



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 4 Term 1 (20th February 2020)

Important Dates

Term 1	
Date	Event
February	
24.2.20	Kinder Meet the Teacher (6pm)
24.2.20	Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) Meet the Teacher (7pm)
25.2.20	P&C Meeting
25.2.20	Term 1 Accounts due
26.2.20	Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2) Meet the Teacher (6pm)
26.2.20	Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) Meet the Teacher (7pm)
27.2.20	Swimming Carnival
March	
2.3.20	Young Leaders' Day
5.3.20	Interrelate begins for Stage 3
5.3.20	Zone Swimming Carnival
10.3.20	NSW Futsal Tournament
12.3.20	Selective High School Assessment
17.3.20	Year 4 Excursion to Taronga Zoo
23.3.20	Multicultural Day
23.3.20	Term 2 Accounts sent home
24.3.20	P&C Meeting
28.3.20	Welcome Party
31.3.20	Stage 1 Excursion to the Aquarium
April	
8.4.20	ANZAC Ceremony
9.4.20	Easter Celebrations
9.4.20	Term 2 Accounts due
9.4.20	Last Day of Term 1
27.4.20	Staff Development Day
28.4.20	Students return for Term 2

Other Key Dates

NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)	- 12.5.20- 14.5.20
Year 6 Canberra Excursion	- 1.7.20- 3.7.20
Year 5 Camp	- 21.10.20- 23.10.20
Year 6 Farewell	- 8.12.20

From the Principal

I hope you are enjoying our new look newsletter. We have tried to provide relevant school information in a clear, easy to read format. Newsletters are sent out via our Skoolbag app on even week Thursdays, the newsletter is also available on our website. Paper copies of the newsletter are also available in the school office. I encourage all parents to download the Skoolbag app as along with the newsletter we also use this app to communicate important information to parents.

General information about our school is available on the school website:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Next week we will be holding our annual Meet the Teacher evenings. This is an ideal opportunity to hear about your child/ren's class routines, the key learning areas and get to know your child's teacher.

I look forward to seeing families at these evenings.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 25th February. P&C meetings are held in the MFR and begin at 7.15pm.

This month we will begin the meeting with a tour of the new Block L building. If any parents were unable to attend building tours in week 2, this will be a great opportunity to tour the building and ask any questions you may have.

Positive Behaviour (for) Learning – PBL

At our school we implement a Program called, **'Positive Behaviour for Learning' (PBL)**. The Program is a whole school systems approach that teaches our students the behaviours we expect from them at school.

PBL is taught at our school because;

- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them,
- students feel safe and cared for at school because processes are consistent and clear,
- teachers deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour.

There are three core values that underpin Excelsior's PBL framework - **Respectful, Responsible and Safe.**

Every week students are explicitly taught the behaviour expectations for a PBL School Setting. Setting Posters outlining the expected behaviours of the different setting areas within the school are informed to students so there is consistency with the expected behaviours for each setting.

In every School Newsletter we will be including the PBL Setting Posters that our students are being taught.



PBL - Assembly Expected Behaviours

Respectful

- Wear uniform correctly
- Enter and leave calmly and quietly
- Applaud and respond positively
- Stand and sit quietly

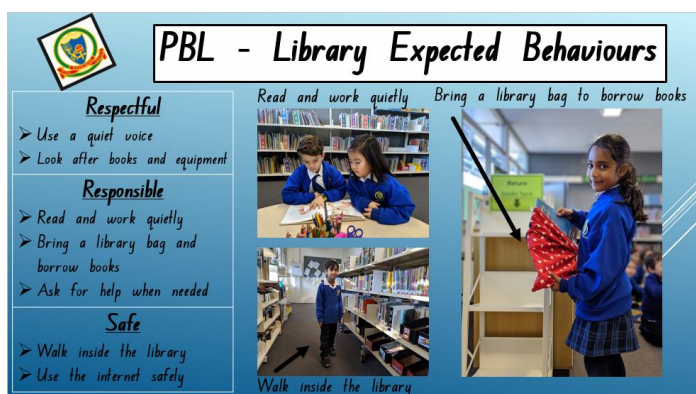
Responsible

- Listen and follow instructions
- Pay attention to what is being presented

Safe

- Keep aisles clear
- Sit in straight lines

Listen attentively



PBL - Library Expected Behaviours

Respectful

- Use a quiet voice
- Look after books and equipment

Responsible


- Read and work quietly
- Bring a library bag and borrow books
- Ask for help when needed

Safe

- Walk inside the library
- Use the internet safely

Read and work quietly

Bring a library bag to borrow books



Walk inside the library

Kiss and Drop

A reminder to parents about the "kiss and drop" zone on Rondelay Drive.

The rules for this zone are:

- You must not stop for more than **2 minutes.**
- The driver must stay in or within 3 metres of their vehicle

The penalty for not following these rules are a fine from \$191 and 2 demerit points.

Several parents have been parking for extended periods in this zone before the end of school. This is causing extensive delays on Rondelay Drive. The "kiss and drop" zone only works if all parents follow the rules and traffic continually flows.

To assist with this process we all have a responsibility.

Students will:

- Go quickly and safely to the top gate (Rondelay Drive) at the end of school.
- Stay within the school grounds until instructed to leave by the teacher.

Teachers will:

- Stay within the school grounds and supervise the students.
- Instruct students to leave the school safely once their parents car arrive in the kiss and drop zone.
- Take any students who remain at school after 3.15pm to the school office and contact their parents.

