



Excelsior Newsletter

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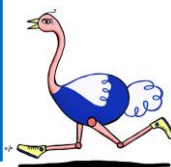
Newsletter – Week 4 Term 1 (21st February 2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

February

Feb 26	P&C meeting
Feb 28	School swimming carnival
Feb 28	K-2 assembly

March

March 1	Clean Up Australia Day
March 7	3-6 assembly
March 11	National Young Leaders Day
March 14	K-2 assembly
March 14	Selective High School Test
March 15	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
March 21	Harmony Day
March 21	K-6 assembly
March 26	Stage 1 excursion to Taronga Zoo

April

April 1	Parent teacher interview week
April 4	K-2 assembly
April 6	P&C Welcome Party
April 11	ANZAC Day assembly
April 12	Easter celebrations
April 12	Last day of term 1

Term 2

April 29	Staff Development Day
April 30	All students return for Term 2

Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,

It has been great to see the fantastic learning occurring in classrooms. Students have settled well into their new classes, are establishing new routines and are engaging well with their learning tasks.

Congratulations to our kindergarten students who have done a great job transitioning to primary school. Parents may be finding that their kindergarten children are very tired at the end of the day. This is very normal. While school hours may be shorter than preschool or day-care hours the children are required to be more intellectually active at school, which often leads to afternoon fatigue.

Parent Information Evenings

This week we held Parent Information evenings to inform parents about the teaching and learning programs in each grade/ stage and to meet their child's class teacher. It was great to see so many parents at these sessions. Education works best when parents and teachers can work together to support learning in each child.

Formal parent teacher interviews will be held in week 10 of term 1 (week beginning 1st April).

Staff Training CPR and Anaphylaxis

Last week staff at Excelsior undertook additional Professional Learning to gain CPR certificates and complete annual mandatory Anaphylaxis training.

Cyber Safety Parent Presentation

On Monday night, Senior Constable Rob Patterson presented a cyber-safety presentation for parents. It was great to see so many parents attend. I'm sure you found it to be very informative.

If you were unable to attend, there are copies of the booklet, Parent's Guide to Online Safety available in the school office.



It was recommended that parents be familiar with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner's website: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Within this website there is an iParent section that may be particularly useful to parents. This can be accessed through the e-safety resources on the safety homepage or through the link below:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>



Another great resources mention was Common Sense Media.



<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>. This website allows parents to search movies, TV shows, books, apps and games. Common Sense then gives you an age guide, a parents' guide of what children may be exposed to and a section on "what parents need to know". This is a great way parents can go to get accurate information before they allow children to download an app, play an online game or watch a movie.

New Build Update

As we near the handover of our two new classrooms, in the former library space, hoarding has been removed from near the office area. We can now use both top pedestrian gates on Rondelay Drive.

Once the two classrooms are handed back to the school, 6D and 6B will be moving into them and their current classrooms will be handed over to the builders for refurbishment. Hoarding will be erected around block G and bottom two pedestrian gates on Rondelay Dr..

Shade Structures

The shade covering in upper quad will be replaced on Tuesday 26th February. On the same day, we will also be replacing the shade covering in the lower quad. While we were hoping this work would be completed in the holidays, there has been some unforeseen delays due to short staffing at the shade company. Teachers have been ensuring students have been using shaded areas or classes have been kept indoors on very hot days. I'm sure everyone will be very happy to see the nice new shade covers next week.

Whole School Assembly

Today we had our first whole school assembly. Congratulations to the SRC representatives, who were presented with their badges.

Congratulations also to the following students who were presented with Silver Awards:

Lilly-Rose 3G

Ciela 3G

Lexie 4/5B

Cooper 5J

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sandra McKay

Rel Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Parramatta Eels Community Carnival

On Tuesday 19th February we participated in the Parramatta Eels Community Carnival. Ross, an NRL Game Development Officer, delivered an informative session to students in Years 3-5. He also brought along two Parramatta Eels players- George Jennings and Shaun Lane. They discussed healthy lifestyle choices including the importance of sleep, hydration and belonging. The students were highly engaged and made interesting contributions to the discussions. The touch football teams were very eager to have a photo with the players.



