



Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 6 Term 3 (29th August 2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

August

Aug 29 Life Education Begins
Aug 29 Fathers' Day stall
Aug 29 K-2 Assembly 1.40pm

September

Sept 3 Hills Festival Rehearsal Junior
Choir/ ERA Dance
Sept 5 Senior Choir Choral Concert-
Opera house
Sept 5 3-6 Assembly 1.40pm
Sept 9 Life Education Ceases
Sept 12 K-6 assembly
Sept 16 Grandparents Day
Sept 17 ES1 FizzEd Incursion
Sept 19 K-2 Assembly 1.40pm
Sept 20 P&C Disco
Sept 23-25 Year 5 Camp
Sept 24 P&C 7.15pm
Sept 26 3-6 Assembly 1.40pm
Sept 27 Last day of term 3

October

Oct 14 First day of term 4

From the Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for our Kindergarten classes for 2020. In order for us to organise staffing for 2020 and transition programs it is important for us to have accurate student numbers for our new kindergarten enrolments.

If you are planning to enrol a kindergarten child for next year, please come to the school office to complete the enrolment process by 27th September.

Please also see important information about changes to the Department of Education's enrolment policy below.

Changes to Enrolment Policy

The Department of Education has strengthened its enrolment policy regarding the enrolment of non-local students.

Currently Excelsior Public School only accepts non-local enrolments under exceptional circumstances or if as the siblings of already enrolled students. I envisage this will continue to be the case for 2020.

Changes to the policy include schools having an enrolment cap based on their permanent classrooms. This cap will affect the schools ability to enrol non-local students. At present Excelsior Public School has not been provided with its enrolment cap for 2020.

Parents enrolling children will now be asked to provide the 100 point residential address check to confirm they live within the schools designated intake area. Documents accepted for this check can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/Residential-address-check.pdf>

More information about the Department of Education's enrolment policy can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/changes-to-the-enrolment-policy-for-parents.pdf>

Student Work

This week I was amazed by the creativity shown by our senior students during poetry writing. I was also very impressed by the determination shown by several students who insisted on reworking their poems several times until they were completely happy with them. The result, as you can see from the following examples, is some beautiful, insightful poetry.

Young one

*Imagine a day,
Where the luminous sun.
Spills into the crystal seas,
Creating a path only their dreamers can see.*

*When the blue sky demands winds,
The rush of air whispers in my ear.
"It's time, young one,
Follow me."*

*The sting of the hot sand,
Under my bare blistered feet.
The salty views,
Gleam ahead of me.*

*The sound of the crashing waves,
The sweet pruning berry scent.
Dances in my soul with pride,
Imagine that day.*

Chloe 5/6 L

Your World

Imagine a world, which you can put into words,
Onto paper and turn into a book.

Imagine a place, flowing with mountains of
emotion,
Bodies of safe, salty skies and jars of
undiscovered possibilities.

Imagine a world, were nothing has limits that
cannot be pushed,
And you are compelled to push them.

Imagine a place where your surroundings are
ideas,
You are the pencil and the land,
Sea and sky are your wonderful stories waiting
to be told,
Imagine yourself...
In your world.
Arya 5/6

Imagine a Place

Imagine a place where trees cover the land,
And green leaves hold you tight.

Imagine a place where voices soar,
With the whistle of the wind.

Imagine a place where courage is the light,
And carries you through a mountain of
adventures.

Imagine a place where the blossom of Spring,
Makes the darkness of Winter a dreadful
dream.

Imagine a place where roots capture the sky,
And the swish of Autumn colours the land.

Imagine a place where light leads the way,
And the dullness of the dark breaks.

Imagine a place where the world is your land,
And the rules vanish into a blanket of darkness.

Imagine a place where dreams float,
In a world of hope and imagination.

Jesse 5/6L

Where Are You?

Imagine a place with a dotted path
Your kings and queens get knocked out,
but our castles charge forward.

Imagine a world where time goes by
new technology is made,
but do you remember the time
the roars, jaws and teeth roamed our historical
world?

