



Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 4 Term 3 (15th August 2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

August

Aug 19	3B and 3G Excursion
Aug 20	Combined Choir Rehearsal Winston Heights PS
Aug 22	3R and 4L Excursion
Aug 23	K-2 Athletics Carnival
Aug 26	4B and 4E Excursion
Aug 27	Public Speaking Final
Aug 29	Fathers Day Stall Life Education Begins
Sep 3	Hills festival rehearsal Junior Choir/ ERA Dance
Sep 5	Senior Choir Choral Concert- Opera house
Sep 4	Life Ed ceases
Sep 12	K-6 assembly
Sep 16	Grandparents Day
Sep 17	ES1 FizzEd Incursion
Sep 20	P&C Disco
Sep 23	Year 5 camp

Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,

Mrs McKay has unexpectedly extended her leave. We welcome her return to Excelsior on Monday 19th August.

Education Week

Last Thursday we hosted our annual Big Breakfast for students, parents and community members. This event is organised by the SRC under the leadership of Mr Dessent. The Big Breakfast was part of our Open Day celebration. After the breakfast, parents were

informed about our innovated learning spaces and Future Focused strategies for teaching and learning at Excelsior PS. Our focus is on teaching high quality programs in our new learning spaces, implementing the eight learning modes, STEM and our new learning dispositions. Parents then visited their children's classrooms to view samples of the engaging quality learning programs. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents attend this event.



Year 6 Rotary Writing Competition



In 2005, Rotary International celebrated a century of service. The Rotary Club of Kellyville launched a Writing Competition for Year 6 students, to celebrate Rotary International's Centenary initiative, to promote literacy. This was their 15th consecutive year running this program and Excelsior had the pleasure of entering the competition for the first time.

Many Year 6 students entered this creative writing competition and submitted a 500 word narrative titled 'A new student has just joined our class'. Out of all of our entries, three representatives were selected.

On Monday the 12th of August, these three students joined finalists from other schools at an awards presentation night at The Australian Brewery to celebrate and showcase some of the creative writing entries.

As a result of the excellent entries submitted by our 3 finalists- Madeline H, Lyra X and Elizabeth M, I am thrilled to report that our school placed third overall and received a \$110 cheque to purchase new books for our library.

I would like to give a special mention to Elizabeth M whose exceptionally creative writing skills won her the individual 3rd place bronze medal award. All girls received a certificate of merit and a book voucher to spend at Five Senses Educational store. Thank you to Ms Chevalier who encouraged our Year 6 students to enter such a fabulous completion and to Ms Batoua for attending the awards evening with our three finalists and their families.



Book Week

This week we celebrated Book Week. The theme was "Reading is My Secret Power". Throughout the week we held many events to highlight the importance of reading, including a book parade. It was wonderful to see so many students (and teachers) dress up in their favourite book characters. Students were eager to purchase a variety of books from the book fair and students engaged in DEAR activities and buddy reading throughout the week. I would like to thank Mrs Serobian for her excellent organisation of these events and thank our students and families for their support of Book Week.



Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards

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

Silver

Natalie B, Alex B, Cocco C, Joel H, Selina L, Elizabeth M, Sophie S, Jared W and Sarah Z

Gold

Cocco C

Platinum

Elizabeth M and Sophie S

Knockout Tennis

Last Wednesday, Excelsior played Parkes Public School in Bathurst to determine who would progress into the final round of the PSSA Knockout Tennis Tournament. Excelsior won 5 sets to 3 to secure a place in the Finals at the Sydney International Tennis Centre in Homebush. We wish them all the very best of luck!



Knockout Touch Football

Yesterday the Excelsior Knockout Girls Touch Football team played Samuel Gilbert in the PSSA Knockout Touch Football competition. Excelsior won 2-1, with a special mention going to Sophie for scoring excellent solo tries. They are eagerly awaiting their next match. Excellent work girls!



