



# Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 2 Term 4 (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020)

## Important Dates

Term 4	
Date	Event
22.10.20	SRC PJ Day
29.10.20	Year 2 Band morning
9.11.20	Year 6 Fun Fair
13.11.20	Year 6 Big Day In
18.11.20	OC Test
26.11.20	Year 6 Farewell
10.12.20	Virtual Presentation Day
14.12.20	Reports sent home
15.12.20	Stage 3 excursion to Luna Park
16.12.20	Last day of school for students

## From the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4! As you can see from the dates above, we have been able to organise some events (all with a COVID-19 Safety Plan) for Term 4. The pace of change due to COVID-19 seems to have slowed somewhat. I will continue to use the Skoolbag APP to update you on any urgent changes and this newsletter to keep you informed generally.

### COVID-19

COVID-19 is still impacting on us in many ways. Unfortunately, we are unable to distribute any shared food to students. This includes birthday cakes, cupcakes or lolly bags.

The Department of Education regulations also state if students or staff are ill with COVID-19 symptoms, they cannot return to school until they produce a COVID-19 negative test result.

### 2021 Dates

This week the Department of Education announced a change to Staff Development Days for 2021 and beyond.

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include:

- an increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1
- a decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.

The School Development Days are scheduled for the following dates:

27 and 28 January, students return 29 January 2021.

The two SDDs at the start of Term 1 are mandated and cannot be rescheduled. Principals may continue to vary SDDs that fall at the beginning of Terms 2 and 3, and at the end of Term 4.

There will be no changes to:

- the total number of SDDs – remaining at five days
- the length of the school year for staff or students (students will start and finish the school year one day later)
- SDDs occurring at the commencement of Terms 2 and 3.

For Excelsior Public School the school year will be:

### Term 1 2021

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Development Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Staff Development Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Students in Year 1-6 return

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Kindergarten begin

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day of Term 1

#### Term 2 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Staff Development Day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – All students return for Term 2

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of Term 2

#### Term 3 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Staff Development Day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – All students return for Term 3

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Last day of Term 3

#### Term 4 2021

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Staff and all students return for Term 4

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school for students

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day

#### **Year 6 Farewell**

The Year 6 Farewell has been confirmed for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. A change in date was necessary due to the current COVID-19 restrictions meaning we required a larger room. Castle Hill RSL have been very generous and accommodating in this move.

Ms Adams and a team of Year 6 parents are well underway planning this event.

#### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Due to COVID-19 our Kindergarten Orientation program will be very different this year. Mrs Mujcinovic and the kindergarten team have organised a very thorough "virtual orientation".

Packs will be sent out this week to families with students enrolled for Kindergarten in 2021.

We are also hoping to be able to offer an onsite Orientation visit later in the term.

If you have a child who is starting school in 2021 and you have not yet completed the enrolment process, please contact the school office urgently.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Sandra McKay  
Principal

### **Important Information**

#### **Year 2 Band Morning**

Each year Mrs Cherlin gives our Year 2 students an introduction to the school band. This usually involves the students being able to "have a go" at playing various instruments. This year, due to COVID-19, students will not be able to do this.

Instead, Mrs Cherlin and some of our senior band students will be providing Year 2 with a band demonstration. It is hoped that this will give Year 2 a good introduction to band and what is involved in joining and participating in this program.

#### **Year 6 Fun Fair**

Year 6 will be holding their postponed Year 6 Fun Fair on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Students will be able to participate in fun (COVID-19 Safe) activities in their year grouping. There is no additional cost for this event as it was invoiced previously.

#### **Virtual Presentation Day**

It is highly unlikely that we will be able to hold a Presentation Day assembly onsite. We have therefore begun planning a virtual Presentation Day assembly that we are expecting will be available through our website on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Virtual Assembly**

This week's K-2 virtual assembly and last week's 3-6 assembly are available to view via our website or through the link below:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/eps-virtual-assemblies.html>

## Recent Events

### Resurfacing of Newcombe Ball Courts and Cricket Pitches

Over the holidays, our Newcombe Ball court and cricket pitches were re-surfaced.

This work was completed with funding provided by a grant from our local member of parliament Alex Hawke, funds donated by the P&C and school funds.

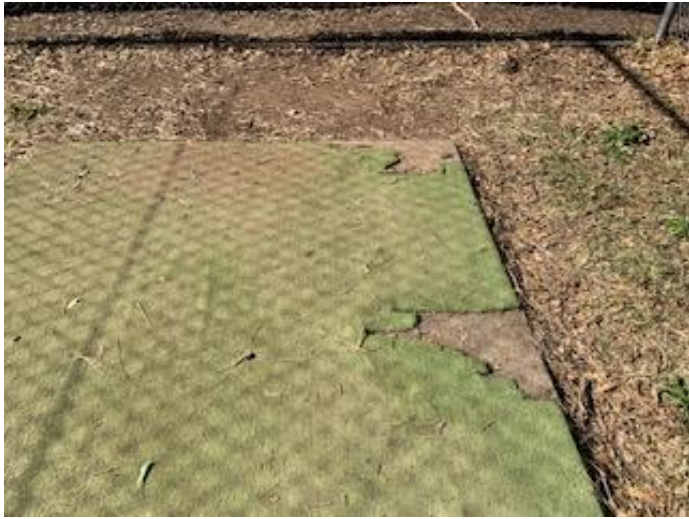
I would like to sincerely thank Alex Hawke and the P&C, especially Mrs Sarah Quinn – who not only applied for the grant but also organised the quotes for this work.

As you can see from the before and after photos, this has significantly improved our students outdoor learning and play environments.

