



# Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 2 Term 1 (9<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

## EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



### Important Dates

#### **May**

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 16	3-6 Assembly
May 17	Rugby League clinic
May 17	Walk Safely to School Day
May 20	Zone Cross Country
May 23	K-2 Assembly

### *Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,*

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope all families had a wonderful holiday break. We have had a fantastic start to the term.

### Build Update

Last Friday the slab for the first floor of our new building was poured. We are now beginning to see formwork for the building go up.

Work is also continuing on the refurbishment of block G into the new administration block. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of this term.



## **Cross Country Carnival**

Our Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Due to construction work at school, it was decided to hold this carnival at Roxborough Park Reserve. Well done to all students who participated and to Mrs Hinding for her organisation of this carnival.

Congratulations to the following students, who will be progressing to the Zone carnival:

### **8/9 Year Old Girls**

1. Molly
2. Ella
3. Mila
4. Ishanvi
5. Bella
6. Trinity

### **8/9 Year Old Boys**

1. Max
2. Ashton
3. Liam
4. Jordan
5. Hayden
6. Jackson

### **10 Year Old Girls**

1. Millie
2. Sarah
3. Sienna
4. Jennifer
5. Sophia
6. Michelle

### **10 Year Old Boys**

1. James
2. Keegan
3. Gregory
4. Jonah
5. Eric
6. Noah

### **11 Year Old Girls**

1. Hayley
2. Michaela
3. Isabel
4. Joyce
5. Isabella
6. Coco

### **11 Year Old Boys**

1. Hermes
2. Will
3. David

4. Isaac

5. Bach

6. Jared

### **12/13 Year Old Girls**

1. Sophie
2. Elizabeth
3. Bianca
4. Keeley
5. Natalie
6. Sahara

### **12/13 Year Old Boys**

1. Jack
2. Oliver
3. Martin
4. Cooper
5. Daniel
6. Ethan

## **Change of Details**

It is important that you update the school if any of your details change. This includes:

- Address
- Telephone Numbers
- Emergency Contacts

If you are updating an address the office staff will need to sight an original document detailing the current address. All other details can be changed in person or by email.

## **Opportunity Class Test**

Opportunity classes located in government primary schools cater for highly achieving Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted students. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students and using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level.

The application process for Opportunity Classes (Year 5 2020) has now begun. All applications must be completed online. Applications close Friday 17 May. For more information or to apply, please see:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



## **Thursday Assembly Time**

We have now moved to our new bell times:

9.00	start of the school day
11.00	start of recess
11.20	end of recess
12.40	start of eating time
12.50	start of 1 <sup>st</sup> half of lunch
1.15	start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of lunch
1.40	end of lunch
3.00	end of the school day

Thursday assemblies will now commence after lunch at 1.40pm.

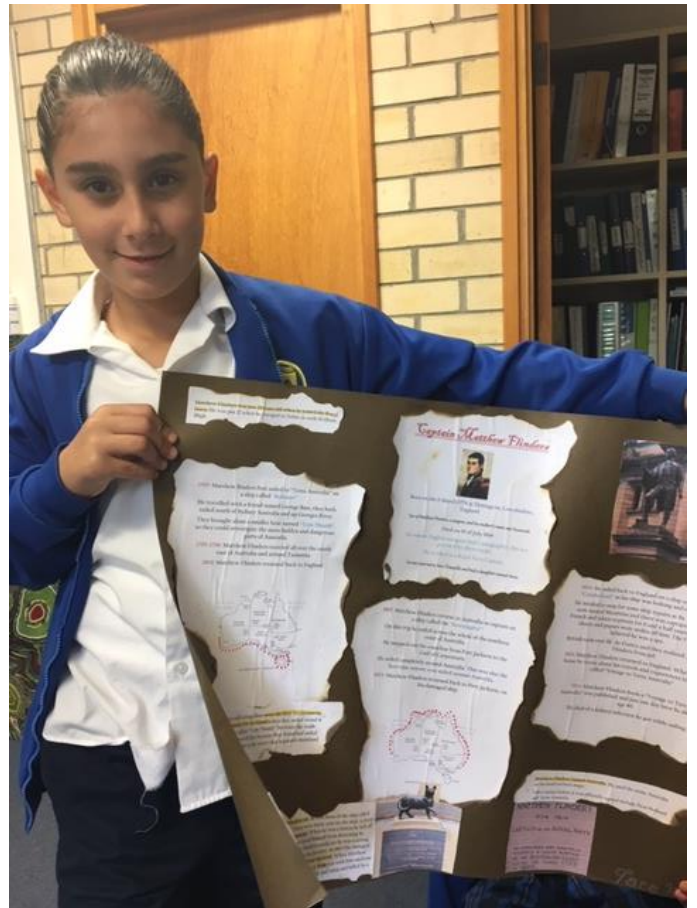
## **Uniform**

We are currently in a transition phase for school uniforms, parents can decide on a day-to-day basis whether summer or winter uniform is most suitable. The official date to change over to winter uniform is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Excellent Work**

Each week I am amazed at the fantastic work happening in classrooms. The highlight of my day is always when I get special visitors, displaying their hard work.

