



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 1 (19th March 2020)

Important Dates

| Term 1 | |
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| Date | Event |
| 20.3.20 | National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence - Cancelled |
| 23.3.20 | Multicultural Day- Cancelled |
| 24.3.20 | Parent information session on Learning Environments 6pm - Cancelled |
| 24.3.20 | P&C Meeting - Cancelled |
| 26.3.20 | K-2 assembly – Silver awards to be presented - Cancelled |
| 28.3.20 | Welcome Party - Cancelled |
| 31.3.20 | Stage 1 Excursion to the Aquarium - Cancelled |
| April | |
| 1.4.20 | SRC Coin Drive -TBC - Cancelled |
| 8.4.20 | ANZAC Ceremony - Cancelled |
| 9.4.20 | Easter Celebrations - Cancelled |
| 9.4.20 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| 27.4.20 | Staff Development Day |
| 28.4.20 | Students return for Term 2 |
| 28.3.20 | OC applications open |
| May | |
| 6.4.20 | Maths Olympiad |
| 12.4.20 | NAPLAN |
| 13.4.20 | NAPLAN |
| 14.4.20 | NAPLAN |
| 15.4.20 | OC applications close |

Other Key Dates

Year 6 Canberra Excursion - 1.7.20- 3.7.20
Year 5 Camp - 2.11.20-4.11.20
Year 6 Farewell - 8.12.20

From the Principal

Dear Parents

This week we have made the decision to cancel many of our planned whole school events in an effort to protect our school community from COVID-19.

As a government school we are following the advice and direction of the NSW Department of Education, who are working closely with NSW Health. At this stage the decision has been that school are to remain open. Should this change, we have been preparing how learning would continue through a “Learning from Home” plan. This will be communicated to parents should the need arise.

I know that some students are absent from school due to illness, I thank parents for keeping their sick children away from school – especially at this time. I also know that some families have chosen to self-isolate by choice. Please know that at present there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 within our school community. There are very strict reporting procedures for this. If a case is confirmed, this will be quickly reported to parents. At this stage, while schools are still open, I must look after the welfare of the teachers. Their focus at the moment is on day to day teaching. There is no expectation they should plan for their teaching day as well as planning for students not at school. I do obviously understand that parents of students at home want them to continue learning. It is for this reason we have put together a guide for parents to enable them to support their child’s learning while they are not at school. This will be sent out today via the Skoolbag APP.

Could I also remind all families of the need to look after the mental well being of themselves and their family members. Look out for signs of stress in family members and take steps to reduce stress and anxiety. Simple steps like turning off the news and spending time as a family playing a game or

listening to music may make a huge difference. Remember to talk to your children about what is happening and reassure them that they are safe and loved. There are many relaxation APPs, Smiling Mind is a free APP that has kid friendly relaxation exercises.

As a community we are all in this together, let's remember to be kind to each other and look out for the more vulnerable members of our community.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Term Accounts

Term accounts for Term 2 were due to be sent home on Monday 23rd March. At this stage we will be delaying this until we are in a better position to ascertain what events will be able to run in Term 2. Once they are sent, you will notice there is no "Technology Levy". I would like to thank parents for supporting the school's aim to increase technology opportunities for students by contributing to this levy. We have now reached a stage where the technology needs of the school can be supported by school funding.

Cancelled Events

As you are aware, due to COVID-19, we have cancelled many school events. Where possible we will reschedule these once restrictions are lifted.

