



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 3 (10th September 2020)

Important Dates

Term 3	
Date	Event
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
22.10.20	SRC PJ Day
18.11.20	OC Test
16.12.20	Last day of Term 4

From the Principal

Dear Parents

I hope you have been able to enjoy some of the footage and photos sent home from Book Week. Our students (and our teachers) had a fabulous time celebrating Book Week. Thank you to parents for the tremendous effort you put in creating the most amazing book character costumes.

Term 4 Accounts

A Term 4 Account was sent home this week. 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 can be found at:

<http://www.dancefevermultisport.com/wellbeing/>

The cost of this program is \$26 for 10 weekly lessons.

Also included in the Term Account is a \$2 participation fee for the SRC Pyjama Day, which will be held on Thursday 22nd October. The SRC will be using this day to raise funds to help to refurbish the student toilets in the Top Quad.

School Planning

Planning has begun on the next three-year school plan. We are currently writing a situational analysis to ensure our new plan focuses on areas for improvement. To help us with this, we ask that all families complete this short survey. It is very important to us that there is valid input from our community. This survey should only take a few minutes to complete:

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

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

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 (25th 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.

School Photos

School photos will be held next **Monday 14th 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, this includes ties for both boys and girls.

COVID-19



Recent Events

Book Week

Last week our school celebrated Book Week with a variety of activities, including book character parades, a book fair, giant D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read), book mark exchange and some virtual book reading sessions.







Father's Day Stall

With COVID-19 restrictions our Father's Day Stall was a little different this year. Our P&C Events team organised the purchasing of the gifts and the counting of the money and our school leaders ran the stall.

We hope all Dads had an amazing Father's Day and enjoyed the gifts purchased at the stall.



Around the Grades

Year 3 Learns about Sustainability

This term, Year 3 has engaged with a unit of work about sustainability. During the unit, we have learned about the issues around landfill and how this has an impact on global warming. Rather than throwing away old t-shirts, we decided to transform them into functional bags. Some students are using their new bags as library bags, others are using them as lego bags and some are using them as bags to store special items. If you would like to reuse an old t-shirt and turn it into a bag, please follow the link below for instructions. As you can see in the photos, Year 3 had a blast creating their new bags!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgpaM3u2zng>



Star Students

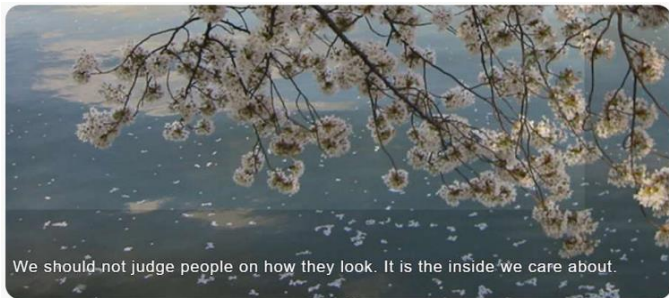
Year 2 XT

Last week, Year 2 students in the XT Program studied two beautiful picture books – “The Boy Who Grew Flowers” by J. Wojtowicz and “The Invisible Boy” by T. Ludwig. We compared and contrasted these books, with each student writing a sentence on their interpretation of the author’s message. Students matched a visual image which they felt best depicted their sentence. Here is their wonderful work.





"It's okay to be unique. You should be proud of who you are."



"We should not judge people on how they look. It is the inside we care about."



"We may be different but we share the same feelings."



"You should not judge people on how they look, it only matters how they are on the inside."



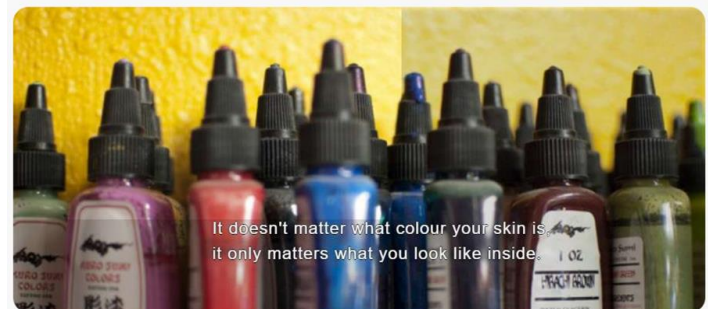
"It doesn't matter who or what you are but it matters what is on the inside of you."



