



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 2 (18th June 2020)

Important Dates

Term 2	
Date	Event
25.6.20	3-6 Virtual Assembly
2.7.20	K-2 Virtual Assembly
3.7.20	Last day of Term 2
Term 3	
20.7.20	Staff Development Day
21.7.20	All students return to school for Term 3
3.8.20-7.8.20	Education Week
27.8.20-2.9.20	Book Fair
2.9.20	Book Parade TBC
4.9.20	Giant D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)
14.9.20	School Photos
25.9.20	Last day of Term 3

Other Key Dates

Year 6 Canberra Excursion	- 26.10.20-28.10.20 TBC
Year 5 Camp	- 2.11.20 - 4.11.20
Year 6 Farewell	- 8.12.20

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Last week the DoE announced the relaxing of some COVID-19 related restrictions. This week we returned to having a short whole school assembly on Monday morning at 9.00am. This assembly is a chance to feel united as a school and for important messages to be delivered consistently to all students. We will continue to have these short assemblies each Monday morning.

This week we spoke to the students about school uniform. As I have said before, I understand that some families have found it difficult to access the uniform shop and that sometimes jumpers and jackets are being left at school. In these situations, I request that students wear a jumper as close as possible to the school uniform until they are able to obtain correct uniform. Our uniform shop is open for online orders. This can be accessed through our website or by the link below:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/facilities---services/uniform-shop.html>

Wearing correct school uniform is a way students can demonstrate pride in their school. The students at Excelsior are lucky to have such a beautiful uniform. A reminder that we are now in full Winter uniform. Winter uniform for both boys and girls includes wearing a tie. Mrs Couque and I will be handing out bonus Emu Blues to students wearing their ties with pride.

Non-essential visitors (including parents) are still not permitted on the school site. While this is in place we will continue to stagger our finishing time for our K-2 students without siblings in 3-6. Thank you to parents for trying to maintain social distancing from other parents at pick up times.

Band activities will recommence from next Monday (22/6). Mrs Cherlin will provide further communication to our band students.

At this stage we have no scheduled excursions for Term 3. It is very difficult to predict what COVID-19 restrictions will still be in place. We will therefore not be sending out Term Accounts for Term 3. At this stage we have both the Year 6 three day excursion to Canberra and the Year 5 three day camp, scheduled for Term 4. We are hopeful that these will be able to go ahead.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

PBL Focus – Being Safe

This week our PBL focus is regarding **safe** behaviours. All classes will be discussing ways to ensure everyone is safe at school and the behaviour that is expected from students.

- If I arrive early to school I sit down in the Top Quad and wait for the 8.30am bell
- Play in a playground
- Play sensible games
- Use equipment safely
- If I need equipment from the sports shed I must have a teacher supervising me

Walk on hard surfaces



Be seated when eating.
(Recess & Lunch: 10
minute eating time)

Virtual Assembly

This week K-2 students watched the virtual assembly from the comfort of their classrooms. Parents can access the virtual assembly through our website or from the link below:

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

PSSA / Sport

The Castle Hill PSSA have announced that the Winter PSSA session has been cancelled.

They plan to recommence PSSA with the Summer season some time in Term 3. More information on this and the precautions that will be taken will be sent out to parents in the near future.

The Castle Hill PSSA have also announced that there will be no zone athletics or cross country carnivals this year.

Medication

It is sometimes necessary for students to have medication at school. It is important that staff are aware of all medication that is onsite and that medication is stored appropriately. All student medication should be stored at the school office.

The exceptions to this are EpiPens, which are stored near the relevant student and Ventolin, for students who have permission to carry this themselves. Please ensure students medication is clearly labelled.

If your child requires medication during the day and you are unsure of school procedures, please contact the school office.

Playground Project

Students in Year 4-6 were invited to participate in a Playground Project. This aims to develop a plan for playground improvements. Interested students in Years 4-6 were required to submit an Expression of Interest application.

This week the Year 6 leaders of this project met and introduced themselves to their team members in Years 4 and 5.

These students will be working over the next few weeks to develop a plan for playground improvement. Part of their job will be to survey and consult other students and collect data about how the playground is currently used.