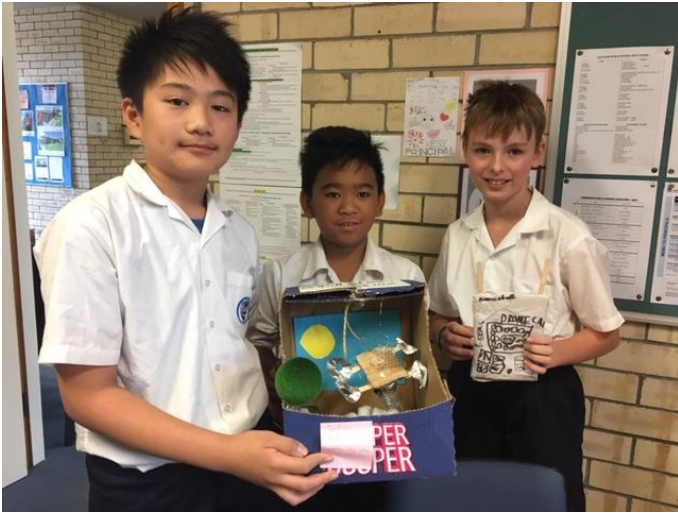
Student from 3R completed some wonderful research projects, including these two on Matthew Flinders.



6D and 6B students were proud of their design and make projects. It is clear that STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is making an impact in classrooms at Excelsior.



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### **Mothers' Day**



I would like to wish all of our Mums and Mother figures a very happy Mother's Day. I hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday, hopefully starting with a little sleep in.

Thank you to the P&C for providing our students an opportunity to shop for a gift at school. The students really love choosing gifts for their Mums.

*Kind Regards,*  
Mrs Sandra McKay  
Rel Principal

### **From the Deputy Principal**

### **ANZAC DAY**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, our School Captains and I attended the Castle Hill RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Centenary of ANZAC War Memorial. Ben and Elizabeth were exemplary role models throughout this service, laying a wreath on behalf of Excelsior Public School. I would like to thank our Captains and their families for attending and showing their respect to our past and present service men and women.

### **NAPLAN**

A reminder that we will be administering the NAPLAN assessments next week for students in Years 3 and 5. Year 3 students will be conducting the assessments in the Year 2 demountables so that they are away from the distractions of the build. If a student is absent for a test, we will endeavour to conduct catch up assessments throughout the week. All assessments must be completed by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Friendship Groups**

Year 6 students participated in a training day for the Friendship Group program which helps to develop their leadership skills. All students in K-6 will participate in the Friendship Group program each Friday from weeks 3-10. Students are placed into groups across K-6 which are led by their Year 6 peers. This program fosters friendships and develops social skills.

### **Walk To School Safely Day**

Walk To School Safely Day is a national event held on 17<sup>th</sup> May when all primary children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This event is a timely reminder that students and parents are strongly urged to practice safety when commuting to and from school. Our streets are busy each morning and afternoon due to the extra cars associated with our build. I would therefore encourage everyone to have children enter and exit cars from the footpaths and not on the road. I would also recommend parking further down the street and walking to collect children, or use the Kiss and Drop Zone in accordance with the rules. There have been some unsafe practices observed on Elberta Ave, particularly at home time. Parents and students must use the pedestrian crossing when crossing the road and exercise extreme caution.

### **Backyard League**

Next week students in Years 1-6 will participate in a Backyard League program which is organised by National Rugby League Development Officers. Each student will participate in a half hour lesson to introduce some skills to students whilst focussing on



enjoyment of sport. Students will not engage in any contact or tackling drills. Students should wear their sports uniform on their designated days outlined below:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - 6D, 6B, 5/6L, 4/5B, 4L, 4E, 2C

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - 1B, 1C, 1H, 1/2R, 2M, 2SB, 3R

