



# Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 6 Term 3 (27<sup>th</sup> August 2020)

## Important Dates

Term 3	
Date	Event
27.8.20- 2.9.20	Book Fair
1.9.20	Giant D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)
3.9.20	Book Parade
3.9.20	Fathers' Day Stall
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
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

We are now more than half way through Term 3. We are continuing to respond to COVID-19 updates for school operations as they arise. Please see below for more information

### **COVID-19**

The latest advice from the Department of Education states:

*During the COVID-19 pandemic, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school.*

Staff or students who are sent home from school with the symptoms listed above will be required to

show a COVID-19 negative test and be symptom free before they can return to school.



### **Kindergarten 2021**

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021.

All local area enrolments are taken online through the enrolment tab on our school website, or through the link below:

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=1890&catchmentLevel=primary>

I would encourage all families who would like to enrol their child/ren in Kindergarten for 2021 to do so as soon as possible. To ensure families receive all relevant information, Kinder enrolments should be submitted before the end of Term 3 (25<sup>th</sup> September).

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is highly unlikely that Kindergarten Orientation will be organised the same as previous years. Staff are currently working on a COVID-19 safe Orientation Program

for students enrolled for 2021. More information will be forward individually to parents early in Term 4.

### **Term 4 Accounts**

A Term 4 Account will be sent home later this term. We are planning to run the Wellbeing Program that we trialled last year. We received very positive feedback from students, teachers and parents. More information about this program will be included with the Term 4 Account.

### **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**

### **School Photos**

School photos will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Families should have received envelopes from MSP Photography. Payment for school photos will be online only, no cash payments will be accepted.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions all photos will be composite form, with all students having an individual photo taken. Students should wear full school winter uniform on photo day.



### **Father's Day Stall**

A Father's Day stall will be held next Thursday (3<sup>rd</sup> September). All classes will be rostered to visit the stall during the day. All gifts are \$5. We are asking that students bring the correct money, they will be placing their money in a box to eliminate money handling by multiple people. All students will have the opportunity to buy one gift. If there are gifts left over, children wishing to buy more than one gift will be invited back.

All students wishing to purchase a gift should bring a shopping bag on the day.

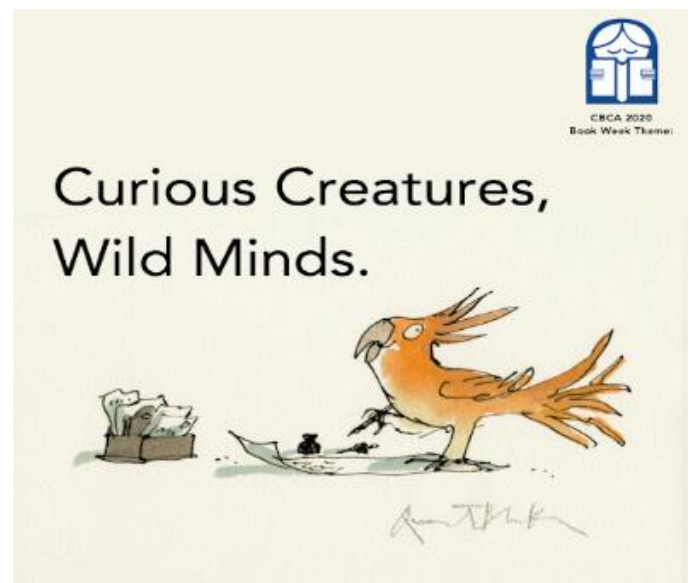
### **Year 6 Fun Fair**

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, we have decided to delay the Year 6 Fun Fair until Term 4. Organising COVID-19 safe activities for the Year 6 students to organise and run was proving to be very difficult. We are hoping that there may be some easing of restriction in Term 4.

### **Book Week**

We will be celebrating Book Week next week, with a variety of events.

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



<b>Friday 28/08/2020</b>	<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 <b>wish list</b> to take home.</p> <p>A note will be sent out closer to the date with online payment details.</p>
<b>Monday 31/08/2020</b>	<p>Sometime this week students will create a bookmark to share with their buddies on Friday.</p> <p>The <b>Book Fair</b> will be available all week for <b>online purchases</b>.</p>
<b>Tuesday 01/09/2020</b>	<p>All students will participate in a <b>Giant DEAR</b> (Drop Everything and Read) session after recess with each class find a safe reading space around the school.</p>
<b>Thursday 03/09/2020</b>	<p>The <b>Book Parade</b> 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>
<b>Friday 04/09/2020</b>	<p>Students bring their favourite book to school for <b>buddy reading</b> and swap bookmarks with each other.</p> <p><b>Final day for Book Fair online purchases.</b></p>

### **OC Test**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, each school will be holding the OC Test for their own students.

