



# Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 2 Term 1 (7<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

## EXCELSIOR P.S.

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High Achievement



### Important Dates

#### **February**

- Feb 8 Castle Hill Zone sports trials  
8am-4pm
- Feb 18 Parent cyber safety presentation  
6.30pm
- Feb 19 Castle Hill High School Open  
Day
- Feb 19 Kindergarten Parent Information  
Evening 6pm
- Feb 19 Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Parent  
Information Evening 7pm
- Feb 20 Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Parent  
Information Evening 6pm
- Feb 20 Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Parent  
Information Evening
- Feb 28 School swimming carnival

#### **March**

- March 1 Clean Up Australia Day
- March 14 Selective High School Test
- March 15 National Day of Action Against  
Bullying and Violence
- March 21 Harmony Day
- March 26 Stage 1 excursion to Taronga  
Zoo

#### **April**

- April 6 P&C Welcome Party
- April 11 ANZAC Day assembly
- April 12 Easter celebrations
- April 12 Last day of term 1

*Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,*

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. A special welcome to our new families and to our kindergarten students and their families. I am sure you will enjoy your time at Excelsior Public School.



### Happy Chinese New Year

新年快乐. Happy Chinese New Year!

I hope the Year of the Pig brings us all luck and good fortune.



## Classes

Each year schools are staffed according to the number of students enrolled at the school. For this reason, at Excelsior, we begin the year in our previous year class grouping. This allows us to:

- Ensure the correct number of classes are formed
- Ensure that all students return to familiar grouping, which decreases the anxiety of a new year.

The number of students currently enrolled at Excelsior allows us to form 22 classes. Staff have worked very hard to ensure students are placed appropriately.

Classes for 2019 are:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
KA	Miss Adams
KN	Mrs Nolland
KW	Mrs Wormald
KK	Miss Willis
1B	Mrs Brooker / Mrs Barton
1C	Mrs Commens
1H	Mrs Hoskings
1D	Mrs Dufty
1/2R	Mr Reeks
2SB	Mrs Skeet / Mrs Beattie
2M	Mrs Mujcinovic
2S	Mrs Sinclair
3G	Mr Gomez
3B	Mrs Bowers
3R	Mrs Rhodes
4L	Mrs Lees
4E	Mrs Evans
4/5B	Mrs Bowry
5J	Mrs Jones
5/6L	Miss Luu
6B	Ms Batoua
6D	Mr Dessent

## Student Leaders

Our new student leaders for 2019 are:

### **Prefects**

Tyra, Imogen, Madeline, Joyce, Elijah, Leo, Will and Ethan

### **Vice Captains**

Charlotte and Bach

### **Captains**

Elizabeth and Benjamin

### **Sports Leaders:**

#### Chelsea

Boys Captain – Todor

Boys Vice Captain – Zac

Girls Captain – Bianca

Girls Vice Captain – Aroob

#### Kaloola

Boys Captain – Martin

Boys Vice Captain – Cooper

Girls Captain – Yasmin

Girls Vice Captain – Chloe

#### Roxborough

Boys Captain – Viraj

Boys Vice Captain – Naman

Girls Captain – Sophie

Girls Vice Captain – Nicole

#### Southleigh

Boys Captain – Phoenix

Boys Vice Captain – Jack

Girls Captain – Keely

Girls Vice Captain – Ruby

I am sure our leaders will do a wonderful job in their various roles.

### **Staff Update**

At the end of 2018 a panel was formed to employ a new permanent teacher at Excelsior Public School. I am please to announce that Mr Dessent was successful in gaining this position. Mr Dessent has worked as a temporary teacher at Excelsior and we now welcome him warmly as a permanent member of staff.

Ms Jan Sharkey (Principal) continues to be on leave. It is anticipated that she will officially retire at the end of term 1. Once this occurs the job of Principal will be filled in a permanent capacity. Until this time I will continue to relieve in the position of Principal at Excelsior Public School.

## New Build Update



Over the school holidays work continued on our new build and refurbishment.

It is anticipated that the refurbishment of the old library, turning it into two new classroom spaces, will be completed by the end of February. Once this occurs, 6B and 6D will move into the new classroom space, making all of stage 3 close to each other.

Over the next few weeks, you will see:

- The removal of the hoarding near the administration building.
- Erection of hoarding around the current 6B and 6D classrooms, as the refurbishment of these rooms into the new administration block begins.

## New Classrooms

At the end of 2018, two new demountable classrooms were sited. 2M are very happily occupying one of these new classrooms and the other will be used for RFF and withdrawal groups as well as acting as a temporary staffroom once the current administration block is handed over for refurbishment later in the year.

## Storm Damage Update

Over the holidays work was done to remove and prune trees damaged in the storms late in 2018.

We are also awaiting the installation of new shade sails in both the lower and upper quads.