Parents will:

- Obey the road rules and the rules of the kiss and drop zone.
- Ensure their car is not moving as their child enters the car.
- Leaves the kiss and drop zone if their child is not at the gate area when they arrive. This is important to maintain the constant flow of traffic. To ensure safe traffic flow parents should continue along Rondelay drive and turn right onto Roxborough Park Road then right back onto Rondelay Drive. Under no circumstances should parents use the traffic island as a roundabout and attempt to re-enter the kiss and drop zone this way.

We also ask, to help teachers identify each car, that parents have an A4 sign clearly stating the students surname displayed in the front passenger side windscreen.

SRE (Scripture)

We are now offering an Islamic SRE class on Wednesdays when scripture is timetabled. For information about the content of the lessons please go to the Islamic Special Religious Education website www.isre.org.au or phone 9708 0880.

If you would like your child/children to attend this scripture class please write to the school or send an email, if you have not already indicated this preference on a SRE note.

Any other information please contact Mrs Deborah Gatt (SRE Coordinator).

Demountable Classrooms

All of the furniture in our demountable classrooms is currently being removed. Once this has been completed the ten and a half demountables will be released for removal. I anticipate that this removal will occur in the coming weeks. This process is quite complex and will involve two cranes and multiple trucks. I will endeavour to give the community as much notice as possible regarding the dates for removal.

Recent Events

Safer Internet Day

Students in Stages 2 and 3 were introduced to our new Youth Liaison officer from Castle Hill Police, Constable Ethan.

Constable Ethan spoke to our primary students about the importance of responsible cyber behaviour and how they can keep themselves safe while using the internet.



Around the Grades

Focus on Year 6

On Wednesday of this week Year 6 visited Castle Hill High School for an Open Day. The students followed a timetable and attended a variety of classes to have an introduction into what a day in high school would be like.

In Science the students observed and conducted a variety of experiments. They particularly enjoyed learning about the thermal properties of air and forces.



In Food Technology the students observed Ms Morgan make scones and enjoyed eating them!



Year 6 learnt how to say the colours in Japanese.



In Drama the students played a variety of games that involved improvisation.



During Industrial Arts the students made bookmarks out of wood and leather.



The students also enjoyed developing photos in photography.

Year 6 enjoyed seeing familiar faces from Excelsior Public School as they ate their sausage sizzle in the playground.

Emu Blue Community Cafe

Mrs Cathie Letter, our school Chaplain, will soon be re-opening the Emu Blue Café in its new location – Downstairs in F Block.



Sport

PSSA – Friday 21st February

Cricket vs Winston Hills PS at Max Ruddock Reserve

Softball/TBall vs Sherwood Ridge PS at Caddies Creek

Touch Football vs Matthew Pearce PS at Ted Horwood

Basketball vs Beaumont Hills PS at Bella Vista PS

PSSA – Friday 28th February

Cricket vs Northmead PS at Francesco Reserve

Softball/TBall vs Samuel Gilbert PS at Castle Glen

Touch Football vs North Rocks PS at Ted Horwood

Basketball vs Northmead PS at Bella Vista PS

Awards

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Emily C Hayden K Loretta L Tom S
3J	Louie C Julia H Tara I Lucas W
3S	Natalie C Austin C Louis H Prisha J
4B	Kimiya A Joshua M Jessica R Siddharth S
4H	Alvin C Maya C Holly N Hassan O
4L	Tasnova C Nathan W Luke S Adam P
5E	Vanessa C Alexander B Noah B Kenneth X

5G	Marcos G Samantha P Sienna T Martin S
5/6A	Harrison B Charlie C Gregory R Juliette M
6S	James H Georgia V Himasha F Lara C
6W	Mia H Kourosh G Lachlan C Christine R

Spirit of Excelsior Award

James K - 5E

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop opening hours :

Tuesday 25th February 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 3rd March 2.30-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Saturday 7th March 8.30-9.30am
Nerida, Tamara

Thank you for your patience. We are all volunteers who give up our time to serve you as a school community. Help and support would be appreciated.

If you could bring your own bags as we have a limited number. Any carry bag donations are useful. We now have some size 8 short sleeve shirts, but are still waiting for more to come in.

Any alterations or mending of uniforms can be done by Nerida at the uniform shop inexpensively. This includes replacing jacket zippers.

Thank you
Uniform Shop Committee.

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 24th

Teresa 12.30-1.40

Tues 25th

Sashi 12.30-1.40

Wed 26th

Nala 11-2

Thurs 27th

Rachelle 11-2

Fri 28th

Lidija 9-2

Irina 12-2

Mon 2nd

Grace 12.30-1.40

Tues 3rd

Lisa 12.30-1.40

Wed 4th

Shirley 11-1.30

Thurs 5th

Akane 11-2

Fri 6th

Mandi 9-2

Canteen News

As promised here is the link which gives all of the information regarding the changes to menu content and regulations

healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au

Kindest regards

The Canteen Committee

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

For Years 5 & 6
Students and Families



**Tuesday 3rd
March 2020
6.30pm School Hall**

**Information Performances
Displays Tours**

**Out of area applications
most welcome.**

**Individual daytime tours and
interviews available.**



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Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School



2021 CAPA AUDITIONS

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR CAPA AUDITIONS FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO BE A PART OF OUR 2021 CAPA PROGRAM IN DANCE, DRAMA, VISUAL ARTS AND MUSIC.

Auditions 16th –20th March 2020



HAST

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE HIGHER ABILITY SELECTION TEST (HAST)

FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO BE A PART OF OUR Year 7 ACADEMIC GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM for 2021



OPEN DAY/ EVENING

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2020



Please visit <https://northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> for more information and to register your interest in the CAPA Auditions and the Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST). Open Day/Evening information will be updated on our website once details have been finalised.

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