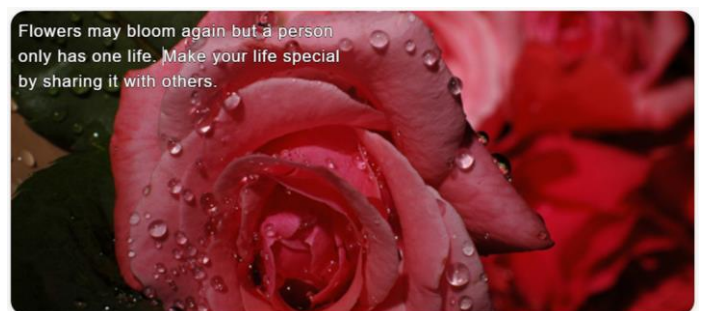
"Even the most different colours can still bond together."



"Even if our skills are different, we should not laugh at each other."



"It doesn't matter what colour your skin is, it only matters what you look like inside."



"Flowers may bloom again but a person has only one life. Make your life special by sharing it with others."

Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Ellie S Elsa R Annabel H Zander K
KM	Ruby P Chloe C Archer W Raahil T
KN	Jhanvi S Sophie C Pavel S Zoe W
KW	Georgina D Sophie L Xavier X Rutu K
1B	Willow M Arlene K Deven A Roy Q
1D/G	Anaya A Nicholas B George M Miraya G
1K	Arya S Olivia W Michael Z Jamie W
1S	Olivia C Daniel S Tian X Lucas G
2A	Chloe Y Jia L Aiden S Hamish S
2B	Sarah M Matisse M Mia T Benjamin N
2L	Aarav A Charlie M Maddison T Caesar N
2R	Tyler M Bela B Anas B Nathaniel L

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Felix L Grace R Archie K Zoe L
3J	Ryan A Clara S Teresa H
3S	Lauren S Carter W Oisin K Chloe Z
4B	Joshua M Clara K Ellie H Polly P
4H	Angela T Nicholas X Feitu L Nidhyana G
4L	Aryavv K Azlan U Alana G Jordan H
5E	Daisy M Gabel T Jasmine W James K
5G	Leah C Bella S Arnav P Ethan S
5/6A	Juliette M Harrison B Corey H Sarah E
6S	Mohammad S James H Jared W Olivia B
6W	Gemma Y Isabelle D Christine R Ava S

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

Sidney L – 4L Nicola K – 1K

Silver Awards

Dimitrios A 2L, Lexie W 1B, Hayden L 1B, Aarav A 2C, Alana G 4L, Matthew Y 3S, Aarna P 4H, Sachin R 4B, Thomas M 4B



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Virtual Open Day

For Prospective Year 7 2022 Families

Thursday
24 September 2020



Registration by Monday 21 September 2020 is essential!

Register at: <https://normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au/virtual-open-day>

Address: 54-72 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, NSW 2076
Phone: +61 2 94891077 Fax: +61 2 94895722

Web: www.normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au
Email: office@normanhurstboys.nsw.edu.au

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FUN AND FAST

WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST IS A FUN AND FAST PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES TO LEARN NEW SKILLS AND PLAY AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE SPORT.



JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

- Learn new skills including catching, throwing and teamwork
- Make new friends or organise a group to learn together
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in a personalised t-shirt
- All equipment supplied, parents join in the fun



SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR JUNIOR BLASTERS PACK!

Includes t-shirt with your name on it and cricket bat in your choice of Big Bash team colour, bat & ball, personalised bat sticker sheet & progression tracker.



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

- For kids with basic cricket skills
- Every kid gets a chance to bat, bowl and field
- Wear the colours of your favourite Big Bash heroes in your choice of coloured player cap
- Make new friends or organise a group to play together
- All equipment supplied, parents join the fun



SIGN UP NOW TO GET YOUR MASTER BLASTERS PACK!

Includes player cap in your choice of Big Bash team colour & progression tracker.

Woolworths Junior Blasters

For more information & registration visit www.playcricket.com.au click on 'Where can I play?' and enter 'Your Postcode'

Castle Hill RSL CC
Fred Caterson Reserve
Fridays 6:00-7:30pm
Starts 19/10/18

Rouse Hill Rams CC
Russell Reserve
Fridays 6:00-7:30pm
Starts 19/10/18

Hills Barbarians CC
Eric Mobbs Reserve
Fridays 6:45-7:45pm
Starts 19/10/18

Glenorie District CC
Glenorie RSL Club
Fridays 5:00-6:00pm
Starts 26/10/18

Kenthurst Upper Hills CC
Glenhaven Reserve
Fridays 6:30-7:30pm
Starts 19/10/18

Junior Blasters is for kids aged 5-7!

Castle Hill RSL CC & Hills Barbarians CC are also offering Master Blasters for kids aged 7-10!

First session is **FREE** to Come & Try! ActiveKids Voucher can be used for all programs!

Claim your ActiveKids voucher through MyServiceNSW, head to www.playcricket.com.au and enter your voucher code.