



Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 2 Term 3 (1st August 2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

August

Aug 1	3-6 Assembly
Aug 8	Education Week Big Breakfast and Open Day
Aug 13	Girls Touch Gala Day
Aug 14	Meerkat Incursion
Aug 15	Senior Choir Rehearsal
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

Dear Excelsior Families and Friends,

Welcome to Term 3. You will have noticed the changes to the fence line along Rondelay Drive and the new administration area over the holidays. We are very excited about the handover of that building this week. Please be advised that the handover and move from A Block to the new office area began yesterday and should be complete at the end of the week. The current office will remain open. We anticipate that the new office area will be operational from Monday 5th August.



Staff Development Day

On Monday 22nd July the staff of Excelsior PS participated in professional learning to support our school plan. We arranged for a psychologist to provide staff with strategies for positive communication and giving and receiving feedback in preparation for our co-teaching classrooms in 2020. We also engaged in a presentation from Ms Chevalier and Miss Willis on Aboriginal education and discussed our Learning Dispositions currently being introduced to students. This term, staff are engaging in intensive training to support their knowledge and understanding of teaching in Innovative Learning Environments. We are taking a very targeted approach to support staff and students in our future classrooms.

Road Safety

I was contacted last week from Castle Hill Highway Patrol who are concerned about some of the risks drivers and pedestrians are taking around our school. They have advised me that they are completing regular checks in the area. A reminder that it is illegal to turn right from the Kiss and Drop Zone because of

the double lines. Pedestrians should use the crossings and remain on the pathways. Please help to keep everyone safe.

Education Week

Next week we celebrate Education Week. The theme this year is 'Every Student, Every Voice'. Celebrations commence at Excelsior PS on Thursday 8th August at 7:30am with our Big Breakfast. We will then gather at the morning assembly in the COLA and at 9:15 there will be a Future Focused Learning presentation to parents. From 9:30-10:15am we will be hosting Open Classrooms. Following that, Mrs Dufty will showcase the XT Digital Storytelling presentations. The day will conclude with an invitation for parents to join their children at recess. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We look forward to celebrating public education with you on the day.

Building Cultural Connections Between Generations

Last term we applied for a community grant offered by the NSW Government, to build cultural connections across generations. Working in partnership with the Hills Chinese School teachers, we would like to establish conversational English classes for any interested parents and grandparents of our school community. We are aiming to improve our connections and communication with our families.

We are pleased that we have been successful at the initial application level. All initial successful applications are subject to a public vote. We would encourage all families to vote for our application using the following link:

<https://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au/>

In order to vote you must have a Service NSW account and you will need your medicare number. You will need to search the community projects in Baulkham Hills to locate our project. Voting closes on Aug 15th, so please support this initiative and vote now.

MY COMMUNITY PROJECT
Made possible by the NSW Generations Fund

It's your chance to pick your favourite projects

You'll need a MyServiceNSW Account and your Medicare card to vote

VOTE NOW

*Building Cultural Connections Between Generations
Excelsior PS*

mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au
or visit your nearest Service NSW centre

For more information call 13 77 88

Term Accounts

Due to the final stages of development of the Administration Block and the associated move from Block A to Block G, we have not issued term accounts. However, please be advised that term accounts will be issued in Week 3. We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this transition phase to the refurbished building.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Georgia Couqué
Relieving Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Recorders at the Opera House

On Monday night, I had the pleasure of attending the Instrumental Music Festival at the Opera House, where some of our students performed as part of a combined schools recorder and string ensemble. The repertoire was challenging and our students not only performed beautifully but also represented Excelsior with pride. Thank you to Mrs Cherlin for her hard work preparing the students and accompanying them at the rehearsal and concert.



Premier's Spelling Bee 2019

Well done to our finalists participating in this year's Premier's Spelling Bee school final.

Year 2

Zach J, Rishi S, Tara I, Matthew Y, Lucas W, Julia H, Oliver M and Anushkaa K

Stage 2

Eric W, Jacob L, Callum L, Nathan W, Sid S, Bella S, Gary Z, Vanessa C, Isabella C, Erika S

Stage 3

Nicole M, Joyce H, Leo G, Elizabeth M, Madeline L, Natalie K, Chris K, Sahara T

These students used all their might to spell out words such as aerosol, ostracise and decrescendo. Congratulations to the following students who won our school based finals with their incredible spelling skills.

