



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 4 Term 3 (13th August 2020)

Important Dates

Term 3	
Date	Event
17.8.20- 18.8.20	Year 5 Check In Assessment
27.8.20- 2.9.20	Book Fair
3.9.20	Book Parade
3.9.20	Fathers' Day Stall
1.9.20	Giant D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)
7.9.20- 11.9.20	NAPLAN Online School Readiness Testing
14.9.20	School Photos
17.9.20	Public Speaking Competition – School Finals
21.9.20	Year 3 Check In Assessment
22.9.20	Year 6 Fun Fair
23.9.20- 24.9.20	Year 3 Check In Assessment
25.9.20	Last Day of Term 3
12.10.20	First Day of Term 4

From the Principal

Dear Parents

As we move further into Term 3, it seems that restrictions in place due to COVID-19 are not likely to be lifted any time soon.

I would like to thank our parents, community members, teachers and students for the way they have handled this very difficult time. The health and safety of our entire community is paramount at this time as we continue to socially distance and ensure we are continuing thorough hygiene practices.

With recent cases of COVID-19 in and around our local area, a reminder to regularly check the NSW Government website [Help Us Stay COVID Safe](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw) which details the latest news and updates. This website also shows the latest COVID-19 case locations and gives advice for anyone who has visited the places indicated.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>

Virtual Assembly

This week a K-2 virtual assembly will be available to view via our website or through the link below:

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

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Year 3 and 5 Check In Assessment

As NAPLAN has been cancelled for this year, the Department of Education has offered schools the option of participating in a “Check In Assessment” for students in Year 3 and 5.

Students at Excelsior PS will be participating in this online assessment. The assessment will provide teachers with additional information about how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and will help teachers to tailor their teaching to meet specific student learning needs.

NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing

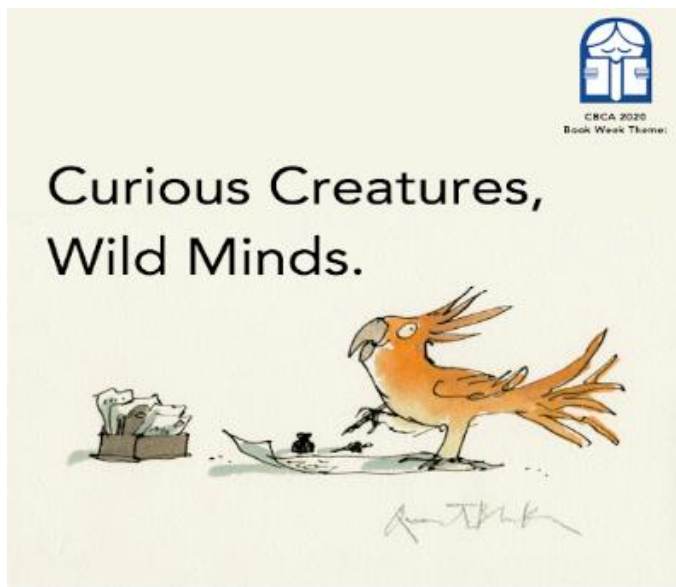
In 2021 Excelsior Public School will be moving to online NAPLAN. To ensure our school meets the technical requirement to support this, students in

Year 3 and 5 will be participating in Online NAPLAN Readiness Testing. This is not a student assessment and the school will receive no feedback on student performance. It will enable us to test our school systems and our ability to run NAPLAN online in 2021.

Book Week

We will be celebrating Book Week in week 7 with a variety of events.

The theme for this year is, “Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.”



<p>Thursday 03/09/2020</p>	<p>The Book Parade will take place on The Green during the morning session. <u>Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character; they DO NOT have to come dressed in this year’s theme.</u></p> <p>Due to current restrictions, classes will be allocated a time slot to participate in the Book Parade. Each class will be recorded and the class teacher will share this with parents on Google Classroom (3-6) or SeeSaw (K-2).</p>
<p>Friday 04/09/2020</p>	<p>Students bring their favourite book to school for buddy reading and swap bookmarks with each other.</p> <p>Final day for Book Fair online purchases.</p>

School Photos

School photos have been scheduled for Monday 14th September. We have requested that photos be run cashless. Parents will shortly receive photo information, informing them how they can order and pay online for school photos.

Due to COVID-19 all photos will be presented in composite form, where all students will have their individual portraits taken and collated as a class



<p>Friday 28/08/2020</p>	<p>Every class will visit the library to have a look at the books available to buy at the Book Fair.</p> <p>Students will prepare a wish list to take home.</p> <p>A note will be sent out closer to the date with online payment details.</p>
<p>Monday 31/08/2020</p>	<p>Sometime this week students will create a bookmark to share with their buddies on Friday.</p> <p>The Book Fair will be available all week for online purchases.</p>
<p>Tuesday 01/09/2020</p>	<p>All students will participate in a Giant DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) session after recess with each class find a safe reading space around the school.</p>

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher phone interviews have been scheduled for Week 9, the week beginning 14/9/20. Parents will shortly receive a note explaining how they can schedule a phone interview.

