



# Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 10 Term 1 (4<sup>th</sup> April 2019)

## EXCELSIOR P.S.

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High Expectations

High Achievement



### Important Dates

#### **April**

April 4	K-2 assembly
April 6	P&C Welcome Party
April 9	Futsal Competition
April 10	SRE Combined Easter Service
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	<b>All students return for Term 2</b>

#### **May**

May 2	Hills Festival choir rehearsal
May 6	Year 1 Excursion
May 7	Year 2 Excursion
May 7	School Cross Country carnival
May 13	Rugby League clinic
May 14	NAPLAN
May 14	Kinder Farm excursion
May 15	NAPLAN
May 16	NAPLAN
May 16	Rugby League clinic
May 17	Rugby League clinic
May 17	Walk Safely to School Day

### *Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,*

This will be our final newsletter for Term 1. The term has flown by! I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday. As these school holidays include several public holidays, for Easter and ANZAC day, I hope this gives families time to spend together.

A reminder that Term 2 beginning with a Staff Development Day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. **All students return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.**

### Staffing News

#### Assistant Principal Position

Earlier this term a panel was formed to appoint a new Assistant Principal at Excelsior Public School. I am pleased to announce that Ms Pam Chevalier was successful in gaining this position.

Ms Chevalier will take up her position as of Term 2.

#### Principal Position

I have been asked to continue to relieve as principal at Excelsior PS for term 2. It is my understanding that the process for filling this position will be finalised during term 2 and the substantive principal will take up this position at the beginning of term 3.

### Welcome Party

This Saturday is our annual Welcome Party. It is a time when new families to our school are welcomed into our Excelsior community.

The theme this year is "Ninja Warrior." The party starts at 3pm and will conclude around 8.30pm. There will be rides, a disco, BBQ and drinks for sale. Wristbands for the rides, face painting and disco are available to buy for \$20 each or 3 for \$55 if pre-purchased. They will be available for \$25 each on the day.

Wristband will be on sale on Friday morning from 8.30-9.00am in the upper quad.

I look forward to seeing lots of families on Saturday at the Welcome Party.



### **Build Update**

The building works is continuing on both the refurbishment of G block (the new administration block) and the new building. Building works will continue throughout the holiday period. For this reason, it is advised that students do not enter the school site during the holidays unless they are attending vacation care.

### **School Photos**

School photos will take place in Term 2. They have been booked for: **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

We have, once again, engaged MSP as our photographer.

Sport photos will be taken in Term 4 on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Opportunity Class Placements**

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019.**

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 30 April 2019** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and closes on **Friday 17 May 2019.** You must apply by the due date.

### **Excellent Work**

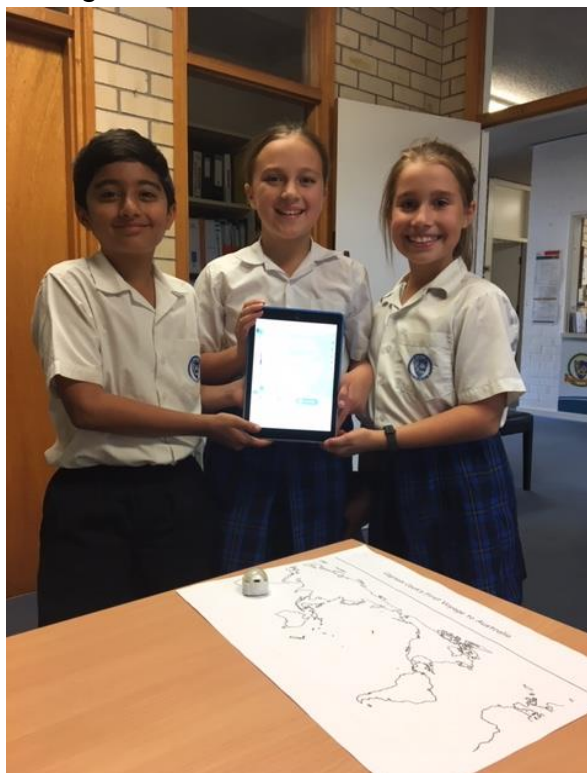
The highlight of my week is often seeing the amazing work students are completing in classrooms.

This week 1B students wrote very interesting recounts about their excursion to Taronga Park Zoo.



I was also pleased to hear that both Zoo staff and members of the public commented to our teachers about the excellent behaviour of our students whilst on their excursion. Well done Year 1 and 2 students!