	Winner	Runner-up
Year 2	Zach	Rishi
Stage 2	Isabella	Sid
Stage 3	Nicole	Madeline



The Stage 2 and Stage 3 winners and runners-up will go on to represent Excelsior at the regional finals in September.

Digital Technologies and all things robotic

You may have noticed that this year, there has been a ramping up of time spent on robotics in the classroom. Excelsior borrowed the Department STEM share kit in Term 2 and as well purchased additional resources in order to teach the Digital Technologies component of the new Science & Technology Syllabus.

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity of working in many classrooms and have been amazed at how quickly students have developed the skills in visual block coding to control a device. In all these lessons, it has been a delight for me to see the collaboration, problem solving and the excitement in the students as they learn new skills, preparing themselves for their technology rich futures.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This semester will see a renewed focus on Positive Behaviour for Learning. Mrs Mujcinovic and her team have reviewed our current systems and provided professional learning for teachers in readiness to implement the system with renewed vigour. Our core values are for children to be safe, respectful and responsible learners and these behaviours may look different in different settings. Children are always encouraged to reflect on their behaviour and its impact on others – with a focus on the positive.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sarah Semler
Relieving Deputy Principal

PSSA – Friday 2nd August

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

PSSA –Friday 9th August

Soccer vs Bella Vista PS at Eric Mobbs
 Newcombe Ball vs Kellyville PS at Excelsior PS
 Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 2**Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 2**

Lucas L – 4/5B Gary Z – 4E

Student of the Week		Merit Awards		Student of the Week		Merit Awards	
3B	Stephanie X	Olivia T	Ryan W	4/5B	Ava S	Michaela R	Ryan C
		Stephanie X	Feitu L			Ghazal E	Judah W
3G	Oscar H	Selina L	Nicholas X	5J	Anna H	Mohammad S	Riaan V
		Luke S	Nicholas B			Hayley E	Christine R
3R	Vineyard Z	Nathan W	Aarna P	5/6L	David H	Mia H	Faris K
		Williams Z	Isobel F			James H	
4E	Jonah C	Bella S	Leah C	6B	Chelsea A	Mia M	Oscar P
		Sophia L	Martin S			Rowan J	Jessica E
4L	Michelle W	Prisha S	Lucas C	6D	Isaac G	Isaac G	Viraj G
		Acelin B	Arnav P			Henry C	Nicole M

P&C – Events – FATHER'S DAY STALL



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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Hello School Bankers and Welcome to Term 3.

There are 2 new prizes this term:-

- 1) Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring
- 2) Scratch Art Cards

A courteous reminder that we **cannot** bank foreign currency, only Australian currency is accepted.

Also, please fill out your deposit slips with your Name, Student # & the amount you are banking each time you bank.

Thanks & Happy Banking!

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop opening hours:

