



Excelsior Newsletter

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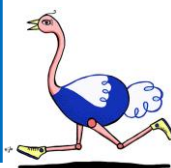
Newsletter – Week 4 Term 4 (7th November
2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

November

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

New Build Update

Our new build continues to progress well and we are working towards having access to the new building for the beginning of 2020.

Work has begun on an accessible pathway between the lower quad and the lower ground floor on the new build which will house the canteen. Hoarding will remain in this area until the work is completed in approximately 4 weeks.

Planning for 2020

Planning for 2020 is well underway. In order for us to plan classes and staff correctly it is important for us to know student numbers.

I have sent a note home to all families, asking them to indicate whether – they will be returning on time in 2020, they will be returning after the student start date in 2020 or they will not be returning in 2020. Thank you for filling this form in and returning it to school it will assist us greatly with our planning for 2020.

Classing 2020

Each year the staff spend much time working out class groupings for the following year. Teachers consider the academic needs of the students and their social and emotional needs when forming groupings.

If you believe your child has special, specific needs that teachers may not be aware of and need to be considered when forming classes, please contact the assistant principal responsible for your child's current year group by the end of November.

Kindergarten – Ms Adams
Year 1 – Mrs Brooker
Year 2 – Mrs Mujcinovic
Year 3 – Mrs Semler
Year 4 – Mrs Semler
Year 5 – Ms Chevalier

Sophie

One of our students, Sophie, competed at a National level in athletics earlier in the year. We are very proud of her achievements. Please read below what Sophie has written about her experience in Darwin.

Darwin was a fantastic experience, as the joy wasn't only competing but meeting new people from all over Australia. There were lots of highlights during the 6 days I was there, such as seeing crocodiles jumping 2 metres high for fish. I was able to make new friends during the relay fun day where everyone from all the states dressed up and had a brilliant time. The Arafura Stadium was where the competition was held during the evening because of the very hot days, it was still 28 degrees. I came 3rd in my 800m heat and qualified for the final and then ran 8th overall in Australia, at this level the competition is very tough, it was a great experience and one I will never forget. Another highlight was the Opening and Closing Ceremony as I proudly walked out with the Team NSW, representing our home state was a privilege. During the trip I got to hold a snake and a baby alligator which was also pretty cool. I hope to keep travelling all over Australia for these competitions as it is something that I will never forget and to make this level in running is a remarkable achievement, I must thank my family for their love and support and my school Excelsior I am very thankful for your friendship & support on helping me attend this important event.



Swim Scheme

Swim scheme will begin in week 6. We are very lucky at Excelsior having Waves within walking distance from the school. This means we are able to have a whole school swimming program. Living in Australia it is very important for our children to be confident swimmers.

As Waves will be closing for renovation at the beginning of next year, we are currently seeking to find an alternate venue for 2020 and 2021.



Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November 1918, German Leaders signed the Armistice bringing to an end the First World War. Each year Australians observe one minute's silence, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in memory of those who died, or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Students at Excelsior will be observing this minute's silence together in a short assembly before recess on Monday morning.



Silver and Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received silver and/or gold awards at the whole school assembly this week

Silver Awards Year 1
Kirin, Ruby and Chloe
Silver Awards Year 2
Ayush, Trinity, Minato, Lauren and Kingsley
Silver Awards Year 3
Molly
Silver Awards Year 4
Eric
Silver Awards Year 5
Christine, Azin, Sharon, Claire, Georgia and Jesse
Silver Awards Year 6
Oscar and Nicole
Gold Awards Year 5
Georgia and Jesse
Gold Awards Year 6
Nicole

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Sculptures By The Sea

On Monday the 4th November, students who participated in the Art XT program travelled to Bondi Beach to look at sculptures made by various artists from around the world. Students enjoyed walking along the beautiful coastline and examining the many sculptures including 'The Statue of Mad Liberty', 'The Periscope' and 'Kintsugi Coral'. This excursion supplemented the Art XT program where students constructed their own sculptures featuring two animals that reflected their personality. I would like to thank Miss Luu for teaching this class throughout Terms 3 and 4 and for organising this excursion.