Recent Events

Cross Country Carnival

Our Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday 7th August. While it looked very different to usual, due to COVID-19 restrictions, students had a great time running (or walking) the course with their classmates. Times were used to work out place getters.

Students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an event will be presented with their ribbons at next week's virtual assembly.

8 year boys

1. Jaden N
2. Julian T
3. Maxwell T
4. Evans L
5. Marcus H

8 year Girls

1. Lola W
2. Taya A
3. Dineli F
4. Mila B
5. Lauren G

9 year boys

1. Ashton C
2. Liam E
3. Jackson H
4. Hayden F
5. Oisin K

9 year Girls

1. Stephanie X
2. Clara S
3. Trinity H
4. U Na K
5. Scarlett P

10 year boys

1. Max M
2. Oscar H
3. Riley A
4. Jake T
5. Nicholas B

10 year Girls

1. Molly H
2. Mila M
3. Ishanvi T
4. Ella M
5. Holly N

11 year boys

1. Jonah C
2. James H
3. Keegan F
4. Gregory R
5. Corey H

11 year Girls

1. Millicent R
2. Sarah S
3. Sienna T
4. Sophia L
5. Isabelle D

12 year boys

1. David H
2. Morris W
3. Harry B
4. Jared W
5. Jaden C

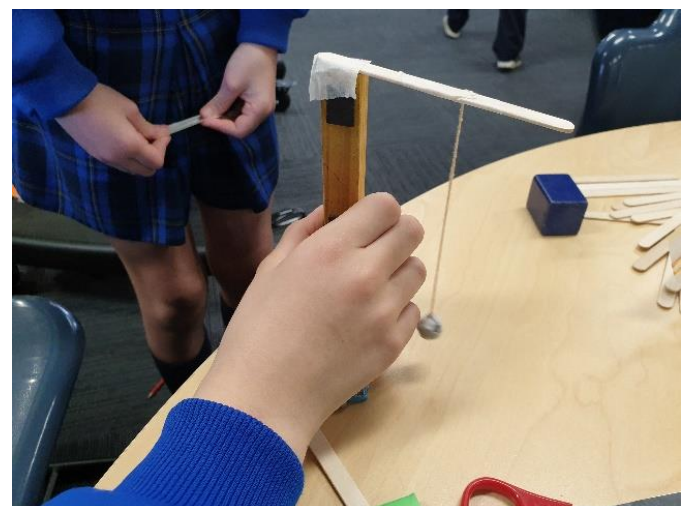
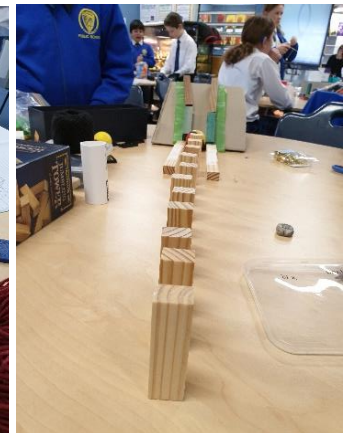
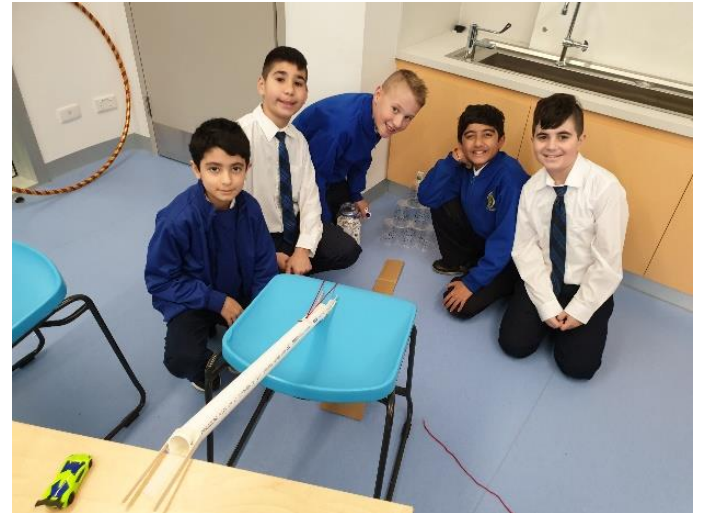
12 year Girls

