bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday 29th October 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Saturday 2nd November 8.30-9.30am
Nerida

Tuesday 5th November 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

If anyone could help out with kindy fittings on Tuesday 5th and 12th of November and Saturday 9th and 15th November please let us know

ERA

Welcome back all students for Term 4 ERA activities.

Friendly reminder to pay your term fees as per email sent out to you for each of the activities.

Art

Welcome back all students to another term of great creativity!

We still have availability for Tuesday and Thursday classes after school. Please send an email to Excelsiorera@gmail.com should you wish to enrol your child for this term. Art classes cost \$15 per lesson.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at –

Excelsiorera@gmail.com

CANTEEN

Canteen News

Just a friendly reminder that orders can be made up to 2 weeks in advance on the QKR! app. We are aware that some people are having issues when trying to place orders on Friday mornings. This is because it is the busiest day of the week for us and all the others schools so the site gets overloaded when many people are trying to order at the same time. Can we please encourage parents to place orders prior to Friday, maybe on a Thursday evening, this way we hope that the frustration can be avoided.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

The Canteen Committee

Canteen Roster

Mon 28th
Teresa 12.30-1.40

Tues 29th

Wed 30th
Jacqui 9-2
Cathy 12.30-1.40

Thurs 31st
Akane 11-2

Fri 1st
Lidija 9-2

Mon 4th
Thilini 12.30-1.40

Tues 5th
Sashi 12.30-1.40

Wed 6th
Nala 11-2

Thurs 7th
Hong Ping &
Rong Gui 9-11
Rachelle 11-2

Fri 8th
Nadine 9-2



EXCELSIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2020!

Our 3 Kindergarten transition sessions will be held on:

Tuesday 22nd October

Tuesday 5th November

Tuesday 12th November

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Hi Excelsior,

I'm Silvia Afriani and I've been the Coordinator here at YMCA Excelsior since the beginning of term 3 and during my time here I have enjoyed getting to know the children and their families.

I have been with YMCA Children Services for the past 18 months. I take pride in my work and I am committed to making sure that your children enjoy being here during their time with us, whether it's Before or After School Care. I plan a wide variety of activities during the week that your child/ren can choose to join in ranging from cooking, sports, craft, homework, and whatever suggestions that the child/ren suggest to me.



We also run a full day program during Vacation Care where the children enjoy all sort of activities. These include incursions and excursions organised by my staff and the feedback from the parents and children. In our last Vacation Care, one of the highlights was going up to Central Coast and visiting the Australian Reptile Park.

We operate from 6.30am-8.30am for the BSC children and 3.00pm-6.00pm for the ASC. During Vacation Care we operate from 7.00am-6.00pm. We also provide the children with meals that is recommended from the Australian Dietary Guidelines.

If you have any further enquiries please call me on 0427 476 866 or send me an email to silvia.afriani@ymcansw.org.au or oshc.excelsior@ymcansw.org.au

I hope to see you and your child/ren in the near future.



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