## Active and Creative Kids Vouchers

Parents can apply for an Active Kids Voucher to help with the cost of out of school sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

Vouchers are valued up to \$100 per calendar year for each student enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities.

Please follow the link below:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Parents can now also apply for vouchers through new Creative Kids program.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued.

Please follow the link below:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

**NB: At this stage ERA are not registered as a provider (and cannot accept these vouchers) however ERA are looking into it, and will hopefully have some good news for Term 2.**

## **Kiss and Drop**

The Hills Shire Council have provided us with the following rules for the Kiss and Drop zone on Rondelay Drive:

1. Move forward to the start of the bay, do not stop halfway
2. Maximum 2 minutes stay and you must remain within 3 metres of your vehicle
3. Remain in your vehicle unless your child cannot open the car door
4. Have schoolbags in the car with your child so you do not need to open the boot
5. Children must exit the vehicle on the kerbside NOT the roadside
6. Do not double park next to vehicles in the bay please wait for the cars in front to move forward before entering the bay
7. Do not queue into or let children out of your vehicle in 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zones' as this is illegal

*Kind Regards,*

**Mrs Sandra McKay**  
Rel Principal

## **From the Deputy Principal**

I would like to welcome all families back to Excelsior PS and extend a very warm welcome to our new families. The students appear to be very settled into their new classes and are eager to learn. It has been a really pleasing start to the year and I am looking forward to all of the exciting events scheduled for the year ahead.

### **OOSH**

We now have several After School Care providers who service our school, including YMCA who are located on site. The number of external providers has increased and as a result, we have negotiated some changes to our pick up procedures. Staff members from Inspire, STEAM and Clovell arrive on the school grounds by 3pm in the upper quad. They will greet students and mark their rolls to ensure that all students are accounted for. From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, teachers from Excelsior PS will not be on duty at 3pm in the Upper Quad, as this is no longer required. Students who are picked up by The Island or Family After School Care providers, will need to go to the Kiss and Drop area to meet their carers. YMCA students will continue to meet in the COLA. Kindergarten pick up procedures remain the same.

### **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day. At Excelsior PS, we participated in this event through classroom activities and through a presentation by Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer. The Hills Local Area Command. This presentation was attended by Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. We are also hosting an evening presentation for parents on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 6:30-8:30 pm in the school hall. This presentation will address digital security and cyber safety. A note was sent home this week with further details. If you are able to attend, please return the slip on the bottom of that note by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.



**Excelsior  
Public School  
P&C Association**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year! Also, a special welcome to all the kindy and other new children to the school as well as their parents.

The Excelsior P&C (Parents & Citizens) Association represent the parents of the school and provide your children with the extracurricular activities of dance, art, tennis and the training and senior bands. The P&C also provides the services of the uniform shop, the canteen, addressing student health & wellbeing issues, co-ordinating school banking, co-ordinating special community events and fundraising for much needed resources for our classes and school environment. It is run by an Executive committee and a number of subcommittees of volunteer parents who predominantly work full time as well. We work closely with the parents, teachers and school Principal. We are always on the look out for new committee members and volunteers for events so please consider contributing some of your time to this great community.

The P&C meet every month during the term on a Tuesday, generally in the 4<sup>th</sup> week. All parents and teachers are welcome to come to the meetings to hear what is going on in the school and the community around us or raise any issues or concerns you might have.

Our next P&C meeting is **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 7:15pm in the MFR building** (where after school care is).

***The Executive Committee members for this year are:***

<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>2019</b>
President	Sharon Evert
Vice President	Shannyn Geeve
Vice President	Sarah Quinn
Treasurer	Brett McMurtrie
Secretary	Emma Heasman

## Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information Evenings will be conducted in Week 4. The Kindergarten information evening will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm-7pm and the Stage 3 session will be on the same evening from 7pm-8pm. The Stage 1 session will be held on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Feb from 6-7pm followed by Stage 2 from 7pm-8pm. All sessions will commence in the school hall where whole school practices and Stage based information will be presented. Parents will then be asked to move to individual classrooms so that classroom specific information can be shared. Please note that the purpose of these meetings is to provide information about whole school, grade based and classroom based procedures, practices and expectations. Teachers will not be conducting individual parent interviews on this evening. Individual parent/ teacher interviews will be conducted in week 11 of Term1.

However, if you need to speak to your child's teacher before these interviews, please organise an alternative time to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have.

*Kind Regards,*

*Georgia Couqué*

*Deputy Principal*

### Subcommittee contacts

If you have any questions for our subcommittees, most of them have a shared mailbox they can be contacted on.

<b>Uniform Shop</b> excelsioruniform@gmail.com
<b>Canteen</b> Jbcanteen22@gmail.com
<b>Band</b> theexcelsiorband@gmail.com
<b>ERA - Tennis, Art, Dance</b> excelsiorera@gmail.com
<b>Events</b> excelsiorevents@pandc.excelsiorpublicschool.com
<b>Student Health and Well Being</b> eps.shw@gmail.com

Please contact me if you are interested in being involved in the P&C in any way.

