



Excelsior Newsletter

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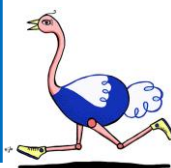
Newsletter – Week 6 Term 4 (21st November
2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

November

Nov 21-23 School Spec Performances
Nov 26 P&C AGM

December

Dec 5 Presentation Day
Dec 6 P&C Carols
Dec 10 Thank You Breakfast
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

Swim School

This week we have started our two-week swim program. This program is a great way for students to increase their swimming skills and water confidence ahead of summer. This swim program should not replace your child's regular weekly swim lessons, but rather enhance it.

Unfortunately, on Tuesday I made the decision to cancel swimming due to the hazardous air quality. A hazardous air quality reading comes with a health alert for everyone 'to significantly cut back on outdoor physical activity.' As well as cancelling swimming for the day, all students were kept indoors at recess and lunch. I will continue to monitor the air quality, which is updated each hour through the NSW

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day is fast approaching. It will be on Thursday 5th December at 9.15am in the school hall. Students who are receiving an award or a leadership badge at this assembly should have received an invitation to attend, however all parents are welcome.

Thank You Breakfast

This year we would like to invite all parents who have volunteered at our school to a "Thank You Breakfast." Schools could not operate effectively without the dedication we receive from our volunteers. Whether that is by coming to P&C meeting, volunteering in the uniform shop or canteen, volunteering at a school event such as Kinder Orientation, helping out on a school excursion or in the classroom, we would like an opportunity to say thank you.

The "Thank You Breakfast will be held on Tuesday 10th December from 8.30-9.30am in the school hall. An official invitation along with an RSVP slip will be sent home early next week.

Wellbeing Program

On Wednesday, some of our classes began a trial of a wellbeing program. This program aims to promote social, physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

Students and teachers have reported positively about the first session of this program. Sessions will continue each Wednesday until the end of the year.

Online Enrolment Process

We are excited to announce we will be trialing a newly developed Online Enrolment System (OES) from Monday, 25th November 2019.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an 'Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School' online at a time best suitable to you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including IOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- enrolments into **local** schools only

For more information, and to begin an online enrolment please follow the link below:

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=1890&catchmentLevel=primary>

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during the school term is necessary, please discuss this with Mrs McKay, the Principal. An *"Application for*

Extended Leave" may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Innovative Learning Environments survey for parents of Years 3 and 6.

We are seeking feedback from parents with children in either Years 3 OR Year 6. We are very eager to hear your opinions about your child's classroom environment this year in order to improve practices next year when many students and teachers will be in a co-teaching classroom environment. It will also inform us about how we can support parents' understanding of these learning environments next year.

Please click on the following link to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WRLQJ2>

Kind regards,

Deputy Principal
G.Couqué

PSSA – Friday 22nd November 2019
NO PSSA

PSSA –Friday 29th November 2019
SEMI FINALS - TBA

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR

K-2 Merit Certificates Week 5

KK	William C	1B	Sylvia X	1/2R	Lola W
	Thomas M		Aidan S		Cav M
	Olivia W		Ivy G		Ethan C
	Yaseen N		Harrison L		Taya A
KN	Sebastian E	1C	Eric Z	2M	Liam E
	Jamie W		Jennifer J		Austin C
	Crystal L		Athea T		Shreeya I
	Nadal B		Benjamin N		Justin W
KA	Nicola K	1D	Saira S	2S	Jessica Z
	Audrey P		Mishka J		Mateen S
	Felix W		Maxwell C		Amina K
	Tian Yu X		Joseph X		Ryan A
KW	Zara C	1H	Ryan W	2SB	Carter W
	Raphael S		Elsa L		Amelie N
	Scarlett Q		Teddy P		Ellin C
	Alex L		Mallahkai S		Helena C

Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 5

Chengrui Song – KA Dineli Fernando – 1C



Excelsior
Public School
P&C Association

Dear Parents,

The **P&C Annual General Meeting** is on next week – **Tuesday 26th November at 7pm in the MFR** (after school care building). I will be stepping down as President and we still have a number of vacant positions in the subcommittees. 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 come along to the meeting and nominate yourself for a role!

Following the Annual General Meeting, there will be a short general meeting with the new Executives and committee members. 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

Christmas Carols Friday 6th December

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets and pop them into the P&C box in the office.

We have so many awesome prizes this year including vouchers, fitbit, games and many more.

The school office has spare raffle tickets if you need more.

ERA

Would you like to support the school community and help providing our students with fun activities?

The ERA committee has 2 vacant positions: we are looking for an Art Coordinator and a Secretary to join the team.

What's involved?

Art Coordinator: Maintain a list of students attending art classes, reconcile payments and liaise with tutors and parents.

Secretary: Draft meeting agendas and minutes, send updates for the school newsletter as required.

We meet once or twice each term, most of the work is done via email and can be done after hours. Once all activities are up and running at the beginning of the year, it is pretty much plain sailing.