Recent Events

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students who represented Excelsior at the zone swimming carnival on March 5th. Special congratulations to the following students:

Una - 2nd - 9yrs 50m Freestyle

Oscar - 3rd - Junior boys Backstroke

-1st- Junior Individual Medley

Isabel - 3rd - Senior Breaststroke

Sarah - 3rd - 11yrs Butterfly

-3rd Senior Individual Medley

James -1st - 100m Freestyle

-1st - 11yrs Backstroke

-1st - 11yrs 50m Freestyle

-1st - 11yrs 50m Butterfly

-1st Senior Individual Medley

-2nd- 11yrs Breaststroke

-11YRS BOYS CHAMPION

NSW Primary Futsal Championships

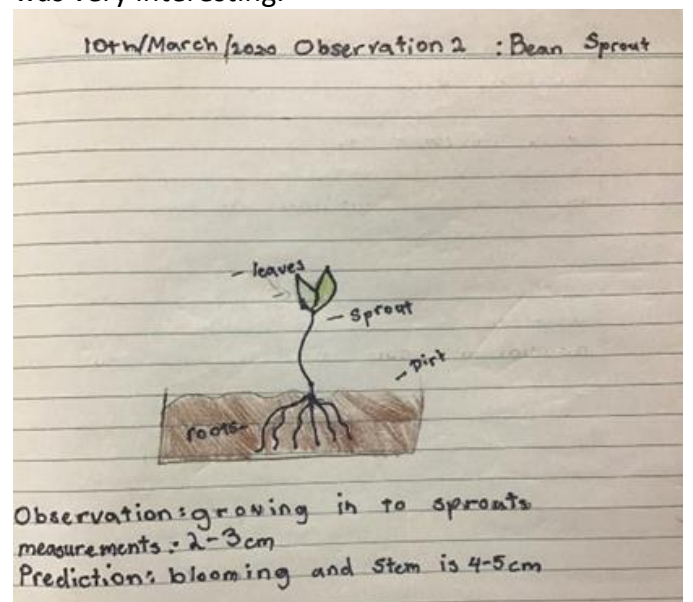
Last Tuesday, 22 students travelled to Stanhope Gardens Leisure Centre to compete in the annual NSW Primary Futsal Championships. 1 Junior Boys team, 1 Senior Boys team and 1 Senior Girls team participated in the tournament against schools such as Hills Grammar and Eastern Creek. There were many outstanding goals scored on the day by Excelsior, with a special mention going to Hayley for her exceptional goal keeping skills. Not one goal was scored past her all day!

Excelsior finished 3rd overall in the Senior Boys, 2nd (silver medal) to the Junior Boys team, with the Senior Girls team finishing 1st (gold medal). Our Junior Boys team and Senior Girls team have now officially qualified for the State NSW Primary School Futsal Championships to be held in Hawkesbury in August. Forza Excelsior!





We also planted bean seeds in sandwich bags and stuck them onto windows on different sides of the room to experiment with which conditions the beans grow best in. It did not take our seeds long to sprout and in only 2 weeks they were too tall for the bags. We could see the root structure through the soil in the bottom of the bag which was very interesting.



Around the Grades

Focus on Year 4

Life is a Cycle by Year 4

Through detailed observations Year 3 and 4 have been investigating the lifecycles of plants and animals. We have undertaken a case study of silk worms and bean sprouts.

We noticed that the silk worms grew rapidly as they consumed more and more mulberry leaves and the amount of waste they produced also increased. We observed that the silk worms had different markings and found out that there are different types of silk worm. After 2 weeks the silk worms started spinning their yellow cocoons. We still have one silk worm that has not started to spin.

Was it born later than the others? Is it a female which needs more nutrients before it can spin a cocoon and come out to lay eggs?



Year 4 have been really impressed by the cycles of nature. 4L enjoyed the silk worms so much that they created their own silk worm pets.



Sport

PSSA sport has been cancelled for the remainder of Term 1.

Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

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| KB | Harrison M Gavin H Carus N Victoria O |
| KM | Oliver J Aurora J Andrew F Melina S |
| KN | Nevin D Sophie C Carlos E Thimas L |
| KW | Rutu K Bodhi N Kane C Georgina D |
| 1B | Gabriel C Zara C Fiona Z Riley F |
| 1D/G | Archis D Nikita H Xander P Ethan U |
| 1K | Ruby L Aaron K Nathaniel E Arya S |
| 1S | Zoe P Jaden Y Millie H April S |
| 2A | Julia C Siyona A Gautam S Eric Z |
| 2B | Hunter Q Harrison L Saradha I Kate P |
| 2L | Sylvia X Charlie M Jontae K Carmel Z |
| 2R | Mishka J Anas B Ethan D Alice H |

3-6 Merit Awards

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| 3D | Sakina M Marian A Felix L Aryash P |
| 3J | Brendan L Clara S Kingsley T Sarah Y |
| 3S | Helena C Maya W Matthew Y Aryon G |
| 4B | Alisha S Tarek T Clara K Olivia T |
| 4H | Nidhyana G Aditi K Banjo P Vishruth S |
| 4L | Charley L Sofia G Ashton A Emily M |
| 5E | Sarah H Ziyan T Spencer R Ali F |
| 5G | Hasnaa M Ethan S Jonah C Bella S |
| 5/6A | Reja Z Corey H Iris H Sarah E |
| 6S | Mohammad S Jared W Hayley M Olivia B |
| 6W | Gemma Y Ava S Isabelle D Riaan V |

Emu Blue Community Cafe

The Emu Blue Café is now open every Friday from 8.-45-10.00. Please come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to chat with other parents and our school Chaplain, Cathy.

Social Tennis for Adults

As one of the first community participation projects, the Emu Blue Café is organising social tennis for adults.

When – Wednesday 25th March

Time- 9.00-10.00am

Where – Excelsior Public School tennis courts

Cost - \$10

If you are interested in this event please bring your tennis racket (if you have one) and see Mark, our tennis coach. Payment should be made directly to Mark on the day. Depending on the success of this morning we are looking at organising regular social tennis lessons or friendly competition for parents and /or grandparents.

P & C News

Hello Parents and Carers,

Please note that the March meeting has been cancelled.

Regards,

Shannyn Geeve
P & C President

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is closed until further notice. Please place order through manually. Information on school website. Orders will be filled during the week and sent to your child's classroom for them to bring home.

Regards,

Excelsior Uniform Shop

(this is a voluntary P&C service provided to parents and students)

SCHOOL BANKING

Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from 20th March until start of Term 2. All deposits received this week have been processed.

Please don't bring weekly banking to school and we will notify you when School Banking will recommence.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

You will find a variety of great value and interesting books for your child to enjoy in the latest Book Club catalogue.

If you wish to place an order, please visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP
Our school only uses the online LOOP ordering system. Sorry, we do not accept cash or cheque orders.

Orders close on Sun 22nd March

Happy reading!

Trudy

bookclubexcelsior@gmail.com

CANTEEN

Canteen Roster

Mon 23rd

Teresa
12.30-1.40

Tues 24th

Lisa 12.30-1.40

Wed 25th

Sonia 11-2

Thurs 26th

Akane 11-2

Fri 27th

Mandi 9-2

Mon 30th

Grace 12.30-1.40

Tues 31st

Nala 12.30-1.40

Wed 1st

Shirley 11-2

Thurs 2nd

Hong Ping &
Rong Gui 9-11
Sarah 12.30-1.40

Fri 3rd

Nadine 9-2

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YEAR OLDS

(AGE IN 2020)

7-13

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LEARN TO PLAY NETBALL!

TRAIN AND PLAY NETBALL

10-WEEK SKILLS PROGRAM

FUN | SKILLS | FRIENDS

Ted Horwood Reserve
Renown Avenue, Baulkham Hills
Enquiries: juniorregistrar@bhnc.com.au

Starts Term 2 - Wednesday 1 April

Cost \$85
Includes registration
and participant pack



2020 NETBALL COMPETITION

TEAM VACANCIES - ALL GRADES

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| AGES | 7 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 13 |
| | 4 PLAYERS | 4 PLAYERS | 1 PLAYER | 4 PLAYERS | 1 PLAYER |

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