Sharon Evert  
P&C President  
[president@pandc.excelsiorpublicschool.com](mailto:president@pandc.excelsiorpublicschool.com)

### CANTEEN

#### Canteen Roster

Mon 11/2      Tues 12/2  
Grace 1-2      Lisa 1-2

Wed 13/2      Thurs 14/2  
Trudy 9-2      Sarah 1-2

Fri 15/2  
Nadine 9-2  
Irina 11.45-2

Mon 18/2      Tues 19/2  
Cassie 1-2

Wed 20/2      Thurs 21/2  
Nala 9-2      Akane 11-2

Fri 22/2  
Dearne 9-2

### P&C - Events



## Keep this date free! 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 Welcome Party

In 2019 we are planning our biggest and best Welcome Party yet. A family fun day to welcome our new families to Excelsior Public School.

We want this to be a true community event and a great welcome to all our new and old families. This is the one event in the year that really seems to bring the whole school community together and we want to make the most of it.

The theme is Ninja Warrior. We will have some great rides, activities, art, face painting and much more. Get ready for a day of fun!

In order for this event to run smoothly we really need to be underway with the planning and have all major elements in place prior to the Christmas break.

We hope that you are as excited about this event and the opportunity it presents us to come together as a community and celebrate the start of another great year at Excelsior.

The Events Team.

## ERA

### Would your child like to play Tennis, Dance or attend Art classes?

Submit the online application forms available from the school website and email us at [excelsiorERA@gmail.com](mailto:excelsiorERA@gmail.com).

ERA activities are off to a great start, with tennis and dance already running and art classes starting next week. Thank you to all parents for your patience and cooperation as we process applications, finalise classes and confirm enrolments.

**\*\*\*Reminder: Term 1 payments are now due, please arrange for a transfer to the ERA Account as soon as possible (do not use the school online payment system).**

**Active Kids and Creative Kids vouchers:** we have received enquiries from parents about the possibility to use these vouchers for ERA activities. At this stage we are not registered as a provider (and cannot accept those vouchers) but we are looking into it and hopefully we will have some good news for Term 2. We appreciate your patience whilst we navigate through the process.

**Art Classes** - all spots are full for Mondays and Wednesdays but there are still some availability for Tuesday & Thursday afternoons with Mrs Imran.

Cost is \$15/class and all materials are supplied but if your child has a paint shirt, that would be helpful. Please send an email once you have filled out the form for faster processing and response.

If your child has been confirmed for enrolment but you have not received an email regarding where classes are held, please SMS Denise on 0410 678 736 so she can send details. Otherwise, ask your child to go to the office after school bell and ask for directions from the office. It would be appreciated if your child can be picked up promptly once classes have finished. If you are unsure where the classes are located (given next week is the 1st class), please call the art teacher concerned for direction.

Mrs Jodie Andarakis - 0448 884 059  
Mrs Bushra Imran - 0423 052 519

**Tennis & Dance** - there are a few places still available but hurry as classes are filling fast!

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Uniform Shop – Opening Hours

Tuesday 12th February, 2.30-3.15pm  
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

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

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

Saturday 2nd March, 8.30-9.30am  
Nerida, Kylie

Tuesday 5th March, 2:30-3.15pm  
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 12th March, 2.30-3.15pm  
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

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

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

Tuesday 2nd April, 2.30-3.15pm  
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Saturday 6th April, 8.30-9.30am  
Nerida, Andrea

We apologise for problems in online ordering, hopefully will be up and running again soon.

Thanks to the P&C for the air conditioning installed in the uniform shop!

Please BYO bags to the uniform shop as we are bagless!

A reminder that there is a mending/alteration service available at very little cost. Ask for Nerida if required.

We are always looking for more volunteers. If there are any Mandarin speaking parents who would be willing to help new families, having language difficulties, when ordering uniforms, we would love your help.

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** 1st Castle Hill Scout Hall  
2-4 Rowallan Ave,  
Castle Hill NSW 2154.

**Day:** Saturday's 9th Feb- 13th April 2019  
**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Cost:** \$27.5 per children (incl GST)

- Does your child have any illnesses, conditions, of allergies that we need to be aware of?

\_\_\_\_\_

- I DO / DO NOT give permission for my child's picture to be used in any advertising material for **Illustration-Hub**.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Mobile Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**New and Returning  
Students**  
Ages 5-8  
Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

**New Students**  
Ages 9-16  
and Returning Students  
Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY,  
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## Play Rugby League for the Winston Hills Tigers!

**Registrations are open from 10am – 1pm on the following days:**

**WINSTON HILLS SHOPPING  
CENTRE**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2019

**STOCKLANDS BAULKHAM HILLS**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**TORRY BURN RESERVE  
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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
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