



Excelsior Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 3 (12th September
2019)

EXCELSIOR P.S.

High Ideals

High Expectations

High Achievement



Important Dates

September

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
Oct 22	Kinder Transition
Oct 29	Group Photo Day
Oct 30	School Spec Rehearsal

November

Nov 4	XT excursion
Nov 5	Kinder Transition
Nov 11	School Spec Rehearsal
Nov 12	Kinder Transition
Nov 18-29	Swim Scheme
Nov 20	School Spec Rehearsal
Nov 21-23	School Spec Performances

December

Dec 5	Presentation Day
Dec 12	K-2 Christmas Concert
Dec 13	Sports Assembly
Dec 17	Year 6 Farewell
Dec 18	Fun Day
Dec 19	Last Day of School

From the Principal

Uniform

As the beginning of Spring often brings inconsistent weather, we are in a transition period between Winter and Summer uniform. From now until the end of term, parents are free to decide if children should wear Summer or Winter uniform depending on the day's weather forecast. I do ask that uniform be consistent, that is, if you choose Winter uniform you child wear full Winter uniform not a combination of Winter and Summer.

From the beginning of Term 4 all students should be wearing Summer uniform.

Term Accounts

From Term 4 we will be posting Term Accounts directly to parents. We will also be issuing these accounts directly from our invoicing system in the office, so you will notice a change in format.

If you notice an error in your child's term account, please contact the school office.

Kiss and Drop

I have been meeting with officers from Castle Hill Police and staff from The Hills Council to discuss ways of making our Kiss and Drop zone more efficient.

I have been advised by the police, that school staff should remain on the school grounds and direct students to the area once their parent's car arrives.

Before the end of term, students who use Kiss and Drop in the afternoon will receive an information pack. Please read this carefully and try to implement the suggestions.

There may be days next term when police and council rangers are onsite to assist to maintain good traffic flow.

Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Silver Awards	Gold Awards
Alex B	Chloe S
Lucas W	Giselle G
Mateen S	
Una K	
Mia H	
Jasmine H	
Chase G	
Ellin C	
Natalie C	
Sophie S	
Jonah C	
Arnav P	
Victoria Z	
Jasmine W	
Zelene T	
Erica S	
Angela T	
Stephanie X	
Banjo P	
Ellie H	
Nidhyana G	
Giselle G	
Chloe S	
Erina U	
Riaan V	
Reja Z	
Vanessa C	
Noah B	
Joyce H	

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sandra McKay

Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Tell Them from Me Survey for students in years 4-6

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26 August and 25 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 13th Sept**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

In addition to gaining information from students, we also welcome parent feedback. Your feedback is anonymous and assists us to strengthen the relationship between parents and our school. Please complete the survey by Friday 27th September using the following link:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gfbqc>

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is on Monday 16th September. Invitations have been distributed to families who indicated that grandparents would be attending. The day will commence from 9:30am in the hall where grandparents will be entertained by the various performers during the 9:45am concert. This will be followed by morning tea, classroom visits and the book fair. We are looking forward to this biannual event.

The NSW Government is running a Grandparents Day photo competition. More information can be found at:

<https://www.grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au/photography-competition>

Knockout Touch Football

Two weeks ago the Excelsior Girls Knockout Touch Football team played Round 5 of the PSSA Knockout Touch Competition against Marton Public School. The girls won 5-0 through an outstanding display of passing and marking throughout the match. On Tuesday, they versed Tregear Public School in Round 6 of the competition and won 10-2. The girls are looking forward to their next fixture away to Samuel Terry Public School. Congratulations girls, you are all outstanding role models for this sport at our school! Thank you to Mr Gomez for your dedication to the team.



Year 5 Camp

Year 5 will be attending camp from Monday 23rd Sept to Wednesday 25th Sept at the Sydney academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Students need to be at school at 7am for a 7:30am departure. Please ensure all medical forms have been returned.

