



Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 2 (20th June 2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

June

June 24 Recorder rehearsal
June 25 School Photos
June 27 3-6 Assembly

July

July 1 Reports sent home
July 2 Mufti Day
July 4 Stage 3 Drama performance
July 4 K-2 Assembly
July 5 Last day of Term 2
July 22 Staff Development Day

Term 3

July 23 First day of Term 3 for students

Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,

Build Update

Our new administration block should be ready for hand over at the beginning of Term 3. There will be some changes in routine and disruptions that will occur as we move to the new building. We are working hard to keep these to a minimum, but please be aware the office staff, Mrs Couque and myself are now fully into “packing mode” in preparation for our big move.

The next project for refurbishment will be the ground floor of A block. This block will be completed and handed over in two sections:

1. Staffroom and staff annexe
2. Section currently housing the administration staff, sick bay, deputy principal's office and principal's office. This will become spaces for support programs.

The work on the staffroom and staff annexe will begin at the beginning of week 10, this term. There will be some disruptions caused by this. These will include:

- Hoarding will be erected to allow workers access to the staffroom and staff annexe
- Access to the school from Rondelay Drive will be limited to the top entry. From the beginning of Term 3 entry will be available via the new entry and the top entry gate.
- There will be very limited entry to the office during week 10. Adults will be able to enter via the steps from the staff carpark. For students the only entry to the office will be via the stairs from Block A second floor near 6B. There will be no entry to the office from the top quad.
- There will be no access to the staffroom or the staff annexe during week 10.

Thank you for your understanding during this time.

Assemblies

A reminder that K-2, 3-6 and K-6 assemblies commence after lunch at 1:40pm. This time change came into effect at the beginning of Term 2 to align with our new bell times.

Term 3

A reminder that Term 3 begins with a staff development day. All students return to school on Tuesday 23rd July. YMCA are running an onsite vacation care program, please contact YMCA directly on 1300 009 679, for more information.

Tennis

Congratulations to our knock out tennis team who have now progressed to round 4. Their next game will be against Carlingford West.

Excellent Work



This week students from KW were very proud of their artworks. Students produced paintings in response to hearing and reading stories including, "Where is the Green Sheep," and "Duck in the Truck."

Silver and Gold Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received Silver or Gold Awards at today's assembly.

Silver

Lara, Isabel, Keegan, Emily, Maya, Sriprada, Maanya, Scarlett, Amelie, Jackson, Liam, Lola, Natalie, Sarah, Austin, Zara, Angus and Sahara

Gold

Sahara

The Practically Perfect Pig Tale

Competition

Several students from Excelsior Public School entered the Practically Perfect Pig Tale competition through author Sarah Brennan's website.

Congratulations to Caitlyn who placed 2nd and Gary who reached the 'longlist of 15.' The winning entries can be read on Sarah Brennan's website:

<https://sarahbrennanblog.com/>

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

PSSA – Friday 21st June

Soccer vs Sherwood Ridge PS at Bernie Mullane
Newcombe Ball vs Sherwood Ridge at Sherwood Ridge PS
Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

PSSA –Friday 28th June

Soccer - **BYE**
Newcombe Ball - **BYE**
Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

From the Deputy Principal

Canberra Excursion

Year 6 students and teachers arrived at school on Monday 17th June at 6:30am for a 7am departure to Canberra. The students were very excited about their three day camp to our nation's capital. They visited several places including the Royal Australian Mint, Old Parliament House, the High Court of Australia, Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon. The students had a wonderful time whilst consolidating their knowledge about Government, gained throughout history lessons in Term 2. Some very tired students and teachers returned to school at 4pm on Wednesday. I would like to thank the teachers for their willingness to give up their family time over this three day period.



Multicultural Afternoon Tea

The school would like to invite all parents, caregivers and grandparents to our Multicultural Afternoon Tea.

Place: D Block (next to the Canteen)

Date: 25/6/19

Time: 2pm-3pm

This is an informal occasion where we discuss how we can work together and answer any

general questions you might have about the school. We will also be discussing the role of the P&C and how you can contribute to this committee. Mrs Emma Heasman will be there as a representative of the P&C to provide you with information.

Mrs Mistry, Miss Chou and Miss Lee will be there to translate in Gujarati, Mandarin and Korean

Student Reports

The teachers have spent several weeks preparing student reports. The reports will provide parents and students with information regarding student achievement in Semester 1. These will be sent home with students on Monday July 1st. If you would like to discuss your child's report further, please see your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time.

School Photos

School photos are being taken on Tuesday 25th June. All students should come to school wearing winter uniform which includes a tie, jacket and black shoes. Family photos will be taken at 8:30am in the hall.

3B/3R Furniture Update

The remaining furniture has arrived for 3B/3R. students are now enjoying their high tables and the booths that arrived earlier in the term. Both of these items facilitate collaborative learning but are also used for independent work.