Students from 4L amazed me this week, showing me how they used coding to make their Ozobot trace Captain Cook's journey through the Pacific.



## Term Accounts

Term accounts will be sent out next week. Next term students in years 3-6 will be participating in the Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) program. This program will be used to provide students with expert instruction in both athletics and gymnastics skills. SISA provide not only highly qualified instructors but also highly engaging equipment. This year we have used the government Sporting Schools grant to reduce the cost of this program from \$45.00 to \$36.00 per student.

In the term accounts we have included an optional technology levy. Last term, almost \$1000 was raised from this levy. This allowed us to purchase multiple iPad charging stations. This has made the task of charging iPads much quicker and easier, ensuring students have access to fully charged technology each day.

**We request that parents DO NOT MAKE ONLINE POP PAYMENTS during the school holiday period.**

## ANZAC Day

As ANZAC day falls in the school holidays, we will be commemorating this event on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April with a whole school ANZAC assembly. It is Department of Education protocol to hold school ANZAC assemblies prior to 25<sup>th</sup> April. Teachers will be talking with students about the importance of ANZAC day, parents may also want to discuss this with their children prior to our assembly.

## Easter Celebrations at Excelsior

Term 2 will end on Friday with our Easter celebrations. K-2 students will participate in a Easter Hat parade on Friday morning, this will be followed by the drawing of the Easter raffle and a morning tea for parents in the lower quad.



## New School Website



On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April Excelsior public school's new website will go live. The website can be found at:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

This website features a very user friendly design and will include automatic updates from the Department of Education.

Our website was created and will be maintained by Miss Adams, Mrs Mistry and Mrs Dufty. I would like to thank these teachers for their ongoing work on the website.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we held parent teacher interviews. Education works best when there is a strong partnership with the home and school. Thank you to the parents, who participated in these interviews. Thank you to teachers, who stayed back to conduct interviews this week.

## School Holiday Safety

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**  
If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.



- **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**  
It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!
- **Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.**  
Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.
- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**  
Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.
- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**  
This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, car parks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them. Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about. Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

You can find out more at:

[Safety Town](#)

[Department of Education](#)

[Transport for NSW](#)



Have a safe holiday break!

*Kind Regards,*

**Mrs Sandra McKay**  
Rel Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

### MindQuest and ThinkClub

A reminder that MindQuest 2019 is offering Gifted and Talented courses at Glenwood High School on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Glenwood High School. A variety of courses for students in Years 1-6 are on offer at a cost of \$200 per person, per course. These courses are designed to challenge and extend students with similar interests and abilities.

Think Club also offer a variety of experiential workshops for the inquisitive, problem-solving, creative and capable child. These courses are located at Sydney Boys High and are available on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Prices vary depending on the number of workshops attended, but they begin at a cost of \$110 per child for one workshop.

Enrolment forms can be found in the school office if you would like more information.

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 each year across Australia. The NAPLAN tests cover reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Students at Excelsior PS will be completing NAPLAN paper tests in 2019 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please see your child's class teacher or you can refer to the site at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

*Kind Regards,*  
**Mrs Georgia Couqué**  
Deputy Principal

**PSSA – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
No PSSA

**PSSA – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
No PSSA

### GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 9

Student of the Week		Merit Awards	Student of the Week		Merit Awards
3B	Jensen Z	Sidney B Amy K Siddharth S Polly P	4/5B	Isabelle D	Caitlyn Z Aiden F Callum L Ariel W
3G	Thomas P	Thomas P Jessica R Ava S Lucas S	5J	Joel F	Cooper T Christine R Haysen Z Morris W
3R	Tarek T	Vishruth S Nathan W Kimiya A Clara K	5/6L	Chloe B	Chloe Z Isabella G Keeley B Faris K
4E	Isabella C	Zihan X Zelene T Morgan L Juliette M	6B	Hermes G	Nick S Lorrence L Elizabeth M Jessica E
4L	Sienna T	Sienna T Danijela G Sarah H Michelle W	6D	Alex Z	Ruby W Sarah K Cooper G Todor B

### GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR

#### K-2 Merit Certificates Week 10

KK	Thomas M Srikar E Olivia W Roy Q	1B	Saradha I Lila P Michael Q Freya M	1/2R	Sriprada U Doyu P Kate P Ruby Z
KN	Kashvi K Ashlee F Jacob H Sebastian E	1C	Nolan M Sarah M Ibrahim T Olivia C	2M	Natalie C Liam E Chelsea F Austin C
KA	Daniel X April S Henry S Daniel S	1D	Saira S Joseph X Ryu N Kiannah G	2S	Lucas H Minato K U Na K Rina A
KW	James D Scarlett Q Alex L Ruby L Raphael S	1H	Riyaan T Jacinta B Nicholas M Chantal L	2SB	Helena C Teresa H Ashton C Lucas W