Kind regards,

Deputy Principal
G.Couqué

MindQuest 2019

Glenwood High School

Cnr Forman Ave and Glenwood Park

Avenue,

Glenwood 2768

Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 November

On Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November, 2019 the 93rd NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 37 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, future problem solving, Lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$200 (including GST)

Brochures are located in the Excelsior office foyer or contact Shelagh Poray 02 4959 7148
Closing Date: Friday 18th October 2019

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

Premier's Spelling Bee Final

If someone asked you to spell "Tchaikovsky", would you be able to do this without grimacing? Could you spell it on stage in front of an audience, with a microphone and 50 or more competitors with their eyes and ears on you as well? On Wednesday this week, four of Excelsior's exceptional spellers competed in the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee Final. Congratulations to Siddharth S and Isabella C who represented Excelsior in the Junior Competition and to Madeline L and Nicole M who competed in the Senior Competition. All four of our students survived many rounds to reach the highest two levels of spelling in the competition. Special commendation to Isabella and Nicole who made it through to the top 10 students out of more than 50 students in each section and also on Isabella's ability to know the difference between discreet and discrete and well... what can I say.... Nicole had a big smile on her face as she confidently spelt out the word "Tchaikovsky" – ACCURATELY.



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, which started on Friday 6th September.

The café will be open each Friday morning from 9am-10am in D Block Meeting Room. Please sign in as a visitor at the Office before coming to D Block

Hope to see you there.

Preschool children/ toddlers are welcome.

C. Letter
School Chaplain

PSSA – Friday 13th September
NO PSSA

PSSA –Friday 20th September
Cricket - BYE
Softball/TBall vs Kellyville PS at Kellyville Park
Touch Football vs Baulkham Hills PS Nth at Ted Horwood
Basketball vs Sherwood Ridge PS at Fred Caterson

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR**Improving The Spirit of Excelsior SRC Award – Week 7**

Rani S – 4L Riaan V – 5J

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 7

Student of the Week		Merit Awards	Student of the Week		Merit Awards
3B	Holly N	Adelaide R Riley A Scott H Sienna Z	4/5B	Sharon L	Ariel W Sri B Georgia V Murphy G
3G	Finlay M	Hassan O Sophia X Ellie H Ariana K	5J	Austin Z	Himasha F Sean G Raavia R Hayley E
3R	Georgina B	Molly H Kimiya A Vishruth S Banjo P	5/6L	Cocco C	Siena L Keeley B Harrison B Elijah A
4E	Corey H	Erika S Isabella C Alex B Corey H	6B	Natalie K	Tyrah B Jessica E Leo G Rowan J
4L	Prisha S	Keegan F Clymene Z Noah B Prisha S	6D	Martin H	Olliver L Nicole M Yuna P Ali O

GREAT NEWS AT EXCELSIOR – Week 8

Student of the Week		Student of the Week	
3B	Polly P	4/5B	Murphy G
3G	Ganeev D	5J	Himasha F
3R	Vascus T	5/6L	Chloe Z
4E	Millicent R	6B	Elizabeth M
4L	Acelin B	6D	Sarah K



**Excelsior
Public School
P&C Association**

Dear Parents,

We would love to see you at this month's P&C meeting on **Tuesday September 24th at 7:15pm**. We may even have it in the new meeting room in the Admin building!

Our Annual General Meeting is not far away either at the end of November. We will have a number of vacant positions in the subcommittees and all Executive roles become vacant. These positions need to be filled if you want the P&C to continue to provide all the services we currently do

(canteen, uniform shop, tennis, art, dance, band, special events, school banking, student health and well being). Please contact us if you are interested in helping your child's school community by volunteering for a role.

Currently we will have the **treasurer role vacant** for the canteen so if you know how to do some spreadsheeting and use online banking, then you could help with this role! You don't need to speak fluent English to do this role and we do need more cultures represented on our P&C committees. We also need **more casual volunteers** to help at the canteen for an hour or two during the day. Can you help?

P & C meetings are generally held the 4th Tuesday of the month during school terms and run from 7:15pm to 9:00pm. Meetings are informal, friendly and all comments are listened to. The Principal and

Deputy Principal attend these meetings so it is a great opportunity to get to know who runs your school.

If you have any questions about the P&C or how you can contribute to this school community, please email the Executive committee on excelsiorpandc@gmail.com.