The Eels donated a jersey to the school which we used as a 'Lucky Door Prize' during the ES1 Information evening. Lexi (KN) was a very happy recipient.



Castle Hill High Open Day

Also on Tuesday 19th Feb, our Year 6 students visited Castle Hill High School as a part of their orientation program. The students participated in a range of activities such as processing photos in the school's photo lab, conducting a range of science experiments and visiting the Food Technology room for a demonstration on how to make lemonade scones, with some taste testing at the end. They made a wooden bookmark in the Industrial Technology room, participated in some drama activities and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. It was a very exciting day with lots of practical activities.



"On Tuesday the 19th of February, Year 6 attended Castle Hill High's open day. We had the opportunity to take part in many different activities that gave us a taste of what high school is like. We played a range of games in drama and shared many laughs along the way. We experienced and tried some exhilarating experiments in the science lab and tasted delicious lemonade scones in the food tech kitchen. To top off the day, we had a sausage sizzle and were lucky enough to take home a bookmark that we'd made in woodwork. In all, the day was a great experience and left all Year 6 students feeling excited and eager to move into high school next year."

Charlotte Y- 6B



KISS AND DROP

A further reminder about the 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

Swimming Carnival

The primary swimming carnival is on Thursday 28th Feb for students in Years 3 -6. Students who are in Year 2, turning 8 years old in 2019 and who are able to competently swim 50m may also attend. Permission notes and entry forms were due on Wed 20th Feb. Students need to wear sports uniform, sneakers, a hat and sunscreen. They should also bring their lunch. Students will meet their teachers at the pool at 9am. Students who attend Before School Care will meet Mrs Semler in the upper quad at 8:30am and she will escort them to the pool.

*Kind Regards
Mrs Georgia Couqué
Deputy Principal*

PSSA – Friday 22nd February 2019

Cricket vs Samuel Gilbert at Bernie Mullane 1/2
 Softball/TBall vs Sherwood Ridge at Bernie Mullane 5
 Touch Football vs Winston Hills at Ted Horwood 5
 Basketball vs Kellyville at Bella Vista Public School

PSSA –Friday 1st March 2019

Cricket vs Sherwood Ridge PS at Kellyville Park Field 4
 Softball/TBall vs Samuel Gilbert at Castle Glen
 Touch Football vs North Rocks at Ted Horwood 4
 Basketball vs Samuel Gilbert at Fred Caterson

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 3

Student of the Week		Merit Awards	Student of the Week		Merit Awards
3B	Marcus C	Olivia T Jake L Satvik E Izzy T	4/5B	Erina U	Eva W Eva D Ryan C Danika N
3G	Selina L	Finlay M Ellie H Bella W India M	5J	Isabel M	Hayley E Lara D Aadi G Mohammad S
3R	Oliver K	Matthew L Emily M Banjo P Alisha S	5/6L	Jesse H	Arya S Reja Z Lyra X Jack C
4E	Spencer R	Allira B Millicent R Gary Z Alex B	6B	Aidan L	Zac E Chelsea A Will H Aidan L
4L	Ella Rose B	Max M Addison D Zara W James K	6D	Cooper G	Cameron M Natalie B Kaitlyn B Ava C

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 4

Student of the Week		Merit Awards	Student of the Week		Merit Awards
3B	Olivia T		4/5B	Eric W	
3G	Ava S		5J	Jayden C	
3R	Chloe M		5/6L	Chloe Z	
4E	Savanah D		6B	Sophie S	
4L	Sarah H		6D	Aroob Z	



**Excelsior
Public School**
P&C Association

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder our next P&C meeting is
**Tuesday 26th February 7:15pm in the MFR
building** (where after school care is).

We are still in need of regular committee members for the uniform shop. If no-one wants to help we will reduce the amount of service provided and times available to buy uniforms.

The Excelsior P&C (Parents & Citizens) Association is run by **unpaid** volunteer parents who are giving their time to provide your kids with extra-curricular activities, fun events and resources for the school to help with the education of your children. Most of the committee members also work full-time in a paid job outside the school. 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.

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

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 difficulty when ordering uniforms, we would love your help.

