



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 2 Term 1 (6th February 2020)

Important Dates

Term 1	
Date	Event
February	
7.2.20	Students move into 2020 classes
11.2.20	Safer Internet Day
11.2.20	Cyber Safety Talk for Stages 2 & 3
12.2.20	Term 1 Accounts sent home
19.2.20	Year 6 Excursion to Castle Hill High
24.2.20	Kinder Meet the Teacher (6pm)
24.2.20	Stage 2 (Yr 3 & 4) 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 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) 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

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

Welcome back to school for 2020 to our existing families and welcome to Excelsior for new families joining us this year.

I hope all families had an enjoyable vacation period. The holidays ended with both Australia Day and Lunar New Year celebrations, I hope families were able to spend time together.

Over the holidays there were also the devastating bushfires. If any of our families were personally affected by these, please let us know. We will be able to provide both financial support or student counselling to any families who may require this.

Our holidays ended with the ongoing issue of Coronavirus. The Department of Education is continually monitoring this and I will update families via the Skoolbag App with any new developments. If you do not have the school app, I encourage you to download it:

The new year has also brought with it the opening of our new building, Block L. I am pleased to say that Block L has now been officially handed over to the school and as of Monday will begin full operation.

Students will be placed into their 2020 class groupings some time tomorrow, ready for a fresh start next week.

At the end of last year we had some staffing changes that parents may not be aware of:

- Ms Chevalier has taken up a relieving Deputy Principal position at Beresford Road.
- Mrs Mujcinovic was offered (and accepted) a substantive Assistant Principal position at Excelsior Public School.

Along with these changes, we also welcome some new staff members:

- Miss Burley joins us as a permanent teacher, she will be teaching Kindergarten this year.
- Mrs Branford joins us as our permanent librarian.
- Mr Summons joins us as a temporary teacher, he will be teaching year 1.
- Miss Boslem, joins us as a temporary teacher, she will be teaching year 4.
- Dr Bilous, joins us as a temporary teacher, she will be teaching year 2.
- Mrs Sherwood joins us as a School Learning Support Officer.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Cyber Safety

Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 11th February. It is important that all students learn how to become safe and responsible digital citizens.

As parents it is our responsibility to ensure we are aware of current and emerging online issues. Parents may find the websites below useful:

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/web/sid/home>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

On Tuesday 11th February, students in Stages 2 and Stage 3 (Yrs 3-6) will be participating in a Cyber Safety talk with Constable Ethan, Our Youth Liaison Officer from Castle Hill Police.

School Security

Over the holidays our new security fences and gates were installed. This allows us to securely lock up and lock down the school. Gates will be locked on the weekend and we ask that students do not come onto the school grounds over weekend periods.

During school days all gates will be open of a morning and afternoon to allow student drop off and pick up.

A staff member will be on gate duty on the Elberta Ave and Rodelay Drive gates from 3.00-3.15pm. After this time these gates will be locked. Any students who have not been picked up by this time will need to be collected from the office.

The pedestrian gate near the driveway on Elberta Ave will remain open for access for after school activities and YMCA.

New Building Tours

We have been holding parent tours of our new building this week. Thank you to the parents who have come along to these. The last of our tours will be today (Thursday) at 2.30pm and tomorrow (Friday) at 9.00am. If you wish to take part in one of these, please meet at The Green (the artificial grass area behind the hall).

Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival will be held at Waves on Thursday 27th February. A note will be sent home this week. Parents are most welcome to come along on the day to support the students at this carnival. We will also be asking for parent volunteers to assist with jobs on the day.

Term Accounts

To assist families with financial planning the dates when Term Accounts will be sent home and are due are included in the "Important Dates" section of this newsletter.

To assist the school with financial planning, with the exception of Term 1, Term Accounts will be sent out and due at the end of the previous Term.