Sharon Evert
President

P&C - Events



It is Disco time again! The details for this event are as follows:

Date: Friday 20 September 2019.
Venue: The Hall
Time: INFANTS 5:00 – 6.30pm
PRIMARY 7:00 – 8.30pm
Theme: NEON – dress in your brightest colours. There will be prizes for the best dressed and for the best dancers on the night!
DJ: Bop till you Drop
Cost: \$12.00 per ticket, this includes glow stick wristband, drink and snack.

Please return permission forms, include \$12 per ticket and return both in an envelope marked "Disco". Envelopes to be taken to the office and put it into the P&C box as soon as possible.

We would love parent helpers on the night and from 12pm on the day to decorate the hall – please email if you can help, letting us know which session: excelsiorpsevents@gmail.com

P&C Events Team

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop opening hours:

Tuesday 17th September 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 24th September 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 15th October 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Just a reminder to organise summer uniform for when we return in Term 4.

CANTEEN

Canteen News

Look out for some exciting changes coming to the canteen menu in the next couple of weeks!!!!

The Canteen Committee

Canteen Roster

<u>Mon 16/9</u> Teresa 12.40-1.40pm	<u>Tues 17/9</u> Lisa 12.40-1.40pm
<u>Wed 18/9</u> Jacqui 9-2pm	<u>Thurs 19/9</u> Akane 11-2pm
<u>Fri 20/9</u> Mandi 9-2pm	
<u>Mon 23/9</u> Thilini 12.40-1.40pm	<u>Tues 24/9</u> Sashi 12.40-1.40pm
<u>Wed 25/9</u> Nala 9-2pm	<u>Thurs 26/9</u> Rachelle 11-2pm
<u>Fri 27/9</u> Lidija 9-2pm Irina 12-2pm	



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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High Ideals



Open Day for Prospective Students, Year 7 2021

Thursday 26 September, 2019, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

On the day, there will be a Principal's Address and free school tours.

For further information, please visit our website from September 1.

Address: 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076
(Pedestrian entrance from Denman Parade/Fraser Road)
Phone: +61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722
Web: www.normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au



**GIRRAWEEEN
HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 7 2021 Information Evening to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 12 March 2020. Online applications open 8th October 2019 and close 11 November 2019. For more information please refer to our website.

The information evening will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday 22nd October 2019
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

Tel: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303
Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

2018 HSC Achievements

Girraween ranked 20th in the state overall with 8 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 8 students of the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.75 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 17 "all rounder" students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study. 100% students received university offers.

State rankings included:
2nd for Music
4th for Senior Science
18th for Biology

305 distinguished achievers: students who achieved 90% or better in a subject

100% of all students achieved in the top two bands for Ancient History and PDHPE. Almost 90% of students achieved in the top two bands for Legal Studies, Biology, Maths Extension 1, Society & Culture, Japanese Continuers, Business Studies and Modern History.

Parramatta High School

Open Night

Wednesday 23 October 2019
Commencing in the School Library
5pm School Tour
6pm Information Session

An information session for parents of students in the 2020 Selective Classes, and parents of students in Year 5 seeking placement in 2021.

Contact the school on 9635 8644 for further details, or visit the school website www.parramatta-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Parramatta High School
Great Western Highway
Parramatta NSW 2150

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School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

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\$40.00 per session

30th Sept – 4th Oct and 8th Oct – 11th Oct

Term 4 2019

Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydacgym@hotmail.com

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills

Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills

The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds



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OPENING

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Gymnastics Day camp

30th Sept - 4th Oct and 8th - 11th Oct

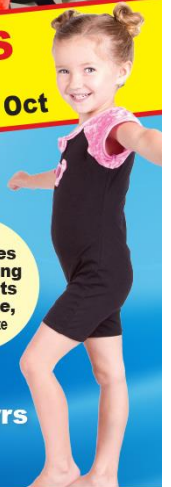
✓ **Gymnastics Day Camp**
Kindy to Year 6

Half Day 8.45am-12.30pm \$40,
Full Day 8.45am-3.30pm \$58,
Long Day 8.30am-5pm \$75

✓ **Tumbling Clinics 9-15yrs**
Classes 12 - 2pm \$35

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