Saturday 3rd August

8.30-9.30am
Nerida, Radhika

Tuesday 6th August

2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 13th August

2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 5/8

Tues 6/8

Lisa

Wed 7/8

Becky 9-2

Thurs 8/8

Akane 11-2

Fri 9/8

Lidija 9-2

Irina 12-2

Mon 12/8

Cassie 12.40-1.40

Tues 13/8

Sashi 12.40-1.40

Wed 14/8

Jacqui 9-2

Thurs 15/8

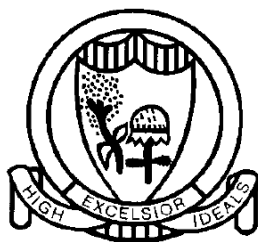
Rachelle 11-2

Fri 16/8

Nadine 9-2

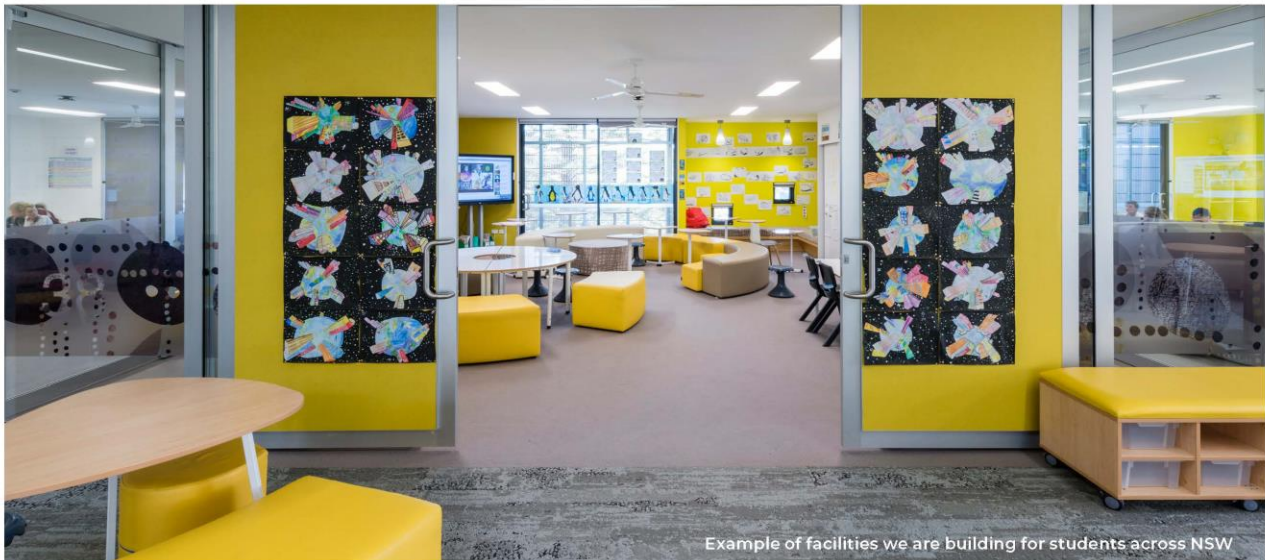
EDUCATION WEEK 2019

Today's Schools – 'Every Student, Every Voice'



Excelsior Public School will be celebrating Education Week in Week 3, on **Thursday 8th of August**. Families are invited to attend our "Big Breakfast" followed by presentations and open classrooms.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7.30- 8.45am	Big Breakfast – enjoy an array of free hot and cold breakfast food while being entertained by our School Band.	COLA
8.55- 9.10am	Whole School Morning Assembly – Deputy Principal's Address K-6 Song	COLA
9.15- 9.30am	Future Focused Presentation	Hall
9.30- 10.15am	Open Classrooms for K-6	Classrooms
10.15- 10.45am	XT Digital Storytelling Presentation presented by Mrs Dufty & XT Students	Hall
10.45- 11.20am	Morning Tea – parents/visitors are invited stay and have morning tea with their child/ren.	COLA & Top Quad



Example of facilities we are building for students across NSW

Excelsior Public School

Project update

July 2019

Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

Excelsior Public School

An upgrade is underway for Excelsior Public School to deliver new facilities and innovative learning spaces. The project will deliver:

- 14 new innovative learning spaces
- a new three-storey building
- additional administration area
- a new library and new school entrance.

Progress summary

Construction of the new three-storey school building has progressed, with the concrete structure now complete. Roofing, cladding services and fitout have now commenced.

Administration Building G opens in Term 3

The new administration office is almost complete and will be ready for handover and use in Term 3.

The existing office building refurbishment has also commenced and includes:

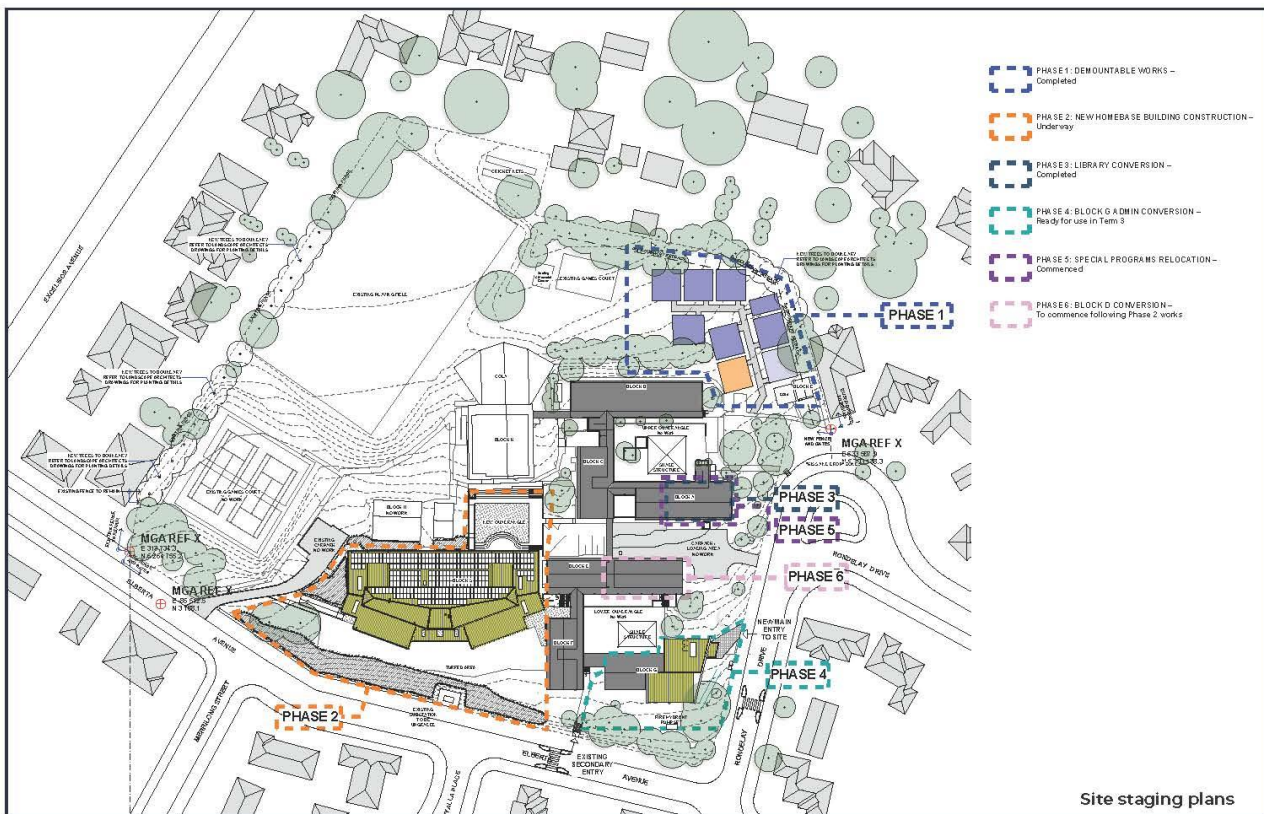
- refurbishment of the offices to special programs rooms; and
- updates to the staff room.

These areas have been fenced and hoarded off from the school. Separate access areas have been established for construction workers.

This marks another milestone in the project and a step closer to delivering the school upgrade scheduled for completion in late 2020.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently. We continue to work with the Principal and staff to ensure that disruptions are minimised.

Please see over page for site staging plan.



Frequently asked questions

The new administration block will be open in Term 3, will this change any access routes?

Yes. The completion of the new administration office also includes an upgrade to the site pedestrian entry on Rondelay Avenue.

What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

Hoarding and shade cloth have been installed to reduce noise and dust impacts on the school and our neighbours.

How will traffic be managed?

The Contractor will continue to manage the construction traffic with all deliveries being completed outside school opening and closing times.

How will you keep us informed during construction?

School infrastructure NSW will continue to share construction updates and project information as the project progresses. We will provide information through project updates, our website and school newsletters.

For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW
 Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
 Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

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Corner of Jasper Rd. and Seven Hills Rd., Baulkham Hills
Classes are every Tuesday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)
New and Returning Registration: Tuesday, 30 July, 2019
New Students can also join on: Tuesdays, 6 Aug., 13 Aug.

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 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.

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**NEW JUNIOR
COMPETITIONS**



STARTING 4th SEPT – 7th SEPT 2019

REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday 24th August 2019 – 9am till 3pm
Saturday 31st August 2019 – 9am till 3pm

INDOOR SOCCER (6 a side)

U6's and U7's- Saturdays 8am to 10.30am
U8's and U9's- Saturdays 10am to 1pm
U10's and U11's- Saturdays 11am to 2pm
U12's to U14's- Saturdays 2pm to 5pm

5-A-SIDE

U15's to U17's- Fridays 5pm to 7:30pm

Girls Only Grades

U10's, U12's- Saturdays 12pm to 2.30pm
U14's - Saturdays 3pm to 5pm

INDOOR NETBALL (7 a side)

U7's and U8's- Saturdays 8am to 10am
U9 and U10's- Saturdays 9.30am to 12pm
U11's and U12's- Saturdays 11.30am to 2.30pm
U13's and U14's- Saturdays 2pm to 5pm
U15's to U17's (Girls & Mixed) Wednesdays
5pm to 7pm



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Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Excelsior Public School is held on Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 29 July 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



free netball clinics!

Come and try netball

Friday 2nd August

Friday 9th August

Kindergarten and Year 1 Students

For more information and to register head to

<https://www.ololnetballclub.com/>