Kindergarten Transition

The 2020 Kindergarten students have had two visits to Excelsior in recent weeks. It is lovely to see their eager faces with the excitement of 'Big school'. The third and final transition day is next Tuesday 12th November.

Kind regards,

Deputy Principal
G.Couqué

JUDAISM SRE CLASSES

We are at present looking at providing a Judaism Special Religious Education class next year during SRE time. If you are interested in nominating this class as an option for your child/children next year, could you please contact the school either by phone or by email. Please leave your name, your child/children's name/names and a contact number or email address.

Mrs Deborah Gatt (SRE Co-ordinator)



Waste Free Lunch

The SRC are hosting a Waste Free Lunch Day on Tuesday 12th November. The aim of this event is to raise environmental awareness by reducing waste. It promotes the use of reusable food and drink containers. A note was sent home on Thursday outlining ideas for lunches. Unfortunately, the note that was sent home suggested that a waste free lunch may include: "nuts from a larger packet in a reusable container." Could I please remind parents that as we have many students with nut allergies, we would discourage parents from sending nuts to school. We apologise for any confusion or distress this note may have caused.

PSSA – Friday 8th November 2019

Cricket vs Sherwood Ridge PS at Bella Vista Oval
Softball/TBall vs Oakhill Drive PS at Fred Caterson

Touch Football vs Matthew Pearce PS at Ted Horwood

Basketball vs Crestwood PS at Fred Caterson

PSSA –Friday 15th November 2019

Cricket vs Castle Hill PS at Fred Caterson
Softball/TBall vs Crestwood PS at Crestwood Oval

Touch Football vs Northmead PS at Ted Horwood

Basketball vs Oakhill Drive PS at Fred Caterson

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR					
GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 3					
Student of the Week		Merit Awards	Student of the Week		Merit Awards
3B	Candice L	Feitu L Amy K Jensen Z Isabel S	4/5B	Aiden F	Chloe S Erina U Georgia V Lucas L
3G	Ariana K	Lilly-Rose P Ciela T Jake T Abigail R	5J	Wayne S	Ashleigh R Olivia B Aadi G Giselle G
3R	Joshua M	Jamie T Emily S Leo J Tarek T	5/6L	Zyon W	Chloe Z Arya S Cleo G Siena L
4E	Sungwoo K	Hasnaa M Jonah C Artin S Allira B	6B	Zachariah E	Joyce H Ethan T Jessica E Cindy W
4L	Arnav P	Sarah H Sienna T Declan C Arnav P	6D	Yuna P	Daniel R Ethan V Sahara T Ruby W

Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 3
Ava S – 3G Keely B – 5/6L Madeline L – 6B Natalie B – 6D

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 4				
Student of the Week		Student of the Week		
3B	Siddharth S	4/5B	Ryan C	
3G	Alvin C	5J	Elina H	
3R	Vivaan G	5/6L	Faris K	
4E	James H	6B	Tyrah B	
4L	Max M	6D	Bansari P	

ERA

ERA Art Tuesday afternoon class has been cancelled for this term due to insufficient number of students enrolling for the class.

All parents have been notified.

There are still 1-2 spaces available on Monday and Thursday classes. Please email excelsiorera@gmail.com should you wish to enrol for the remaining classes.

Kind reminder to pay the fees for this term if you haven't already done so.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop opening hours:

Tuesday 12th November 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn

Tuesday 19th November 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

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

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 11th

Grace 12.30-1.40

Tues 12th

Soomin Lee 9-10

Lisa 12.30-1.40

Wed 13th

Ivy & Yang Li 11-1.30

Thurs 14th

Sarah 12.30-1.40

Fri 15th

Mandi 9-2

Mon 18th

Cassie 12.30-1.40

Tues 19th

Lisa 12.30-1.40

Wed 20th

Becky 11-2
9-11

Thurs 21st

Hong Ping & Rong Gui
Sarah 12.30-1.40

Fri 22nd

Lidija 9-2



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Bring a mate, and have some fun!

Come and Try Rugby Day

When: Saturday 30th NOV - 4-6PM

Where: Gooden Reserve Baulkham Hills

Register: www.hillsrugby.com.au

Contact - Jason Saffy 0403451827



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