Imagine a night when howlers rise
but have never been seen.
Life transforms to devil
but do you remember it was supposed to be a
dream of harmony?

Imagine a day when everything that comes up
comes down,
Lives are at stake, there are cracks in you and
me,
but there's more days to come.

Now do you see the path of destiny?

Harry 5/6L

State Tennis Finals

On Monday I attended the finals of the Victor J Kelly Trophy Tennis Knockout Competition at the Sydney International Tennis Centre. This is a state wide competition, in which 126 schools participated in. I am very proud of our students; Giselle, Claire, Oliver and Rowan. Not only did I witness outstanding tennis skills, I also witnessed great sportsmanship as they cheered on, not only their teammates but also applauded the skills of their opponents.

Out of the 126 schools participating in this competition, Excelsior finished in 4th place – an outstanding achievement! Congratulations!



SAS Recognition Week

This week we celebrate and acknowledge the contributions our SAS staff members make to our school.

We thank: Mrs Janine Burke (School Administration Manager), Mrs Nikki Grassi

((School Administration Officer), Mrs Caryn Brown (School Administration Officer), Mrs Linda Wallis (School Administration Officer), Mr Con Koimanos (General Assistant) Mr Bill Willcock (General Assistant), Mrs Naomi King (School Learning Support Officer) and Ms Shreeya Satam (School Learning Support Officer).



Writing Competition Winners



On Monday, we were visited by author Sarah Brennan. Sarah presented Caitlyn 5/6L with her prize for coming 2nd in her international Clever Writing Competition. Caitlyn's story can be found on Sarah Brennan's website:

<https://sarahbrennanblog.com/clever-competitions/>

Congratulations Caitlyn!

Gary 4E was also presented with a book prize for his story which was shortlisted for this competition, great job Gary!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Fathers Day Stall

Today students were given the opportunity to purchase small gifts for their dads at the Father's Day stall organised by the P&C events committee. There were a variety of items for sale and many happy children selecting the perfect gift. I would like to thank the parents who assisted with this event and to wish all of our dads a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday.



K-2 Athletics Carnival

On Friday 23rd August we held our annual K-2 Athletics carnival at school with the assistance of SISA staff. Children eagerly participated in a range of activities including age races, sack races, vortex throwing, noughts and crosses and many more novelty events. I would like to thank Mrs Sinclair for her organisation of this event which ran very smoothly. A big thank you to the various parents who assisted on the day as well.



Public Speaking

This term students across K-6 have been engaged in our annual public speaking competition. Once again the standard of public speaking at Excelsior has amazed me in both the prepared and impromptu categories. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Excelsior at the Hills finals: Anushkaa (2S), Minjonie (2M), Thomas (3R), Nathan (3R), Caitlyn (5/6L) and Elizabeth (6B). Thank you to Mrs Nolland and Mr Reeks for organising this competition.

Life Education

The Life Education van will be visiting our school from tomorrow 30th August until 11th Sep. All students K-6 will attend the van with Healthy Harold and participate in learning that relates to our PD/Health units of work. This incursion was invoiced as part of the Term 3 accounts. Payments and permission notes need to be returned in order for students to participate.

Sporting News

Castle Hill Zone Athletics Carnival

On Monday 26th August many students represented Excelsior PS at the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a very cold day, but at least the rain stayed away for most of the day. The students tried very hard in their events and official results should be available next week.

PSSA Netball Finals: Congratulations to the Junior A's and Junior B's netball teams who were both undefeated throughout the season and finalists for the Castle Hill Zone PSSA competition. Mrs Jones is proud of both teams and the good spirit they showed in each game throughout the season.

Congratulations to the following students in the **Junior A's:** Sarah E 5J, Danijela G 4L, Callum L 4/5B, Millie R 4E, Rani S 4L, Sarah S 4/5B, Eric W 4/5B, Lucas C 4L, Lara C 5/6L and to the **Junior B's:** Allira B 4E, Zachary E 3G, Jacob L 4/5B, Arnav P 4L, Adelaide R 3B, Chloe S 4/5B, Michelle W 4L, Sienna T 4L and Zara W 4L.