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3B	Adelaide R	4/5B	Ryan C
3G	Riley G	5J	Giselle G
3R	Aarna P	5/6L	Isabel H
4E	Ishanvi T	6B	Roy H
4L	Iris H	6D	Imogen H



**Excelsior  
Public School**  
P&C Association

Dear Parents,

This Saturday is the annual **Welcome Party** where we come together as a community and welcome newcomers to the school (and catch up with old friends). We look forward to seeing all those cute little kindy kids and, of course, it will be the last year for the Year 6 kids so we hope to see plenty of them there too. Please make sure you put your name down on the volunteer list as *many hands, make night work!* Thank you to those that have already signed up. A reminder, **no alcohol is allowed at this event.**

As the school is moving to a new website to align with the standard Department of Education format, the P&C need to make some changes to current information on our portion of the school website. As such, **online orders for the Uniform Shop will stop from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and over the school holidays** (or until further advised). We have still not had anyone come forward to help on the uniform shop committee so we will reduce this service whilst we re-organise a payment solution for online ordering. You can still purchase and pay for uniforms in person in the shop. They are open on some Saturdays too, for those of us that work. Please refer to the Uniform Shop section of this newsletter for when the shop is open and we will provide updates on your options to buy uniforms in Term 2. If you have any questions, please email the Uniform Shop or myself.

We will be changing the email addresses for the P&C Executive and Events committee at the end of this term due to the change in school website. For now, the Executive can still be contacted on the President email address below.

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

## P&C - EVENTS



**WELCOME PARTY Saturday 6 April 2019**  
**THIS WEEKEND** the sun will be shining, and we are hoping to see all families and friends of Excelsior on the oval for our welcome party. The party starts at 3pm and everyone is welcome!

We will have rides for the kids, a face painter as well as fun craft and novelties for sale. Food, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

The day will end with a disco finishing at approximately 8.30pm. Don't forget to get your raffle tickets into the P&C box in the office to be in the draw to win some of our amazing prizes!

Wristbands are available for sale from 8.30 - 9.00am Thursday and Friday in the top quad \$20 each or 3 for \$55. No charge for children 2 years and under. Wristbands are available on the night however, they will be \$25 each.

### **We Need Your Help.....**

A huge thank you for those who have added their names to the roster to help on the day, but we still need helpers.....

**Please consider adding your name to the roster for just 1 hour on the stalls or the BBQ... many hands make light work for everyone. <http://bit.ly/2O4SP8j>**

**You can also volunteer by emailing [excelsiorevents@pandc.excelsiorpublicschool.com](mailto:excelsiorevents@pandc.excelsiorpublicschool.com).**

We really appreciate any help, we have a great community spirit, let's keep it going.  
*Reminder – No alcohol permitted at this event.*  
**P&C Events**

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Uniform Shop Opening Times

Saturday 6th April  
8:30-9.30am Nerida and Andrea

Tuesday 9th April  
2.30-3.15pm Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 30th April  
2.30-3.15pm Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Saturday 4th May  
8.30-9.30am Nerida and Rahika

Please remember to put your child's class on your online orders so we can get it to you more effectively, thank you!


## CANTEEN

### Canteen Roster

Mon 8/4      Tues 9/4  
Grace 1-2      Sashi 1-2

Wed 10/4      Thurs 11/4  
Becky 9-2      Rachelle 11-2

Fri 12/4  
Nadine 9-2



**SYDNEY FC ACADEMY SCHOOL  
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- 11 v 11 days
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- Skills Testing
- Wellbeing program
- Physiotherapy and rehabilitation support

Trial Dates: Friday 31st May  
Contact the school to register: 02 9639 7422

**MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.SYDNEYFC.COM/SYDNEY-FC-ACADEMY-FOOTBALL-SCHOOLS](http://WWW.SYDNEYFC.COM/SYDNEY-FC-ACADEMY-FOOTBALL-SCHOOLS)**



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\$40.00 per session

15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April,

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April and 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2 2019**

**Enrolments Now Being Taken**

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**STEP 2:** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CALL COACH HANDLER ON 0447532824

**STEP 3:** ONCE YOU HAVE MADE A BOOKING WE WILL EMAIL A CAMP CONFIRMATION PACKAGE.

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