#### Before







After





Our site improvement plan is continuing with:

- Quotes underway for returfing the area around the cricket pitches and areas of the oval.
- Plans from our student playground improvement project ready to be presented back to the students for consultation.

## Around the Grades

### Year 6

As Year 6 head into their final term and year at Excelsior Public School, students are making good use of all the new collaborative learning spaces in their classroom and new build. These spaces allow for collaborative learning, team teaching and differentiated lessons, ensuring all students are engaged in a positive learning experience and environment.



# Awards

## K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Gavin H Anderson T Ellory T Viona A
KM	Harriet W Lucas X Mia P Evie M
KN	Ethan L Violet G Ella M Jayden Z
KW	Noah D Larissa G Ha Rang J Ellie C
1B	Yadhu K Lexi W Daniel X Kerryn A
1D/G	Dabi K Crystal L Nevan W Archis D
1K	Jocelyn Z Dante T Mahmoud E Luke B
1S	Alan R April S Jack S Dhruv T
2A	Baylee G Jennifer J Jia L Gautam S
2B	Saradha I Eloise U Jack L Hunter Q
2L	Hansol A Ryan W Lola W Sarah Y
2R	Xander B Peter H Mishka J Doreen H

## 3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Andre N Emily C Loretta L Mariam A
3J	Rosie X Tara I Lucas W Louie C
3S	Natalie C Zachery J Anushkaa K Matthew Y
4B	Jake L Joshua M Olivia T Ryan W
4H	Scott H Aditi K Aarna P Jake T
4L	Evie A Oscar H Riley A Sofia G
5E	Gabel T Arshan J James K Sarah H
5G	Louis H Rachel L Acelin B Zach B
5/6A	Lucas L Murphy G Sarah S Chloe S
6S	Danika N Claire L Caitlyn J Cocco C
6W	Riaan V Kourosh G Caitlyn Z Hayley E

## Spirit of Excelsior Awards

Clara K - **4B**      Joanne K – **KM**

### Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Silver Awards:

Toby B -3J      Billy B – 3S      Faser B – 3D  
Ryan A – 3J      Clara S – 3J      Olivia T – 4B  
Ganeev D – 4L      James K -5E

Riley F – 1B      Anay P -2B

## **P & C News**

Welcome back to term 4 it's been a long and hard year but congratulations we are on the home stretch! One little hurdle we have before the end of the year is our P&C AGM on the 24th of November. We will be having many vacant positions coming up next year and the AGM is where we need them filled. If we don't get enough volunteers to fill all the positions we will have to look at cancelling some of the amazing things that the P&C coordinate like ERA Dance, Art, Band and the school community events as well as the all important Canteen. I know we are all very busy but please consider volunteering it's a great way to get involved in the school community.

We were recently able to fund a request from Mrs Mistry for more laptops for the school which is fantastic, thank you Mrs Mistry for always making sure the children have functional equipment to use.

Until the next newsletter take care and stay safe.

Shannyn Geeve  
P&C President

## **SCHOLASTIC – BOOK CLUB**

**Scholastic Book Club**  
**Orders close Friday 30th October**

Issue 7 is a bumper Christmas edition with eight bonus pages of gift ideas. It's sure to have something for everyone!

You can order online via [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

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

Happy reading!

Trudy

[bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com](mailto:bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com)

## **CANTEEN**

### **Canteen news**

Great news!!!!

We have some new items coming to our menu....

From Monday you will be able to order Butter Chicken, this is an 'everyday' item and is also **Gluten free**.

Coming soon we will be adding 2 new Glee flavors so look out on the QKR! app for those, they will be added as soon as they are in stock.

We are also working on a way to reopen for purchases at recess and lunch so watch this space for that news in the coming weeks.

We hope you are all staying safe in these challenging times.

Kindest regards  
The Canteen Committee.



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New Students can also join on any Tuesday during term.

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](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

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How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Term 4 2020 Week Day After School**  
Baulkham Hills ☐ WEEK 1 – Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 3.40pm-4.40pm (Masonic Fields, Seven Hills Road)

**Term 4 2020 Weekends Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Oakhill Drive Public School Castle Hill ☐ SAT AM **New Sat Venue for Castle Hill**  
Rouse Hill High School, 105 Withers Rd ☐ SAT AM  
Kellyville, Wrights Rd, Anzac Res ☐ SUN AM  
Parramatta Park, Coleman Oval ☐ SUN AM

**PROGRAM:**  
☐ Mite (2-3) ☐ Pint Size (4-5) ☐ Intro to Micro (5-6) ☐ Micro (6-8) ☐ Micro Plus (8-12)  
**TERM 4 PROGRAM INFORMATION (8 week program)**

Please circle which program you would like to enrol into	Mite	Pint Size	Intro to Micro	Micro	Micro Plus	After School
Oakhill Drv Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8:30-9:05am	8:30-9:20am	<b>8:30-9:30am</b>	9:30-10:45am	9:30-10:45am	<b>New Venue</b>
Rouse Hill - Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8:30-9:05am	8:30-9:20am	9:30-10:30am	9:30-10:45am	9:30-10:45am	
Kellyville - Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:00-9:35am	9:00-9:50am	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:15am	10:00-11:15am	
Parramatta-Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:00-9:35am	9:00-9:50am	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:15am	10:00-11:15am	
Baulkham Hills - Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct						3.40pm-4.40pm
PRICE	\$125	\$145	\$155	\$165	\$165	\$125

**Payments by Cash, Cheque, Credit or Active Kids Voucher**  
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**Parents' Consent:** I hereby authorise Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer programs.

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