



Excelsior Public School

Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 4 (3rd December 2020)

Important Dates

Term 4	
Date	Event
10.12.20	Virtual Presentation Day
14.12.20	Reports sent home
15.12.20	Stage 3 Excursion to Luna Park
15.12.20	Onsite End of Year Fun Day for ES1-S2
16.12.20	Last day of school for students
2021	
Term 1	
27.1.21	Staff Development Day
28.1.21	Staff Development Day
29.1.21	Students in Yrs 1-6 return to school
29.1.21- 2.2.21	Best Start Assessments for Kindergarten students
3.2.21	Kindergarten begin school
24.2.21	Swimming Carnival
1.4.21	Last Day of Term 1

From the Principal

Dear Parents

It seems like the end of the year has come upon us very quickly! A reminder that the last day of school for students is **Wednesday 16th December**.

Staff will be at school for professional development days on both Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December. This will be the last year with this format of staff development days. In 2021 the school year will begin with two staff development days on Wednesday 27th January and Thursday 28th January. Students in Years 1-6 will begin school on Friday 29th January.

COVID-19 Restrictions

As you would be aware, COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to ease. We are expecting that parents

will be allowed back on site from the beginning of 2021. Any changes that occur over the school holidays will be confirmed through a notification on the Skoolbag App.

Staff Changes 2021

There are several staff changes occurring for the beginning of 2021.

Staff Leaving:

Mrs Beattie

Mrs Beattie is a temporary teacher who has worked with us at Excelsior for many years. She has filled positions both on class and in RFF roles. Mrs Beattie has decided not to seek a temporary position for 2021. We are hoping she may still occasionally work with us on a casual basis.

Mr Summons

Mr Summons worked with us as a temporary teacher this year on Year 1. Unfortunately, we do not have a temporary position for him next year, we wish him well at his next school.

Mrs Kan

Mrs Kan worked with us as a temporary teacher this year on Year 1. She has worked at Excelsior, in a temporary capacity for the last few years. Unfortunately, we do not have a temporary position for her next year, we wish her well at her next school.

Ms Batoua

Ms Batoua was a permanent teacher at Excelsior. For the last two years she has been working as a relieving Assistant Principal at Whalan Public School. Ms Batoua has recently accepted a transfer to Whalan Public School. We wish her well in this next phase of her career.

Ms Chevalier

Ms Chevalier is one of our Assistant Principals. She has worked with us both as an Assistant

Principal on class and as an Instructional Leader. Her outstanding teaching and leadership skills have been an asset to Excelsior in her time here. She has been successful in gain the position of Deputy Principal at Crestwood Public School. We wish her well for this exciting new phase in her career.

New Staff

We have several new staff joining us for next year. Ms Kimia Koular who is currently working at a local school has been appointed to Excelsior and Ms Jenny Johnston has been transferred from Seven Hills West.

We are currently waiting for Staffing to confirm a teacher appointment to replace Ms Batoua.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be virtual this year. Students will watch this in their classrooms on Thursday 10th December. A link will be sent to parents through the Skoolbag App.

Teacher Gifts

At this time of year many parents like to give their child's teacher a Christmas or thank you gift. Please be aware that teachers must abide by the NSW DoE Code of Conduct which states that they must declare any gift above the amount of \$50.

COVID-19 Safe Summer Packs

As we come closer to the end of the school year, the we would like to extend our thanks to you, the parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

The Department of Education will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help

students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow
- Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#)[External link](#)

From all of us at Excelsior Public School be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

Recent Events

Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a fabulous Year 6 Farewell at Castle Hill RSL on Thursday 26th December.



Star Students

Congratulations to Gemma 6W



A Huge thank you must go to the Year 6 teachers and the Year 6 farewell parent committee. Organising an event like this with constantly changing COVID-19 restrictions was a challenge. I'm sure everyone would agree that this was well worth the effort, the room looked amazing, thanks to our group of parent volunteers, and the students had a wonderful night celebrating their 7 years of learning at Excelsior PS.

Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Abhaya V Carus N Abby R Sahiti K
KM	Arthur L Melina S Ben L Lucas X
KN	Emmanuel A Jhanvi S Rilynn A Ella M
KW	Jayden H Terrence Z Zoe H Sophie L
1B	Emma X Vihaan R Yana C Daniel X
1D/G	Kayal K Ashlee F Pablo M Nevan W
1K	Bilal S Nathaniel E Maeve R Maddison S
1S	Thomas M Lucas G Tian X Olivia C
2A	Lucy P Chloe Y Lauren G Advik M
2B	Taya A Ryu N Imogen H Alice H
2L	Ravali G Joel H Michael Q Kirin G
2R	Elsa L Nathaniel L Joon M Doreen H

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Grace R Audree T Oliver M Zoe L
3J	Mia H Shreeya I Minato K
3S	Elijah M Prisha J Noah G Rishi S
4B	Kimiya A Zachary E Riley G Molly H
4H	Lilly-Rose P Stephanie X Angela T Angus S
4L	Amy K Sienna Z Sidney L Bruno C
5E	Artin S Olivia C Judah W Zelene T
5G	Jonah C Keegan F Hasnaa M Ella-Rose B
5/6A	Arya S Allira B Sean G Lara D
6S	Cleo G Sharon L David H Giselle G
6W	Eva D Lexie F Ghazal E Morris W

P & C News

As the year draws down to a close, this is the time where we start to think of how we can show our appreciation to our wonderful teachers that have worked so hard through the year, and this year has been harder than ever. At the last P&C meeting Mrs McKay informed us that due to department regulations any teacher is unable to accept a gift that is over \$50 in value. If you're thinking of buying your child's teacher a gift please ensure that it is under \$50 in value, or if you are arranging for a group gift on behalf of the whole class, can I suggest that you break the combined gift down to gift vouchers of no more than \$50. I know that this is extremely frustrating as we would all love to show our appreciation in this way, however it's unfortunately the rules that the teachers have to abide by. If a teacher receives a gift that is over \$50 in value they have to declare it to Mrs McKay who then must decide whether the teacher can accept this gift, so it's really better for everyone involved if we keep any gifts under \$50.

Our next P&C meeting will be on the last Tuesday of February so until then have a lovely Christmas and New year, stay safe over the holidays and we will see you all back in 2020.

Shannyn Geeve P&C President.

UNIFORM SHOP

I hope you've been enjoying the online system of ordering. Thank you for your patience during all the changes.

Any questions regarding uniforms please direct to excelsioruniform@gmail.com and we would be happy to answer your questions.

Please get your orders in as soon as possible this year as there is only a limited time left to pack it and get them to you.

We will also pack orders on Monday, January 25th for you to pick up, all going well, on Wednesday January 27th from the office, however, it would be much easier for all involved to order what you need now if possible please.

If you would like any second hand uniforms, we can do our best to get some to you. Feel free to email your requests.

We also have a mending service if you'd like to take advantage of that, which includes zipper replacement.

Thank you and enjoy the break coming up,
Uniform Shop Committee.

ERA

Applications for 2021 ERA activities are now open

ERA offers art, dance and tennis activities before or after school. If you would like to enrol your child for next year, please apply online.

Application forms and further information are available from the **P&C page of the school website**.

Places do fill up quickly so please ensure that you complete the application form ASAP to secure a spot for the new year.

In assisting with the application please see the link below:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-citizens--association/era.html>

Please note, applications will be processed in January and places will be confirmed by the activity coordinator via email mid- to late January.

- Tennis will start from week 2.
- Dance will start from week 2.
- Art will not commence until **week 2 or 3** of Term 1 (**TBC when school begins**).

The ERA accepts creative and active kids vouchers for these activities.

Contact excelsiorERA@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Kind Regards
ERA committee

Excelsior Public School Presentation Day 2020

1. Introduction	School Captains
2. Acknowledgement of Country	School Captains
3. National Anthem	School Captains
4. Welcome to Special Guests and Parents	School Captains
5. Principal's Address	Mrs S McKay
6. School Captains' Addresses	Hayley E and James H
7. Presentation to School Leaders	Mrs S McKay
8. 1-2 ERA DANCE GROUP 'Everybody Dance Now'	Mrs N King
9. 6S, 6W and 5/6A Class Awards	Ms A Adams
10. 5E and 5G Class Awards	Ms A Adams
11. 4B, 4H and 4L Class Awards	Ms P Chevalier
12. 3D, 3J and 3S Class Awards	Ms P Chevalier
13. 3-6 ERA DANCE GROUP 'Cheerleader'	Mrs N King
14. Special Grade Awards	Mrs G Couque
Geography/History Awards	Mrs C Hinding
Creative Arts Awards	Mrs C Cherlin
EALD Awards	Mrs U Mistry and Ms P Chou
LaST Awards	Mrs D Gatt
15. Band Awards	Mrs C Cherlin
16. 2A, 2B, 2L and 2R Class Awards	Mrs E Brooker
17. 1B, 1DG, 1K and 1S Class Awards	Mr A Reeks
18. KB, KM, KN and KW Class Awards	Ms N Mujcinovic
19. Band Performance	Dr S Clarke
20. Swimming Age Champions	Mr J Gomez and Mrs R Jones