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - 3G, 3B, 5J

### **PSSA – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Soccer vs Samuel Gilbert PS at Fred Caterson Field 2/3

Newcombe Ball vs Samuel Gilbert PS at Samuel Gilbert PS

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

### **PSSA –Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Soccer vs Kellyville PS at Eric Mobbs

Newcombe Ball vs Kellyville PS at Excelsior PS

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

## **GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR Week 11 (Term 1)**

### **Student of the Week**

3B Amy K  
3G Zachary E  
3R Oliver K  
4E Charlie C  
4L James K

### **Merit Awards**

### **Student of the Week**

4/5B Georgia V  
5J Haysen Z  
5/6L Naman B  
6B Tristan R  
6D Natalie B

### **Merit Awards**

## **GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 2**

### **Student of the Week**

3B Isabel S  
3G Nicky B  
3R Molly H  
4E Erika S  
4L Rani S

### **Student of the Week**

4/5B Neel R  
5J Kourosh G  
5/6L Will R  
6B Joyce H  
6D Sarah K



**Excelsior  
Public School  
P&C Association**

## **CANTEEN**

### **Canteen Roster**

Mon 13th

Cassie 12.40-1.40

Tues 14th

Lisa 12.40-1.40

Wed 15th

Trudy 9-2

Thurs 16th

Akane 11-2

Fri 17th

Dearne 9-2

Mon 20th

Teresa 12.40-1.40

Tues 21st

Sashi 12.40-1.40

Wed 22nd

Lidija 11.30-2

Thurs 23rd

Rachelle 11-2

Fri 24th

Nadine 9-2

Irina 11.30-2

### **Canteen News**

In an effort to reduce waste we have introduced a 'no straws' option for our milk. The default is 'no straw' so if your child needs one you will need to tick the straw option. We are hoping to reduce the need for straws completely so please consider if this is necessary before you request one.

Many thanks.

The Canteen Committee

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform shop opening hours:

Tuesday 14th May 2.30-3.15pm  
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 21st May 2.30-3.15pm  
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Online ordering is now working. Please put child's class on order so we can get it to them!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

There are plenty of affordable and interesting books for your child to enjoy in the new Book Club catalogue.

Please visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) to place your online order via LOOP. Sorry, but the school does not accept cash or cheque.

**Orders close on Monday 20th May.**

Happy reading!

[bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com](mailto:bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your support and time  
Trudy Hare

## EVENTS TEAM

### Election Day at Excelsior Public School

Saturday 18 May 2019 there will be a Federal Government Election and Excelsior Public School will be hosting a polling booth. Again, we are putting the word out for families to donate cakes to provide for our cake stall.

Please bring your cake to the office on Friday 17 May or simply bring it with you when you come to vote on Saturday. Please label your cake and list any ingredients to help people with allergies.

We will also be needing volunteers for the day if you could spare an hour during the day when you come to vote it would be very much appreciated. Please type in this link to add your <http://bit.ly/2Uu32BJ> or email [excelsiorpsevents@gmail.com](mailto:excelsiorpsevents@gmail.com)

Please note, that when you donate a cake or give time volunteering you are raising vital funds for the school which benefits all our children. The money raised from these events go towards the purchase of new laptops, iPads, Smartboards and many other things that help our children learn.

## ERA

**Payment for Term 2 ERA activities is now due. Please arrange a transfer into the ERA Account as soon as possible** (do not use the school online payment system). **Thank you for your co-operation.**

## ART

We currently have spots available for ERA Art **Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.** **Classes are \$15/lesson** from **3:05PM-4.30PM** and includes all supplies.

## TENNIS

**\*\*New beginner class starts on Friday\*\***

Due to popular demand, we were able to open a new beginner class on Friday morning and offer places to students who have been on a waiting list for some time. There are only 2 spots left available!

## DANCE

**\*\*Spots available for ERA Dance for the Primary Classes (Years 3-6) on Tuesday and Thursday\*\***

ERA Dance teacher is **Mrs Naomi King.**

Naomi is a qualified dance teacher that has over 24 years' experience teaching hundreds of students ranging in ages from four right up to adults. ERA Students are exposed to different genres of dance such as jazz, modern, contemporary, music and lyrics, hip hop and classical. The emphasis being on the student's own abilities, building confidence and a healthy self-esteem.

All students are given the opportunity to perform at least once throughout the year at a school event such as Presentation Day. Hills Festival is the highlight of our dancing year with 30 select students from years 4-6 auditioning for a chance to be included in the production that is held at Penrith Panthers around September. Priority is given to our Year 6 students in the selection process, being their final opportunity to be involved.

ERA Dance lessons take place at school on Tuesday and Thursday as follows:

Tuesday Infant (Year 1 - 2): 3.15 – 4.15 pm - Only 1 Spot remaining.

Tuesday Primary (Year 3-6): 4.30 – 5.30 pm

Thursday Primary (Year 3-6): 3.15 – 4.15 pm

Payment is calculated for the Term at \$12 per lesson.

If your child is interested in any of those three activities, please complete the relevant online application form (available from the school website) and/or contact us on [excelsiorERA@gmail.com](mailto:excelsiorERA@gmail.com)



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New and Returning Registration: Tuesday, 7 May, 2019

New Students can also join on: Tuesdays, 14 May, 21 May.

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, JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).

