



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 6 Term 2 (4th June 2020)

Important Dates

| Term 2 | |
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| Date | Event |
| 4.6.20 | K-2 Virtual Assembly |
| 8.6.20 | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday |
| 11.6.20 | 3-6 Virtual Assembly |
| 18.6.20 | K-2 Virtual Assembly |
| 25.6.20 | 3-6 Virtual Assembly |
| 2.7.20 | K-2 Virtual Assembly |
| 3.7.20 | Last day of Term 2 |
| 20.7.20 | Staff Development Day |
| 21.7.20 | All students return to school for Term 3 |

Other Key Dates

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| Year 6 Canberra Excursion | - postponed until Term 4. Final date TBC (previously 1.7.20 - 3.7.20) |
| Year 5 Camp | - 2.11.20 - 4.11.20 |
| School Photos | - 14.9.20 |
| Year 6 Farewell | - 8.12.20 |

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support through this difficult time as we endeavour to navigate the COVID-19 situation. Our playgrounds feel somewhat empty of a morning and afternoon, with parents not allowed onsite. At this stage, this rule will continue to apply for next week. I will update you all via the Skoolbag APP should this change.

Today we will be holding our second Virtual Assembly, this time for students in K-2. Parents can join in by clicking the link on our website or by the link below.

The path to the videos on our website is: About Our School-> EPS Virtual Assemblies

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

On our website soon will be the link below. This is time lapse footage of Block L being constructed. This footage was created by our builders Stephen Edwards Constructions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaZYQPeoJYg&list=PLKhimCUBX5vwYtsxg-CbzulkRque_nakV&index=5

With the completion of our new building project and the erection of security fences and security cameras, our school is now considered a secure site. The Department of Education will soon be conducting a security audit to ensure this is the case

Unauthorised access to the school at any time, including out of school hours and on weekends is considered as trespassing. Suspicious activity on school grounds can be reported to the School Security Hotline. This is a 24 hour service. Please see the number below:



Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Reports

This semester Excelsior will be sending home an abridged report. Due to many students working remotely for extended periods of time, assessments and observations required to write standard reports have not been completed. Schools were given an extended deadline for reports to be issued, however we feel that it is important for parents to be given an indication of student progress this Semester and any delay would comprise work and assessments planned for Semester 2.

Reports will be sent home on Thursday 2nd July. At this stage we will be delaying parent teacher interviews until they can be conducted in person. Should you wish to have a phone interview with your child's classroom teacher, this can be arranged.

School Photos

School photos were scheduled to be taken towards the end of this term. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Department of Education is not allowing non-essential outside services onto school grounds.

We have tentatively re-scheduled our photo day for Monday 14th September.

Applications for Opportunity Classes 2021

Changes to the opportunity class placement process for 2020 Year 4 students

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation.

We now have a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between **9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020**. Late applications cannot be accepted.

- A new test date - Wednesday **16 September 2020**.

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores.

There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information I encourage you to visit (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>)

PBL Focus

This week teachers will be reinforcing respectful behaviours in the classroom and in the playground.

- *Look after the school environment*
- *Share equipment and space*
- *Keep our feet and hands to ourselves*
- *Play fair / good sportsmanship*



Place your rubbish in the bin

Year 6 Jumpers



Our Year 6 students were very happy last week to find that their Year 6 jumpers had been delivered, right in time for the chilly weather we are experiencing. The Year 6 jumpers were designed by the students. All students will be proudly wearing this jumper in place of their regular school jacket or jumper.



Kiss and Drop

It is timely to remind parents of the Kiss and Drop rules.

Our Kiss and Drop rules apply from 8.00am-9.30am and from 2.00pm – 3.30pm.



Please see the pictures below for the specific rules and fines that apply for non-compliance. Rangers have been regularly present at the Kiss and Drop zone since students have returned to full time learning at school.

As we are currently implementing a staggered finish time parents may be finding the drive time to Kiss and Drop is less than usual. Please abide by the 2 minute only stop time within the Kiss and Drop Zone. Also remember that you need to allow time for your child to get from the classroom to Kiss and Drop.

If using the Kiss and Drop area and your child is not waiting at the designated area when you reach the top of the line, the maximum time you can wait is 2 minutes. After this time, you will be required to drive around the block and re-enter the queue.

Teachers are on duty to ensure student safety and not to manage parents who refuse to follow road rules.

Millie in 5G has drawn a beautiful picture of a Kiss and Drop zone working perfectly. We will be erecting additional Kiss and Drop Rules posters as a reminder of the correct procedure.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$344 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

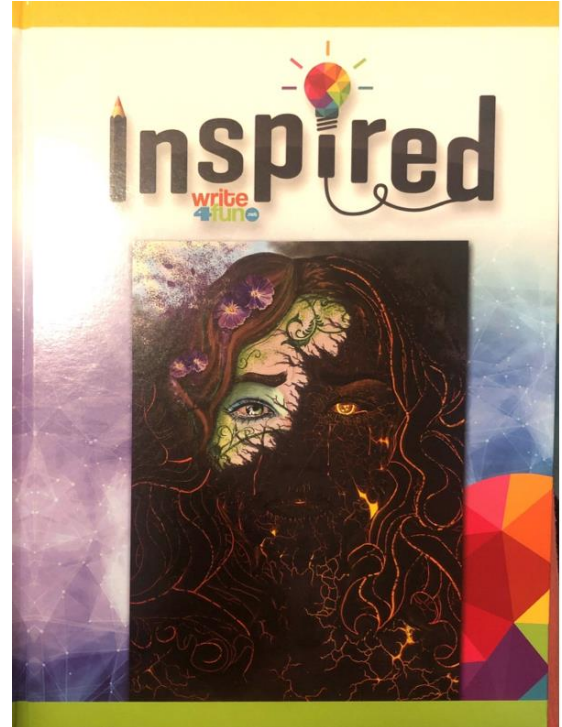
Penalty from \$191 and 2 demerit points



Star Students

Congratulations to Archie from 3D, who entered the Write4fun writing competition. His writing has been selected to be published! Well done Archie, you are now a published author.