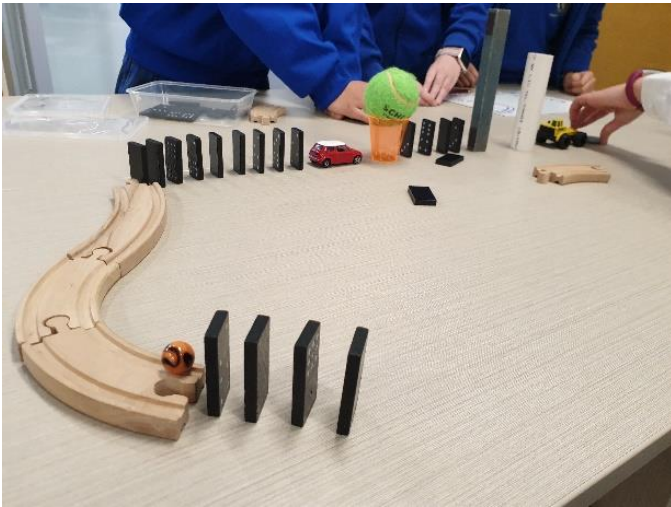
1. Hayley E
2. Isabel H
3. Michaela R
4. Isabel M
5. Anna H

Around the Grades

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about forces and energy in products and systems this term. This week they learnt about potential and kinetic energy and used this knowledge to plan and create their own Rube Goldberg machine. A Rube Goldberg machine is a contraption that uses a chain reaction to carry out a simple task.





Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Viona A Abhaya V Carus N Vivaan G
KM	Melina S Andrew F Aurora J Abby J
KN	Jordan L Violet G Adriana K Jhanvi S
KW	Emily C Bangyi Z Beren T Kane C
1B	Eddy L Evan G Gabriel C Zara C
1D/G	Zachary S Cooper L Ashlee F Pablo M
1K	Shanaya S Nicola K Mahmoud E Aaron K
1S	Jacob H Madeline G Sebastian E Alan R
2A	Joel K Marcus H Lauren G Lucy P
2B	Ethan C Xavier E Freya M Anay P
2L	Lilian H Nicholas M Kirin G Olivia C
2R	Ivy G Saira S Kanira S Pranesh K

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Audree T Ben T Connie Z Hayden F
3J	Mia H Shreeya I Ashton C Chase G
3S	Carter W Rishi S Cav M Richard Z
4B	Joshua C Molly H Savi K William Z
4H	Areen D Satvik E Selina L Dmitry T
4L	Ganeev D Ashton A Sienna Z Evie A
5E	Jasmine W Prisha S Daisy M Arshan J
5G	Ella-Rose B Declan C Ishanvi T Morgan L
5/6A	Arya S Sarah Z Rani S Erika S
6S	Anna H Sharon L Trinity W Charlie A
6W	Faris K Ashleigh R Ghazal E Siena L

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

Olivia B – 6S Ruby Z – 2B

Congratulations to the following students who received Silver or Gold Awards this fortnight

SILVER

Grace 3D, Trevor 3D, Oliver 4B, Thomas 4H, Sarah 5/6A, Siena 6W, Saradha 2B, Mila 2B

GOLD

Sarah 5/6A

P&C EVENTS



Fathers' Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 3 September** in the Lower Quad. Gifts will be priced at \$5.00 each.

Please remember to bring correct money and a bag for your gift

This year we have a big variety of presents for the children to choose from.



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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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

Regional Fox Baiting Program

Please be advised that a fox baiting program will soon commence in the local area in conjunction with Greater Sydney Local Land Services. The aim of the program is to protect native wildlife including threatened species from fox predation.

1080 poison baits will be laid in the following Reserves:

- **Excelsior Reserve, Ted Horwood Reserve, 13 Cadwells Road Kenthurst** Managed by The Hills Shire Council
- **Lake Parramatta Reserve** Managed by City of Parramatta Council

Foxoff® poison baits (containing 1080)

will be buried in the above listed Reserves between

Monday 17th August – Friday 28th August 2020

Foxoff® is designed specifically for fox control. Trained staff will undertake the baiting. Baits will be buried 10cm under the ground to reduce the risk of non-target poisoning.

WARNING:

- 1080 poison is lethal to dogs and cats
- The above listed bushland reserves will be closed to dogs (including dogs walking on a lead), during and up to 4 weeks after the fox baiting program.
- **Dogs on leads can return to these reserves on Saturday 26th September 2020**
- **In an emergency contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0555**

Signs stating "1080 FOX POISON LAID IN THIS AREA" and "Dogs (& Cats) are prohibited" will be displayed in the relevant parks and reserves to notify the public about the program.

Please contact the following agencies for further information, or if you notice that one or more of the signs has been vandalised or is missing:

The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0555

Greater Sydney Local Land Services 1300 795 299

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MEDIA BALANCE AND WELLBEING



PRICE

Early Bird: \$340
(Ending 6 September)
Normal Price: \$350

Robotics



Engineering



Science



LOCATION & DATES

Dural Public School: 28th - 30th Sep
Time: 9am to 5pm
Sydney Olympic Park: 30th Sep - 2nd Oct
Neutral Bay Club: 7th - 9th Oct

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