KISS and Drop

A reminder to parents that KISS and Drop has a 2 minute waiting area between the hours of 8am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4pm. Drivers must remain within 3metres of their car and the car can not be left unattended. Students need to wait for teacher instructions in the afternoon to walk to their car. Police and council rangers conduct regular checks to ensure that rules are being followed and fines are issued if the rules are broken. Please help to maintain the safety of all students and to keep the KISS and Drop Zone operating in a timely manner.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Georgia Couqué
Relieving Principal

PSSA – Friday 16th August SEMI FINALS

Newcombe Ball vs Winston Hills PS at Sherwood Ridge PS (**Senior team only**)

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex (**Junior Teams and Senior A Team**)

PSSA –Friday 23rd August

PSSA Finals - TBA

From the Deputy Principal

Excelsior is a very special place of learning where students, teachers and families all work together to improve learning outcomes across academic, social and emotional domains each and every day. We truly value the partnership with our families. Your presence at events in the last fortnight means the world to the students who have been able to showcase their work to the people that they look up to.

With all the extra-curricular activities going on within the school, you should feel confident that normal teaching and learning programs continue. Not only is the content of the curriculum being taught, but important values and dispositions are being developed.

Learning Dispositions

Our Visible Learning Project Team, led by Mrs Brooker and Ms Chevalier, have been working with all teachers on the significance of how students engage and relate to the learning process. According to the OECD report *“Ready to Learn: Students’ engagement, drive and self-beliefs”*, the dispositions, are as important as learning subject-specific content and competencies if students are to succeed in “a rapidly changing world.”

The dispositions that are being explicitly taught and shared with the students at Excelsior comprise the following:

Courageous – This is about willingness to try new ways of doing things and about building an understanding that challenges will help you learn. It encourages curiosity and risk taking in learning and sometimes knowing that learning, because of its challenge, will make you uncomfortable.

Persistent – Closely connected to trying new things is the willingness to overcome the challenges by staying focussed and committed when a task becomes difficult. It is about building resilience as a learner and the willingness to ask for help when needed.

Problem Solver – This disposition is chiefly about developing within students the inclination and ability to find problems to solve,

pose useful questions to enhance their knowledge and alternative points of view and to make connections between people, events and situations. Students understand that making mistakes helps them to learn.

Collaborative – This is more than just being able to work in a group. It is a disposition that sparks innovation. Children are developing ways of working with a strong sense of purpose towards a goal. It involves listening to others, respectfully expressing opinions, giving and receiving feedback and contributing in a way that everyone participates.

Reflective – Important to learning outcomes is the ability to evaluate your own work. It is about the students thinking about the learning and setting goals. It involves connecting ideas to make sense of learning and the change and steps needed to improve.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

If Learning Dispositions are a focus in the classroom, our Positive Behaviour for learning values cut across all contexts. This term, we have reminded students of expected behaviours – and what it means to be respectful and responsible in the playground.

Next week we will be reminding students of safety in the playground. Part of that safety is wearing a hat in the playground and whilst out at sport. I would strongly urge you to check that your child has their hat with them every day so that they have the freedom to play in all designated areas and to participate fully in the curriculum. Children without a hat have designated areas in the shade, in which to play.

Kind regards,

Relieving Deputy Principal
S. Semler

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR

K-2 Merit Certificates Week 3

KK	Dante T	1B	Aidan S	1/2R	Caesar N
	Thomas M		Ivy G		Sriprada U
	Willow M		Luke G		Taya A
	Zachary S		Freya M		Oliver M
KN	Crystal L	1C	Mia T	2M	Ayron G
	Ashlee F		Felix L		Audree T
	Dhruv T		Kirin G		Tara I
	Sebastian E		Nolan M		Millie B
KA	Riley F	1D	Julian T	2S	Draco L
	Arlene K		Tyler M		Anushkaa K
	Nicola K		Kiannah G		Elijah M
	Daniel X		Saira S		Lauren S
KW	Michael Z	1H	Marcus H	2SB	Daniel H
	Ruby L		Chantal L		Advik M
	Taanish P		Teddy P		Julia H
	Emma X		Vikraant G		Leoven H

Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 3

Justin W – **2M** Lucas W – **2SB**

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 3

Student of the Week

3B	Tasnova C
3G	Jessica R
3R	Nathan W
4E	Ophelie B
4L	

Student of the Week

4/5B	Gregory R
5J	Claire L
5/6L	Arya S
6B	Cindy W
6D	Phoenix G



**Excelsior
Public School
P&C Association**

Hi Everyone,

We would love to see you at this month's P&C meeting on **Tuesday August 27th at 7:15pm** in the after-school care building.

Below is some information about the P&C meetings which hopefully answers some commonly asked questions. This will also go on the website where it can be translated into a wide variety of languages.