School Term Dates

Term 1: (Eastern division): Tuesday 28 January — Thursday 9 April

Term 2: Monday 27 April 2020 – Friday 3 July 2020

Term 3: Monday 20 July 2020 – Friday 25 September 2020

Term 4: Monday 12 October 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020

For further information, please visit:

[NSW Department of Education website](#)

Classes 2020

In 2020 we will have 23 classes at Excelsior. They are as follows:

Class	Teacher
KM	Mrs Mujcinovic (ES1 Assistant Principal)
KW	Miss Willis
KN	Mrs Nolland
KB	Miss Burley
1S	Mr Summons
1K	Mrs Kan
1B	Mrs Bowry
1D/G	Mr Dessent/ Ms Gasser
2L	Mrs Rhodes
2B	Mrs Bowers
2A	Mr Reeks (Relieving Assistant Principal Yr 2)
2R	Dr Bilous
3S	Mrs Skeet
3D	Mrs Dufty
3J	Mrs Jones
4H	Mrs Hosking
4L	Mrs Lees (Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2)
4B	Miss Boslem
4G	Mr Gomez
5E	Mrs Evans
5/6A	Ms Adams (Assistant Principal Stage 3)
6W	Mrs Wormald
6S	Mrs Sinclair

In addition to our classroom teachers we have:

Teacher	Role
Mrs Brooker	Assistant Principal Yr 1
Mrs Cherlin	RFF Teacher
Mrs Hinding	RFF Teacher
Mrs Tainor	RFF Teacher
Mrs Branford	Librarian (Th, Fri)
Mrs Serobian	Librarian (M, T, W)
Mrs Gatt	Learning and Support Teacher
Miss Chou	English as an Additional Language/ Dialect Teacher
Mrs Mistry	English as an Additional Language/ Dialect Teacher
Mrs Couque	Deputy Principal
Mrs McKay	Principal

Our SASS staff are:

Staff	Role
Mrs Burke	School Administration Manager
Mrs Grassi	School Administration Officer (W, Th, Fr)
Mrs Brown	School Administration Officer (M, T, W)
Mrs Wallis	School Administration Officer
Mrs King	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Sherwood	School Learning Support Officer
Mr Koimanos	General Assistant (T, W, Th, F)
Mr Willcox	General Assistant (M)

Other staff:

Staff	Role
Mrs Letter	Chaplain

Recent Events

Tea and Tissues

Thank you to our P&C Events team who organised tea and tissues for the parents of our new Kindergarten students.

Kindergarten students have settled well into their new school routine.

Eels Visit

On Tuesday, students in Years 3-6 participated in a talk with an NRL Development officer and two Parramatta Eels players - Waqa Blake and Will Smith. The House Captains were involved in a Q&A session throughout that talk and we were all able to get a glimpse of the dedication to training and nutrition required for high performing athletes.

This session was then followed by sports clinics for Year 5 and 6 students with the players. This was a unique opportunity for our students who were enthusiastic participants.



Around the Grades

Focus on Kindergarten

Kindergarten students have made a very smooth transition to school. They have been working on school routines and orientating themselves to their new environment.



Star Students

Starting school is always a special day. For one of our Kindy students it was even more special – it was her birthday!

Happy birthday Violet, we hope you had a great day!



Emu Blue Community Cafe



Watch this space for exciting news about our Emu Blue Community Café.

Sport

PSSA – Friday 7th February 2020

No PSSA

PSSA – Friday 14th February 2020

No PSSA

P & C News

Hello Excelsior Parents and Carers,

Well we made it to the end of another year and what a year it was! So many great activities were run by our splendid Events sub - committee, we all managed to navigate our way through the new build and we were blessed to officially receive our wonderful new principal. I think we all deserved a good rest, especially our amazing teachers who managed to maintain such excellent education under really difficult circumstances.

The end of the year also saw a change with the P&C executive team, after many, many years of service we have said farewell to our President Sharon Evert. Sharon has been instrumental in so many new initiatives at Excelsior and we can't thank her enough for the many hours that she has spent to make Excelsior the amazing school that it is. I know that I have ginormous shoes to fill but I will do my best - but who am I?

My name is Shannyn Geeve and I have a daughter who is about to start year 2 and another daughter who is 3, I also work full time in the funeral industry so both work and my daughters keep me on my toes. I spent last year on the executive team as the vice president. I would love to meet as many of you as possible and would love to hear about any suggestions or new ideas that you might have about how we can maintain the great culture of our school. We will be meeting again on the 25th of February at 7.15pm in the MFR (you may know it as the OOSH building). Please come along, everyone is welcome and we really are a friendly bunch and like to have a laugh. We are all very keen to have all the different cultures represented in our P&C that we have among our students as

well as any new families to Excelsior, so please consider joining us.

Lastly, I would like to welcome all the new students, parents and carers who are new to Excelsior, we hope that you have a lovely time with us and feel at home straight away. I'm sure that you will be made to feel welcome by all our students and families.