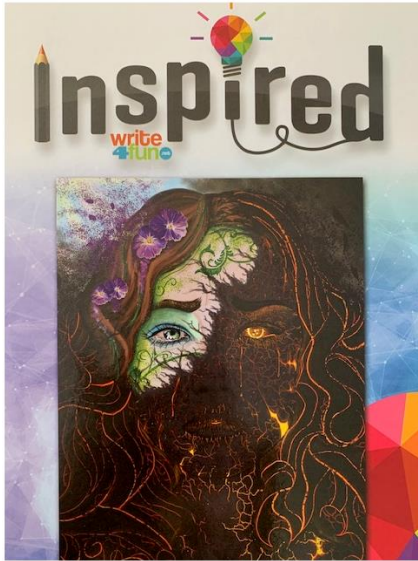
Year 4 New Furniture

Last week new furniture arrived for our Year 4 classrooms. Students have been very excited about using this in their classrooms.



Star Students

Congratulations to Aaron from 1K who has had his writing published as part of the Write 4 Fun writing competition.



HAN AND THE BEES

*I would like to dedicate this story to my Mum and Dad
and my school*

Once upon a time there was an owner. The owner's name was Han and he owned bees. Han liked the bees because the bees made honey, but the bees can sting you as well. Did you know they sting you if they get mad, angry or terrified? So,

one day the owner decided to get more flowers for the bees. So, the owner took the flowers and went home but the problem was that there was no more pollen for the bees. Han said, "I wasted soil for no reason."

A month passed, now it was summer. The owner went back to the farm but the farmer said wait until spring. Now it was spring and flowers like spring so Han asked the farmer "How could I get my bees back to the farm?" The farmer said, "The only way you could get your bees back is to go to a different country and continent and find them."

The owner went to Senegal, then from Senegal to Greenland which is part of Denmark. The owner continued from Greenland to Denmark but the owner could still not find the bees so he went home. Han waited for another year for the bees to come back but they didn't so he tried again.

The owner Han went to Senegal again, then from Senegal to Libya and guess what? The bees were in Libya! Han put the bees in a jar and flew from Libya to Brazil and then back to Australia. Han opened the jar and the bees went back to his flowers. He was now happy because he got his bees back.

*Aaron Keshavarz, Grade K
Excelsior Public School*



Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Anton T Braxton B Noah T Elsa R
KM	Lucas X Leo L Milaika C Arthur L
KN	Hannah H Jayden Z Levi I Myra M
KW	Terrence Z Larissa G Daniel W Sophie L
1B	Yana C Kerryn A Deven A Roy Q
1D/G	Audrey P Alex L George M Nevan W
1K	Marcus C Yaseen N Freyja S Olivia W
1S	Scarlett Q Thomas M Kashvi K Jonathan G
2A	Jennifer J Chantal L Hamish S Advik M
2B	Nolan M Luke G Sarah M Eloise U
2L	Mia H Hansol A Sarah Y Ryan W
2R	Vibha V Lila P Gregory X Sebastian S

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Rina A Fraser B Maanya S Connie Z
3J	Millie B Doya P Taeyun S Jessica Z
3S	Amelie N-M Chelsea X Lucas L Oisin K
4B	Ellie H Sachin R Zachary E Nicholas B
4H	Mila M Scott H Ava S Stephanie X
4L	Bruno C Lucas S Bella W Vineyard Z
5E	Ella M Danijela G-K Seif A Cooper G
5G	Audrey S Acelin B Millicent R Sienna T-W
5/6A	Allira B Jayden C Lucas L Zara W
6S	Cooper T Emma H Michaela R Claire L
6W	Elina H Isabel M Jet Y Aadi G

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

Sarah Y – **3J** Lexi W – **1B**

Silver Awards

Danijela G-K **5E**, Trinity W **6S**, Chloe Z **3S**, Chelsea X **3S**, Ben T **3D**, Minjone S **3J**, Andre N **3D**, Aarav K **3D**, Archie K **3D**, Zachery J **3S**, Anushkaa K **3S**, Rani S **5/6A**, Daisy M **5E**, Sri B **6S**, Olivia B **6S**, Harrison B **5/6A** and Ashleigh R **6W** were all awarded Silver Awards at last week's virtual 3-6 assembly

Gold Awards

Danijela G-K **5E** was awarded a Gold Award at last week's 3-6 virtual assembly.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is currently taking orders. Please fill in an Order Form and email it to the Uniform Shop or drop it into the school office. Parents can arrange for uniforms to be delivered to students via their classroom or can arrange pick up from the school office.