I'm sure you will all enjoy reading his story below.



GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

“Hot!” Cried Baby Bear. “I think we have to wait and take a stroll.” Meanwhile...

“La, la, la, la, la!” Goldilocks sang happily. “I am just going to take a little frolic around the woods.” Surprised, Goldilocks spotted a charming cottage in the distance ahead. Like a mouse she scampered to the door nimbly and rang the doorbell. Surprisingly no one answered. So she tried pushing the door and it flew open. Crrreak!

Inside, she found three bowls of porridge. One large bowl, one middle-sized bowl and one small bowl. The biggest one was not cooked properly, the middle-sized one was too hot but the smallest one was just right. Like a wolf, she devoured it all.

Next, she entered the living room to find three cups of pristine water. The biggest one was too hot, the middle-sized one was too cold but the smallest one was tepid. Goldilocks yawned, “I’m going to explore up those stairs!”

After that, she spotted a wooden scarlet door. “Let me take a peek!” Remarked Goldilocks. She spotted three beds. However, the biggest bed stunk of sweat, the middle-sized one had too many pillows on it. Of course, the

smallest one was soft and clean, so she decided to lie on it and fall into a deep slumber.

Not long after, she awoke to find three furious bears standing in front of her. She screamed “AAHHHHHH!” And sprinted away as fast as a cheetah. Fortunately, the bears never saw Goldilocks again.

Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

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| KB | Annabelle P Ellie S Abigail R Zander K |
| KM | Ben L Chloe C Zoe J Harriet W |
| KN | Violet G Rilynn A Adriana K Jenifer X |
| KW | Angelique C Zoe H Xavier X Ha Rang J |
| 1B | Ryan D Arlene K Daniel X Willow M |
| 1D/G | Crystal L Arhum A Ryan M William C |
| 1K | Jamie W Jocelyn Z Bilal S Maddison S |
| 1S | Dhruv T Srikar E Lucas G Jack S |
| 2A | Aiden S Chloe Y Rainaa D Jia L |
| 2B | Terrance X Alice H Anay P Imogen H |
| 2L | Lola W Aidan S Lachlan E Athea T |
| 2R | Violet S Elsa L Teddy P Julian T |

3-6 Merit Awards

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| 3D | Lucas H Jasmine H Liam E Andre N |
| 3J | Brendan L Clara S Kingsley T Sarah Y |
| 3S | Noah G Elijah M Sriprada U Oliver X |
| 4B | Helen L Adelaide R Thomas M Polly P |
| 4H | Martin V Ciela T Hassan O Jake T |
| 4L | Sidney L Sidney B Abigail R Ashton A |
| 5E | Vanessa C Ryan C Spencer R Zelene T |
| 5G | Marcos G Jonah C Bella S Isabella C |
| 5/6A | Chloe S Murphy G Wayne S Lucas C |
| 6S | Cocco C Abigail M Sri B Caitlyn J |
| 6W | Austin Z Jesse H Hayley E Caitlyn Z |

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

Sarah S - 5/6A and **Chloe Y - 2A**

Silver Awards

Eloise U - 2B, Freya M - 2B and Mia H - 2L were all awarded a silver award at this week's virtual assembly.

P & C News

It's so lovely to see our school back to its capacity again, the children all seem to be really happy to see all their friends and I am sure that our ever hard working teachers are glad to be back teaching face to face. I can't begin to imagine what the teachers have all been going through adapting to working in an online environment, but I think that we can all agree they have done a fantastic job. I would also encourage you to tune in and watch the assembly last week on-line, it was so professional and all the children spoke so well, congratulations to all involved in that effort.

Although we haven't be able to meet as a P&C over this outbreak period I would like you all to consider volunteering as part of the P&C. At the end of this year we will be losing many key P&C volunteers and if their roles aren't filled we may have to stop providing some services to the school. Did you know that P&C runs the uniform shop, canteen and ERA, it would be such a shame for all the children and parents if we had to suspend these services due to a lack of volunteers. If you are considering volunteering now, would be a great time to come along to the meetings and even start learning the ropes for next year if you would be able to take on a P&C role. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the P&C team members if you would like further information.

For now I hope you all stay safe, stay warm and don't forget to wash your hands!

Shannyn Geeve
P&C President.

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.

CANTEEN

Canteen News

It's been great to be back in the canteen although we are only open for lunch orders at this stage. We are very happy to be getting so many orders each day and that the children are getting their hot food as the weather gets colder! We anticipate this arrangement to continue for the rest of this term and will review with Sandra at that stage.

On another note, there are a small number of children registered on QKR! under STAFF! Can we please ask that you check if this is one of your children and adjust it for us? Many thanks.

Kindest regards to all,
The Canteen Committee

Expression of Interest
Learn Music on Keyboard at School

Class temporarily suspended due to the Covid-19 disruption
Taking expression of interest now, for when class resumes

Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!



- Convenient at-school venue with additional health & safety measures in place
- Small group, 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



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