



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 10 Term 2 (2nd July 2020)

Important Dates

Term 2	
Date	Event
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
17.9.20	Public Speaking competition – School finals
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

As we come to the end of what only can be described as a very unusual term, I would like to thank you all for your support. Our community has worked together to ensure that, regardless of the obstacles put in our way, the welfare and education of our students is paramount.

Of course, thanks also to our school staff who demonstrated a remarkable ability to adapt to a variety of teaching modes – often several at the same time!

Our students have also shown great resilience and shown dedication to learn regardless of circumstance or setting.

I am sure everyone is ready for a very well-deserved holiday from school.

A reminder that Term 3 begins with a Staff Development Day on Monday 20th July and all students return to school on Tuesday 21st July.

Term 3

At this stage, Term 3 will begin almost the same as Term 2 has ended. The following protocols and procedures will remain in place until further notice:

- No external excursion
- Increased cleaning procedures, including cleaning throughout the day
- Parents will not be allowed on the school site
- Early finish time for some K-2 students
- Virtual assemblies in place of face to face assemblies

Some changes that will take place are:

- Canteen will be open for recess orders. Please note the canteen will continue to not accept cash. All food must be pre-ordered online.
- ERA and after school activities will resume. Please note that as parents are not allowed onsite the Elberta Ave gates (near the tennis courts) will be the collection and drop off point.
- Scripture will resume
- PSSA will resume during the term

As we have no events planned for Term 3, we will once again not be sending home Term Accounts for Term 3.

We are proceeding with plans for both Year 5 camp and Year 6 Canberra trip. Parents will receive information, including costings, next term.

School Holiday Work

Over the holidays there will be various work carried out on the school grounds. This includes:

- Spraying the oval for weeds and bindi
- Rectification of the area which had demountable buildings
- Landscaping work on the front of Block L and behind Block D

Please remind your children that the school is not a play space during the holidays. There may be times that the gates are open for truck access. Workers will be in communication with Vacation Care to know the spaces that they are using, but will not be expecting other children onsite. For their own safety children should not come onto the school site, unless they are at Vacation Care.

New Video

The Department of Infrastructure has created a new video of Block L. This can be viewed from our school website or through the following link:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2020/6/excelsior-public-school-upgrade.html>

Parent Care-giver Resources

The Gonski Institute for Education has released some parent and caregiver resources on a range of topics including:

- Being Your Child's First and Forever Teacher
- Starting School
- Social and Emotional Skills
- Why Play is Important
- How to Help Your Child Grow Up in a Digital World
- Moving from Primary to High School

<https://www.gie.unsw.edu.au/research/parent-and-caregiver-resources>

Reports

Students will today be bringing home their Semester 1 Report. Schools are bound by Commonwealth guidelines when reporting to parents. Due to the interruption to face-to-face teaching, caused by COVID-19, these guidelines were amended for this reporting period. Schools were not required to report using an A-E scale. At Excelsior we have chosen to report on all areas using a 3-point scale. It is expected that usual reporting guidelines will be in place for Semester 2.

Once again, I would like to wish all of our families a safe and restful school holiday period and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Kind Regards,
Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Parent Survey

The Future Focused team are currently collecting data from students, teachers and parents to evaluate learning at school. Over the past two and half years we have been preparing for our new learning environments and the effective teaching methods used in these innovative spaces. We have been thoroughly preparing the staff, the students and the parents for this change and we are very interested in your feedback in order to inform our future directions. Below is the link to the Parent Survey on Learning at Excelsior PS:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY6LPPV>

We would like parents to complete this very short survey for each child, as your answers will vary according to each child's experiences. The survey will be open until Friday 24th July.

Kind regards,
G.Couqué

Education Week 2020

The theme for Education Week 2020 is **Learning together**.

It's a theme that reflects an incredible year for students, staff and parents, and the partnerships that have been strengthened in response.

Education Week 2020 will run in **Term 3 Week 3** from **Monday 3rd August to Friday 7th August**.

Due to restrictions with parents being on site, Excelsior will be celebrating Education Week by sharing short classroom tour videos and student work samples from class to parents via Seesaw (K-2) and Google Classroom (3-6) during that week. In addition, there will be a **mufti day** to celebrate learning together on **Thursday 6th August** (no donation required).

Learning together

Key messages

In this year of bushfires, floods and COVID-19, the key messages of Education Week 2020 are:

Schools are the cornerstone of communities

Parents and carers are our partners in learning. Schools and families benefit from strong, respectful relationships where responsibility for student learning is shared.