P & C Meetings

- Meetings are generally held the **4th** Tuesday of the month during school terms.

- Meetings usually run from 7:15pm to 9:00pm. You can pop in any time and stay for as little or as long as you like.

- You do not need to join the P&C to come to the meetings.

- Unfortunately, children cannot come to the meetings as sometimes sensitive or confidential matters are discussed.

- When P&C funds are requested, a motion is passed for approval to spend funds. Only Financial members can vote on a motion.

- To become a Financial Member you need to pay \$2 *prior* to the meeting and include your name and email in the information.

- There is a P&C letter box in the School Office where you can put any correspondence, including requests to become Financial Members.

- If you cannot make a meeting and wish the P&C to raise an issue on your behalf, you can email us on excelsiorpandc@gmail.com or put a note in the P&C letter box. You can be anonymous if you would prefer. The P&C Secretary reads out all correspondence in the meeting.

- Meetings are informal, friendly and all comments are listened to.

- The Principal and Deputy Principal attend the P&C meetings so it is a great opportunity to get to know who runs your school.

- A representative from each Sub Committee is on hand at the P&C if you have any questions ie. Canteen, ERA, Band, Student Health & Wellbeing, Uniform & Events, as well as your P&C Executive Team.

- ***The P&C meetings are there for you, the school community, to decide how you would like your children and the school to best benefit from P&C funding.***

- If you have any questions about the meetings please feel free to email us. Next month's minutes will include some information on volunteering, so if you have any questions you would like answered, please email us on excelsiorpandc@gmail.com.

Sharon Evert
President

P&C – Events – Father's Day Stall



**** REMINDER ****

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday morning 29 August in the Quad. Gifts will be priced at \$5.00 each.

This year we have a big variety of presents for the children to choose from.

For the kindergarten children only, parents can send in the money early (by 9.30am Tues 28 August to the P&C box in the office) in an envelope marked "Father's Day Stall" and the child's full name and class.

This way the kindies will be less worried about forgetting money and getting upset on the day.

P&C – Events – Disco

SAVE THE DATE – Friday 20th September

Neon/Fluro Disco

Infants 5pm – 6:30pm

Primary 7pm – 8:30pm

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club

Orders close late Sunday 18th Aug

Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Sorry, but the school does not accept cash or cheque.

Book Club is offering a Free Kool Kat Book Bag when you place your 2nd online order for the year, or a Reading Adventure Poster and Bookmark for your 3rd online order of the year.

Happy reading!

Trudy

bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING

Hello School Bankers,

Congratulations to all students who have banked 15 or more times in 2019. This week we be issuing bonus prizes to these consistent savers.

Well done & Happy Banking!!

CANTEEN

Canteen Closure

Just a reminder the school canteen will be closed next Tuesday, August 20th.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The Canteen Committee

Canteen Roster

Mon 19/8

Teresa 12.40-1.40

Tues 20/8

Closed

Wed 21/8

Lididja 11-2

Thurs 22/8

Sarah 12.40-1.40

Fri 23/8

Mandi 9-2

Mon 26/8

Thilini 12.40-1.40

Tues 27/8

Lisa 12.40-1.40

Wed 28/8

Nala 11-2

Thurs 29/8

Akane 11-2

Fri 30/8

Lidija 9-2



EXCELSIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2020!

Our 3 Kindergarten transition sessions will be held on:

Tuesday 22nd October

Tuesday 5th November

Tuesday 12th November

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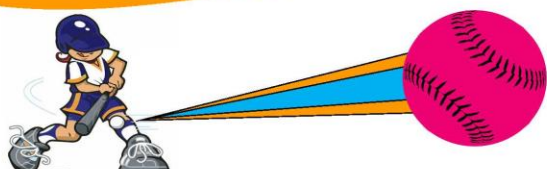
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REGISTRATION

Link to the 2019/2020
Season Registration Form
available on our website:
castlehill.softball.org.au

Registration Evening:
Sunday 25 August 2019
Stanhope Gardens
Softball Fields
3:00pm – 6:30pm

A perfect sport for the whole family to play!

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the club or head to our website
(full season information can be found here with our online Registration Form):

Enquiries: Aimee Sutton (CHSC Registrar)

Telephone: 0400 393 260

Email: castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au

Facebook and Instagram: @castlehillsoftball

Website: www.castlehill.softball.org.au