21. Induction of 2021 Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects	Mrs S McKay, Mrs G Couque and Mrs G Bowry
22. ERA Performance Dance Group 'Cops and Robbers'	Mrs N King
23. Induction of 2021 Sports Leaders	Mr J Gomez and Mrs S McKay
24. PSC and Peter Crofts Sports Person of the Year	Mr J Gomez
25. EPS Positive Values Award	Hon David Elliott, MP
26. Mike Brauer School Citizenship Award	Mrs Shammyn Geeve
27. Hills Shire Citizenship Award	Councillor Alan Haselden
28. Lions Club Community Service Award	Mr George Veness
29. EPS Most Improved Award	Mrs G Couque
30. Model Farms High School Scholarship Award	Mr Mark Grady
31. Band Performance	Dr S Clarke
32. Public Speaking Awards	Mrs V Nolland
33. English Award	Mrs G Couque
34. Mathematics Award	Mrs G Couque
35. Rotary DUX Award	Ms Bev Jordan
36. Vote of Thanks	School Captains
37. Closure	Mrs G Couque

Christmas – celebrate a time of giving and receiving with Rotary

This Christmas, the Rotary Club of The Hills – Kellyville are giving families a chance to both give and receive. By coming to one of two easy locations, Hills families can 'receive' a wonderful fresh Christmas tree. The 'giving' part is that 100% of the profit from your Christmas tree purchase will go to great Rotary works in the local community and beyond.

The Christmas tree sale dates are across 3 weekends in December

- Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December
- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December
- Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th December (the last days subject to Christmas tree stock)

In two locations over both weekends:

- The Bull & Bush Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd & Seven Hills Rd, Baulkham Hills
- The Ettamogah Hotel (car park), cnr Windsor Rd & Merriville Rd, Kellyville Ridge

Both locations are easy to get to with plenty of space to park & select a Christmas tree in a Covid safe manner – and, we'll even help you load. If you're really stuck, arrangements can be made for delivery. Our Christmas Trees are sourced from NSW farms around Sydney and are freshly delivered each weekend.

Visit us at www.hillsrotary.org.au or for more details about our Christmas Trees



Christmas tree sales are an annual Rotary fundraising event.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM ARCHAEOLOGY



PRICE

Early Bird: \$340*

*Ends 15 December

Normal Price: \$350

Robotics



Engineering



Science



LOCATION & DATES

Sydney Olympic Park

13 - 15 January

Dural Public School

18 - 20 January

Coding



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TAKES TO BE
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NETBALL CLUB



BAULKHAM HILLS SPORTS CLUB NETBALL DIVISION

REGISTRATIONS OPEN 4 JANUARY FOR SEASON 2021

GIRLS TURNING 5YRS & 6YRS IN 2021
NET SET GO SKILLS

10 week program held on a Wednesday afternoons during Term 2
There are no competition games



GIRLS TURNING 7YRS, 8YRS & 9YRS IN 2021

One training session during the week
Competition games on Friday evenings



GIRLS TURNING 10YRS THROUGH TO SENIORS

One training session during the week
Competition games on Saturday

Training is held at Ted Horwood Reserve, Renown Road, Baulkham Hills
(opposite Baulkham Hills Sports Club)
On either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon/night

Competition games held at:- Baulkham Hills Shire Netball Complex, Wellgate Ave Kellyville
Competition commences Friday 16th April / Saturday 17th April
Register early to avoid disappointment

Mark your calendar, Check our web site (bhnc.nsw.netball.com.au) or facebook page, or
register your interest at juniorregistrar@bhnc.com.au

REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN TO PLAYERS WITH EXPERIENCE AND NEW PLAYERS

WE TEACH YOU TO PLAY AND ENJOY NETBALL!