Visual Arts XT

This term, selected students across years 1-6 are participating in extension visual arts classes each Tuesday as part of our XT program. The students are creating a variety of art works including sketching, foam printing, screen printing and sculptures. The program includes an excursion to Sculptures by the Sea early next term.

Kind regards,

Deputy Principal
G.Couqué



PSSA – Friday 30th August

No PSSA

PSSA –Friday 6th September

No PSSA

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 5

Student of the Week		Merit Awards		Student of the Week		Merit Awards	
3B	Angus S	Mila M Angus S Jake L Adam P		4/5B	Lucas L	Aiden F Ghazal E Trinity W Jacob L	
3G	Nicholas X	Ciela T Lily-Rose P Ava S		5J	Aadi G	Morris W Emma H Isabel M Kourosh G	
3R	Nidhyana G	Alisha S Aditi K Matthew L Oliver K		5/6L	Jesse H	Reja Z James H Jack C Cocco C	
4E	Leah C	Zihan X Isabella C Millicent R Ophelie B		6B	Tyrah B	Zachariah E Will H Roza S Cindy W	
4L	Addison D	James K Ella M Rani S Zach B		6D	Cooper G	Daniel R Benjamin R Martin H Natalie B	

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR

K-2 Merit Certificates Week 6

KK	Hayden L Luke B Srikar E Nathaniel E	1B	Saradha I Bela B Sebastian S Harrison L	1/2R	Ethan C Connie Z Maanya S Dominic J
KN	Nevan W Jamie W Kashvi K Freyja S	1C	Ethan D Nathaniel L Jia L Briannabelle B	2M	Fraser B Natalie C Trevor W Ameera S
KA	Alan R April S Tian Yu X Henry S	1D	Sarah Y Ryu N Lauren G Florence L	2S	Rina A Kingsley T Clara S Oisin K
KW	Ella S Arya S Millie H Nicholas B	1H	Jacinta B Lachlan E Terrance X Alice H	2SB	Scarlett P Noah G Advik M Chelsea X

Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 6

Carmel Z – 1D

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Student of the Week		Student of the Week	
3B	Polly P	4/5B	Eva W
3G	Ciela T	5J	Austin Z
3R	Vascus T	5/6L	Reja Z
4E	Jennifer D	6B	Will H
4L	Zachariah B	6D	Viraj G

K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Recount of K-2 Athletics Carnival by KN

Last Friday we went to the K-2 Athletics Carnival. It was fun and cool. My favourite one was the running races. By Jamie

Last Friday was the K-2 Athletics Carnival. We did egg and spoon races. My favourite was the bucket of towers. By Lexi

PARENT EMU BLUE CAFE

Hi Parents

You are warmly invited to come for a cuppa and a chat at Excelsior's new Emu Blue Café, starting on Friday 6th September.

The café will be open each Friday morning from 9am-10am in D Block Meeting Room.

Hope to see you there.

Preschool children/ toddlers are welcome.

C. Letter
School Chaplain

ERA

*** Reminders from ERA ***

Payments - Please ensure to include the activity (or use the code TEN, ART or DAN) as well as your **child's name** as reference when making a payment to the ERA account. We are receiving an increasing number of transactions that are not referenced, which makes it difficult to reconcile payments.

Tennis players - Please ensure that children wear adequate **sport shoes** when playing tennis. School shoes should not be used on the tennis courts.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on excelsiorera@gmail.com for any question.

ERA Committee

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Tuesday 3rd September: 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Saturday 7th September: 8.30am - 9.30am
Nerida, Andrea

Tuesday 10th September: 2.30pm - 3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 2/9 Grace 12.40-1.40 Tues 3/9 Sashi 12.40-1.40

Wed 4/9 Sarah 11-2 Thurs 5/9 Rachelle 11-2

Fri 6/9
Lidija 9-2
Irina 12-2

Mon 9/9 Cassie 12.40-1.40 Tues 10/9 Sashi 12.40-1.40

Wed 11/9 Nala 11-2 Thurs 12/9 Sarah 11-2

Fri 13/9
Nadine 9-2



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