Shannyn Geeve
P & C President

ERA

ERA Art

Welcome parents & students to ERA Art.

I have taken on the role of ERA Art Co-ordinator and am looking forward to this great opportunity to work together with the teachers, students & parents to make these classes run smoothly.

It is great to see ERA Art classes being filled up for Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

We only have 2 available spots for Thursday this term from 3.00-4.30pm with Mrs Imran. If you are interested in applying for your child please submit the online application form through our school website and email me at excelsiorera@gmail.com or SMS on [0414 819 311](tel:0414819311) to register your interest.

Please note classes will commence from Monday 10/02/20.

The classroom is located on the Lower Quad, F Block, Classroom FR1009 (upstairs classroom).

The students will meet the Art Teacher on the Lower Quad after school, then walk up together to the classroom.

NOTE: ERA Art are now accepting creative kids vouchers. If you will be using any eligible creative kids vouchers for this activity please email the voucher number to excelsiorera@gmail.com.

PAYMENT REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that payment for ERA Art Term 1 is due by **Friday 14th February**.

I'm sure the kids are looking forward to Term 1 and will enjoy getting creative!!

Kind Regards
Maria Angelinas
ERA Art Co-ordinator
0414 819 311

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Roster:

Tuesday 11th February 2.30pm-3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Tuesday 18th February 2.30pm- 3.15pm
Nerida, Kathryn, Lidija

Please be patient as we seek to accommodate a lot of new students this year.

We are volunteers so please be respectful.

If you would like to help us out we would appreciate all the help we can get. Any technological or organisational skills would be appreciated as well as physically helping when we are open.

Please note: we are out of size 8 short sleeve shirts. Will keep you posted when they come in via the newsletter.

Any plastic bags would be appreciated too if you're willing to donate.

We are also open on the first Saturday of the month during school term.

You can also print out orders and leave them at the office (form is on website) and we can send your order to the student.

Thank you
Uniform Shop Committee

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 10th

Cassie 12.40-1.40

Tues 11th

Lisa 12.40-1.40

Wed 12th

Jacqui 11-2

Thurs 13th

Akane 11-2

Fri 14th

Mandi 9-2

Irina 12-2

Mon 17th

Teresa 12.30-1.40

Tues 18th

Wed 19th

Shirley 11-2

Thurs 20th

Hong Ping &
Rong Gui 9-11
Sarah 12.30-2

Fri 21st

Nadine 9-2

Canteen News

Welcome back to canteen 2020!!

As you know there are a few changes to the menu, this mainly affects the Friday meal deals. Apologies that the promised link isn't contained here, however this will be sent out on the App asap. This will explain in detail the reasons from the government dept who have set new guidelines for school canteens. In short the following items are no longer available in a meal deal:

Sausage roll

Pie

Pizzas

Yummy Drummy

They can, however, be ordered as separate items so you will need to then add drinks and fruit as required.

Kind regards

The Canteen Committee

P&C EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!!

EXCELSIOR WELCOME PARTY 2020

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

4PM - 8PM

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to school banking for 2020 and a big welcome to our new Kindy's and our other new families.

School banking will begin next week (week 3) and banking day is TUESDAY.

There are lots of exciting new prizes available this year in the Treetop Savers reward program:

Term 1: Terry Denton's Activity Book, Mini Soccer Ball (size 2)

Term 2: Treetop Stationery Set, Treetop Handball

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL

For Years 5 & 6
Students and Families

OPEN NIGHT



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

**Information Performances
Displays Tours**

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most welcome.**

**Individual daytime tours and
interviews available.**



Enquiries:

**Mark
Grady**

Principal

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Website: www.modelfarms-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



Year 6 Parent Information Evening

**Wednesday
26th February 2020**

5pm Open Classrooms

**6pm Information Presentation
School Auditorium**

Meet the Principal, Deputy Principals, staff and students, tour the school and discover our state of the art facilities



Please note: In accordance with DET Policy, students must reside in-area to enrol at CHHS

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35 minute classes
\$125 for 8 weeks



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INTRO TO MICRO
(5-6 YEARS OLD)

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\$155 for 8 weeks



MICRO / MICRO +
(6-8 / 8-12 YEARS OLD)

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New and Returning Registration: Tuesday, 4 February, 2020
New Students can also join on: Tuesdays, 11 Feb., 18 Feb.

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 for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY,
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