The assessment date has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Students who have applied online will get individual notification of this change.

For 2020, only the OC Test will be used to offer placements to OC classes in 2021.

### **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.

## Recent Events

### SASS Recognition Week



This week we celebrated SAS Staff recognition week. Schools could not function without the wonderful work from our SAS Staff. We are very lucky at Excelsior Public School to have a fabulous SASS team;

Janine Burke – School Administration Manager

Nikki Grassi – School Administration Officer

Linda Wallis – School Administration Officer

Caryn Brown – School Administration Officer

Con – General Assistant

Bill – General Assistant

Naomi King – School Learning Support Officer

Courtney Sherwood – School Learning Support Officer

Clarissa McGann – School Learning Support Officer

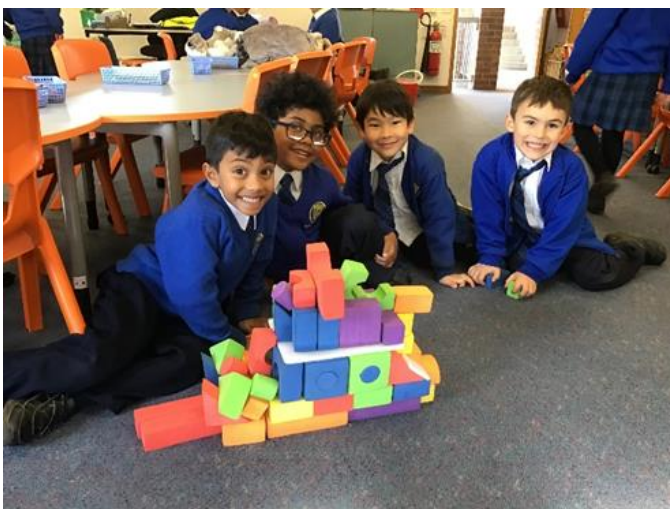
Caitlin Harding – School Learning Support Officer

## Around the Grades

### Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been very busy learning, developing friendships and enjoying fun school events, such as Crazy Hair Day and Mufti Days. In one of the photos you can see Kindergarten learning about money and engaging in pretend shopping. In another photo you can see Kindergarten learning how to use the school laptops. Kindergarten are also learning to work collaboratively in groups, such as when creating projects, playing fitness games and working in Literacy Groups.





## Awards

### K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Abby R Harrison M Lehara C Sahiti K
KM	Joanne K Oliver J Leo L Ben L
KN	Rilynn A Thomas L Hannah H Emmanuel A
KW	Riya N Bodhi N Milena M Terrence Z
1B	Fiona Z Hayden L Riley F Ella S
1D/G	Alex L Ethan U Xander P Ashlee F
1K	Ruby L Maddison S Bilal S Nathaniel E
1S	Jaden Y Joshua X Millie H Sebastian E
2A	Kiannah G Siyona A Gautam S Vikraant G
2B	Mila B Terrance X Ryu N Angela L
2L	Maddison T Dimitrios A Michael Q Bella W
2R	Lila P Felix L Megan S Peter H

### 3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Oliver M Ellin C Daniel H Draco L
3J	Ayush B Minato K Amina K Rousalina T
3S	Chelsea X Anushkaa K William B Ayron G
4B	Pehansa W Jamie T Oliver K Riley G
4H	Thomas P Isabel S Angus S Lilly-Rose P
4L	Kylan S Oscar H Leo J Amy K
5E	Artin S Jennifer J Judah W Seif A
5G	Hasnaa M Jennifer D James H Max M
5/6A	Charlie C Iris H Sarah S Allira B
6S	Georgia V Himasha F Cleo G David H
6W	Lexie F Eva D Reshikhaa R Lachlan C

### Spirit of Excelsior Awards

Mariam A – 3D    Nicholas B – 1DG

### Sliver Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received their Sliver Award this fortnight:

Harrison L- 2B, Luke G – 2B, Caesar N – 2L, Dominic J – 2B, Spencer R – 5E and Rachel L -5G.

### **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.



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## **Enrol now for Kindergarten 2021!**

Our 3 Kindergarten transition sessions will be held on:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**



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