CANTEEN

Canteen News

Just a friendly reminder that the **canteen will be closed next Thursday Feb 28th** as the swimming carnival is on this day.

The Canteen Committee

Canteen Roster

<u>Mon 25th</u> Teresa 1-2	<u>Tues 26th</u> Sashi 1-2
<u>Wed 27th</u> Becky 9-2	<u>Thurs 28th</u> Closed
<u>Fri 1st March</u> Lidija 9-2	
<u>Mon 4th</u> Thilini 1-2	<u>Tues 5th</u> Lisa 1-2
<u>Wed 6th</u> Lisa 9-2	<u>Thurs 7th</u> Akane 11-2
<u>Fri 8th</u> Mandi 9-2	

SCHOOL BANKING

Hello School Bankers,

There are lots of exciting new prizes on the Dollarmites Polar Savers adventure this year. Polar Savers Rewards:
Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set
Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler
Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards
Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers
You can see images of the prizes on the posters in the upper and lower quads.
For more information on school banking visit:-
commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Happy Banking!!
Melanie

ERA

ERA Update

All ERA activities have now started. There are still a few places available but be quick as **classes are filling up fast!**

Please note that Monday and Wednesday Art classes are now full.

If your child is interested in **ART, DANCE** or **TENNIS** classes, have a look at the P&C page of the school website and go to the ERA section for more information on all our activities.

To apply, simply click on the link for the relevant activity and submit the application form, or go to:

www.bit.ly/eraart
www.bit.ly/eradance
www.bit.ly/eratennis

If a place is not available, your name can be put on a waiting list.

Any question? drop us a line on excelsiorERA@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

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Your child would have received a catalogue from Scholastic Book Club from their teachers. There are plenty of affordable books for your child to enjoy at home. Be the first to get your Free 'All About Me' activity journal when you spend \$10 or more on LOOP, the online ordering system.

Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP
Orders close on Tues 26th Feb.
Happy reading! Trudy Hare
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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

Regional Fox Baiting Program

Please be advised that a fox baiting program will soon commence in the local area in conjunction with Greater Sydney Local Land Services. The aim of the program is to protect native wildlife including threatened species from fox predation.

1080 poison baits will be laid in the following Reserves:

- **Bidjigal Reserve** Managed by The Bidjigal Reserve Trust
- **Eric Mobbs Reserve; Excelsior Reserve and Ted Horwood Reserve** Managed by The Hills Shire Council

Foxoff® poison baits (containing 1080)

will be buried in the above listed

Reserves between Monday 25th February

Foxoff® is designed specifically for fox control. Trained staff will undertake the baiting. Baits will be buried 10cm under the ground to reduce the risk of non-target poisoning.

WARNING:

- 1080 poison is lethal to dogs and cats
- The above listed bushland reserves will be closed to dogs (including dogs walking on a lead), during and up to 4 weeks after the fox baiting program.
- **Dogs on leads can return to these reserves on Saturday 13th April 2019**
- **In an emergency contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0555 or 9843 0429**

Signs stating “**1080 FOX POISON LAID IN THIS AREA**” and “**Dogs (& Cats) are prohibited**” will be displayed in the relevant parks and reserves to notify the public about the program.

Please contact the following agencies for further information, or if you notice that one or more of the signs has been vandalised or is missing:

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Reserves between Monday 25th February

The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0555 or 9843 0429

Greater Sydney Local Land Services 1300 795 299

Castle Hill High School

Invites Year 6 students and their parents to our
Parent Information Evening



Wednesday 27th February 2019

5pm Open Classrooms

**6pm Information Presentation
in School Auditorium**

Meet the Principal, Deputy Principals, staff and students,
tour the school and discover our state of the art facilities

Please note that applications to sit the entry test for the Gifted and Talented classes
(Year 7, 2020) can be found on the CHHS website.

Telephone: 9634 4199

Email: castlehill-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**MODEL FARMS
HIGH SCHOOL**

For Years 5 & 6
Students and Families

OPEN NIGHT



Tuesday
5th March 2019
6.30pm School Hall

Information **Performances**
Displays **Tours**

**Out of area applications
most welcome.**

**Individual daytime tours and
interviews available.**



Enquiries:

**Mark
Grady**

Principal

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