Kind regards,

Deputy Principal
G.Couqué

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR

K-2 Merit Certificates Week 7

KK	William C Vihaan R Ryan D Yaseen N	1B	Aarav A Rohan R Freya M Lila P	1/2R	Caesar N Jasmine H Maddison T Oliver M
KN	Ryan L Arina D Lucas X Nadal B	1C	Eric Z Dimitrios A Olivia C Mila B	2M	Minjone S Rousalina T Emily C Shreeya I
KA	Miraya G Audrey P Felix W Yadhu K	1D	Joel K Jack L Anay P Mishka J	2S	Ryan A Aryash P Mateen S Amina K
KW	Alex L Caleb W Zara C George M	1H	Charlie M Tisya P Ryan W Chloe Y	2SB	Noah G Trinity H Zoe L Scarlett P

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 7

Student of the Week

3B	Riley A
3G	-
3R	Kimiya A
4E	Alexander B
4L	Arshan J

Student of the Week

4/5B	Danika N
5J	Jared W
5/6L	Lyra X
6B	Zac E
6D	Jamie C



**Excelsior
Public School
P&C Association**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we are halfway through the year, the P&C Executive team thought they would give a quick update of some of the major fund allocations your P&C has approved.

- **New laptops for Stage 1 which now means all stages have the laptops they require.**
- **Air conditioning for the new office and administration block.**
- **Air conditioning for the uniform shop.**
- **Building variations for the new canteen to ensure it accommodates all our current facilities.**

- **Leadership Team blazers and Representative shirts.**
- **Diaries for Year 6.**
- **New laptops for the canteen and uniform shop.**

This month's P&C minutes also contain an in depth update on the traffic management project. As you know traffic around Excelsior at drop off and pick up is very busy and often quite dangerous. Your P&C has been working with the Hills Council and local MP's to see if anything can be done to improve traffic flow around the school.

Unfortunately most changes are based on formulas and numbers rather than common sense. In the May minutes you can see all the issues we have raised and suggested, what's happened so far and what is still under discussion. You can find the minutes of our meetings under the P&C section of the school website.

However we also need to do our bit and there are currently quite a few illegal practices happening - two of the main ones which either the Police or Council Rangers can fine you for are:

- **Crossing double white lines and doing a right hand turn either into or out of the kiss and drop area.**
- **Parking too close to a junction - you need to be 10 metres back from the intersecting road.**

This is a long term project and the P&C will continue liaising with the Council and update parents with any good news. You can find the road rules at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

We would really love to see new faces at our June meeting so you can understand what we do and also have your say. The school has a high percentage of students from households where English is not the first language, however the P&C does not have fair representation of the different cultures and backgrounds and we certainly want them catered for. It doesn't matter if English is not your first language, everyone is really friendly and welcoming and we would love your input.

A reminder we have a new email for the Executive Committee should you have any questions, thoughts, concerns or suggestions excelsiorpandc@gmail.com

Hopefully we will see you **Tuesday June 25th 7.15pm** in the after school care building for our next meeting.

Regards,

P&C Executive

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop opening hours:

Tuesday 25th June 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn and Lidija

Tuesday 2nd July 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn and Lidija

TERM 3

Tuesday 23rd July 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn and Lidija

******SECOND HAND SALE 22nd June
8.30-9.30am *******
Nerida and Kylie

Please bring cash only for sale. \$10 for jackets and jumpers, grab an extra one for winter! \$5 for everything else. See you in the Cola this weekend. (Please bring own bags of possible).

Regards,

Excelsior Uniform Shop

(this is a voluntary P&C service provided to parents and students)

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 24th

Tues 25th

Lisa 12.40-1.40

Wed 26th

Becky 9-2

Thurs 27th

Akane 11-2

Fri 28th

Dearne 9-2

Mon 1st

Grace 12.40-1.40

Tues 2nd

Sashi 12.40-1.40

Wed 3rd

Nala 9-2

Thurs 4th

Rachelle 11-2

Fri 5th

Lidija 9-2

HORNETS ACADEMY



Preschool 3 - 5 years.
45 minute session held during school term.
Basic skills and co-ordination.



Primary School 5 - 12 years.
1 hour Skills Session held during school term.
Develop individual skills and team concepts.
High School Sessions 12 - 16 years also available.



Holiday Camps available in school term holidays. 10am - 4pm. Long day care available.



Hills Hornets Basketball Association is a proud supporter of the \$100 Active Kids Rebate initiative and is an approved provider. Not available for holiday camps.

Local Competition (U9 - Seniors)
Competitions are held at Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill. Two seasons offered (Winter & Summer).

HILLS BASKETBALL STADIUM | HOME OF THE HILLS HORNETS

HILLS HORNETS CASTLE HILL | Hills Basketball Stadium, Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill
HILLS HORNETS DURAL | 36Z Pellitt Lane, Dural (Previously Dural Recreation Centre)
Visit hillshornets.com.au or phone 9894-8944 for further information.

Hills Hornets Basketball Association @hillshornets @hillshornets



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STEAM PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

SCIENCE	TECHNOLOGY	ENGINEERING	ARTS (ENTREPRENEURSHIP)	MATHEMATICS
NATURE & ENVIRONMENT	3D PRINTING & WEB DESIGN	BUILDING BASICS & METHODS	TRANSACTIONS & COMMUNICATION	NUMBER, PATTERNS & ALGEBRA
EARTH, SPACE & ASTRONOMY	MACHINES & ROBOTICS	TOOLS & RESOURCES	EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE	GEOMETRY & TRIGONOMETRY
THE HUMAN BODY & ANATOMY	ANIMATION CREATION	MOTOR & DESIGN SKILLS	BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING	STATISTICS & PROBABILITY
MAGNETS, CIRCUITS & ELECTRONICS	APPLICATION DESIGN & PROGRAMMING	STRUCTURES & MECHANICS	CREATIVITY & INNOVATION	BRAIN TRAINING PROJECTS



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