Without your support we may have to stop ERA art classes, so please help us maintain this fantastic opportunity for our children to avail of a creative & fun activity at school, at a competitive rate.

Contact us on excelsiorera@gmail.com for more information.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday 26th November 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 3rd December 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Saturday 7th December 8.30-9.30am
Nerida, Andrea

CANTEEN

Canteen News

Just a friendly reminder to check you children's bags for notes from the canteen regarding outstanding money. They will be either white, green or orange. As we head towards the end of the year we need to finalize these payments and have quite a number now outstanding.

Please help us to clear these payments quickly. If you have a reminder please use the Post Payments option on the QKR! app and enter the amount outstanding.

Many thanks
The Canteen Committee

Canteen roster

<u>Mon 25th</u> Teresa 12.30-1.40	<u>Tues 26th</u> Sashi 12.30-1.40
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<u>Wed 27th</u> Nala & Cathy 11-2	<u>Thurs 28th</u> Rachelle 11-2
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<u>Fri 29th</u> Nadine 9-2	
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<u>Mon 2nd</u> Thilini 12.30-1.40	<u>Tues 3rd</u> Lisa 12.30-1.40
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<u>Wed 4th</u> Ivy 11-1.30	<u>Thurs 5th</u> Hing Ping & Rong Gui 9-11 Sarah 12.30-1.40
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<u>Fri 6th</u> Mandi 9-2	
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Excelsior Public School Presentation Day 2019

1. Introduction and Welcome to Official Guests and Parents	School Captains
2. National Anthem	Mrs C Cherlin
3. Acknowledgement of Country	School Captains
4. Principal's Address	Mrs S McKay
5. School Captains' Addresses	Elizabeth McShane and Benjamin Reeks
6. Presentation to School Captains	Mrs S McKay
7. K-2 ERA DANCE GROUP 'Just Can't Wait to be King'	Mrs N King
8. 5/6L, 6B and 6D Class Awards	Mrs E Brooker
9. 5J and 4/5B Class Awards	Ms P Chevalier
10. 4E and 4L Class Awards	Mrs S Semler
11. 3B, 3G and 3R Class Awards	Mrs S Semler
12. 1/2R, 2M, 2S and 2S/B Class Awards	Ms A Adams
13. 3-6 ERA DANCE GROUP 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love'	Mrs N King
14. Special Program Awards Library Awards EALD Awards Band Awards ERA Dance	Mrs S McKay Mrs K Serobian Mrs U Mistry and Ms P Chou Dr S Clarke Mrs N King
15. 1B, 1C, 1D and 1H Class Awards	Mrs N Mujcinovic
16. KA, KK, KN and KW Class Awards	Mrs E Brooker
17. K-2 CHOIR 'Little Bird'	Ms P Chou
18. Induction of 2020 Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects	Mrs S McKay, Mrs G Couque and Mr T Dessent

19. EPS Positive Values Award	Hon. D Elliott, MP
20. Mike Brauer School Citizenship Award	Mrs E Heasman
21. Hills Shire Citizenship Award	Mayor, Dr M Byrne
22. Lions Club Community Service Award	Mrs M McGuirk
23. EPS Most Improved Award	Mrs K Jones
24. Model Farms High School Scholarship Award	Mrs J Pledger
25. SENIOR CHOIR 'Mountainside'	Mrs C Cherlin
26. K-2 Creative Arts Award 3-6 Creative Arts Award	Mrs C Cherlin
27. Public Speaking Awards	Mrs V Nolland
28. Spelling Bee Awards	Mrs S Semler and Mrs R Gasser
29. Literacy Award	Mrs G Couque
30. Mathematics Award	Mrs G Couque
31. Rotary DUX Award	Mr A Hezari
32. School Band Performance	Dr S Clarke
33. Vote of Thanks	School Captains
34. Closure	Mrs G Couque

Hello Excelsior P.S,

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 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.

Last week's highlight was that the children enjoyed making cookies that looked like moustache to celebrate Movember and they understood the meaning to it.



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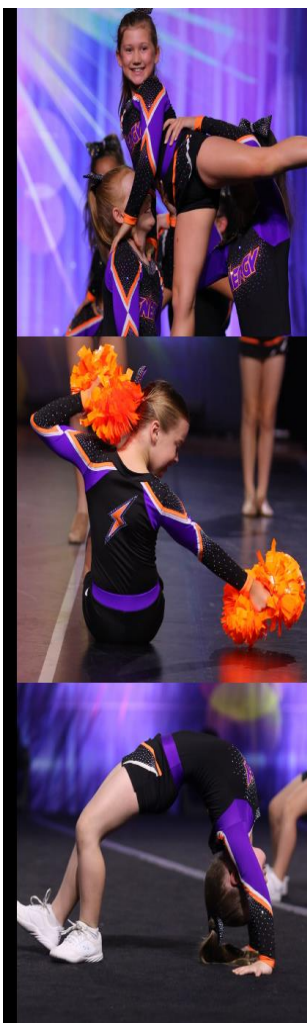
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Friday 6th December

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