Change and resilience

Our teachers and students are lifelong learners, collaborating in a positive learning environment to achieve their best. Learning together makes us strong and creates resilient communities.

Connect better and learn together

Our school staff are dedicated professionals who know, value and care for all students. Technology enables learning together anywhere, any time.

National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability*

Discrimination Act 1992 and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability. The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

SRC- Compost Bins

Last week, Bunnings Warehouse Castle Hill generously donated 400 litre Compost bins to our school. Each class will have a small fruit & vegetable compost bin to dispose of compostable scraps including banana peels, apple cores and watermelon skins. SRC representatives will empty the bins daily, into the large compost bins which

are situated next to the green room, near the kiss & drop zone. Our students are eager to begin disposing of our waste in an environmentally friendly way. Excelsior would like to thank Bunnings Warehouse Castle Hill for giving us the bins, and we look forward to Term 3, when this process will begin. We hope our students will be inspired to begin composting at home!



Around the Grades

Year 6

Year 6 have been studying natural disasters and created their own 'cyclones in a bottle.'



Awards

Congratulations to the following students, who received a Silver Award at today's virtual assembly. The virtual assembly can be viewed through our school website or by the following link:
<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/eps-virtual-assemblies.html>

- Charlie 2L
- Shreeya 3J
- Doya 3J
- Ryan 4B
- Kaylee 4L
- Vineyard 4L

CANTEEN

CANTEEN NEWS

Unfortunately we are out of stock of sausage rolls until next term. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

We would like to thank our school community for your support during Term 2, whilst it has been a less than ordinary return to operations we have very much appreciated this support and we endeavour to increase our service to you as we are able.

CANTEEN UPDATE

The canteen will open at recess for pre orders of chips, popcorn and drinks during Term 3.

This means that these items can be ordered on the QKR! app under the headings 'snacks' and 'drinks' and we will have them labelled and ready for your child to collect at recess. We will continue our cashless operation so we will not be accepting cash purchases at this time. **If we do not receive your order on the app we will be unable to provide a recess item for your child.**

We look forward to this next step in our reopening process.

Many thanks for your support.
The Canteen Committee

ERA

Great news!!

ERA activities are returning in Term 3.

Due to the easing of restrictions we are very eager to get back into the swing of things. There are still procedures to follow on COVID-19 as per the DoE guidelines and the respective co-ordinators from each activity will be in contact with parents to discuss further.

We are also requiring a new tennis co-ordinator, if any parent is keen to take on this role and join a fantastic committee please email your interest to excelsiorera@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.

ERA committee

SCHOOL BANKING

Due to COVID-19 school banking will not be available until further notice.



EXCELSIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Enrol now for Kindergarten 2021!

Our 3 Kindergarten transition sessions will be held on:

Tuesday 10th November

Tuesday 17th November

Tuesday 24th November



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The Hills Chinese School



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We are back!

Term 3

*Face to face
after school classes!*

Enrol
now!

Timetable

Enrol
now!

No.	Schools	Classes Dates	Weekday Class Time
1	Kellyville Public School	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	3:00-5:30pm
2	Sherwood Ridge Public School	Monday	3:00-5:30pm
3	Baulkham Hills North Public School	Tuesday, Wednesday	3:00-5:30pm
4	Castle Hill Public School	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	3:00-5:30pm
5	Crestwood Public School	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	3:00-5:30pm
6	Matthew Pearce Public School	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday	3:00-5:30pm
7	Jasper Road Public School	Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday	3:00-5:30pm
8	Winston Hills Public School	Wednesday	3:00-5:30pm
9	Excelsior Public School	Wednesday, Thursday	3:00-5:30pm
10	Bella Vista Public School	Monday, Friday	3:00-5:30pm

学位有限 Limited position in Term 3

报名截止 Enrolment must end by 17 July

请扫码报名 Scan QR code to enrol:

或登录网址报名 Or use the link to enrol:

<https://forms.gle/xjS92kdpYUkh4N3u9>

咨询 Contact: thehillschineseschool@gmail.com

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Volunteer and experienced Chinese teacher wanted!



**REGISTER FOR THE
2021
WESTFIELDS
SPORTS
ATHLETICS
PROGRAM**

TRIAL DATE

**Term 3, Weeks 1&2
Register for more details**

LOCATION

Westfields Sports HS

AGE

Year 7, 2021

CONTACT DETAILS

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Joanne Kenny**

**Athletics Director
Dan Suchy**

**Athletics Coach
Brett Mathison**

REGISTER AT

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APPLICATIONS DUE

Wednesday 1 July, 2020



Working together to develop the rising stars of the future