



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 10 Term 1 (1st April 2021)

Important Dates

Term 2	
Date	Event
19.4.21	Staff Development Day
20.4.21	All students return for Term 2
22.4.21	ANZAC Day Assembly

From the Principal

Dear Parents

As Term 1 ends, it is a good time to reflect on all we have achieved. All students should be very proud of the academic progress they have made, as well as social and emotional learning that has occurred. Everyone deserves a well-earned break over the Easter holidays. I hope all families find time to celebrate together with those close to them.



Over the holidays, work will continue on our playground upgrade. I ask that unless students are attending vacation care, they do not come onto the school grounds. There may be times that the driveway gates are open. This will be to allow trucks with machinery to enter the school. While workmen will be aware of the locations that vacation care are using, they will not be expecting other children to be on the grounds.

Term accounts for Term 2 have now been sent home. Thank you to the parents who have already made payment for these. I do ask that parents not make online payments over the holiday period as our administration staff are also on holidays during this time. Reminder notices have also gone out for any unpaid Term 1 accounts. Our administration staff are trying to finalise these accounts. If you are having any difficulty paying these accounts please contact the school as we have ways to assist.

Term 2 will begin for students on Tuesday 20th April. In Term 1 we had teachers on duty at Gate 2, to assist students in the morning when parents were not permitted onsite. From Term 2 we will go back to our regular routine of having teachers on duty in the playgrounds from 8.30am but not at the gates. This gives our teacher more preparation time in the morning and also ensure all teachers are with their classes at 9.00am ready for the school day.

Wishing all of our families a very happy holiday period.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Opportunity Class Test

Information regarding the Opportunity Class placement process has been sent home to parents of students in Year 4.

Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2022 open on **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and close on **Friday 7 May 2021**.

More information about Opportunity Classes and how to apply, can be found at:

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/49795d1c-b339-43e9-aa48-02e496d165f1/1/oc-applicpack.pdf>

Check-in Assessment for Years 4-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 & 6 students will participate in a reading and numeracy check-in assessment.

The check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 4 & 6 student learning.

The check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 4 & 6 students during Term 2 Week 2.

Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment.

Lost Property

As we move into the colder weather next term, there is more opportunity for students to misplace their belongings, including jumpers. Lost property is located outside the staffroom. Teachers regularly go through lost property to help reunite students with their missing possessions. This is made very difficult when items are not labelled with names. Please ensure that all items of clothing and containers are clearly labelled



Recent Events

National Young Leaders Day

On Thursday 25th March our school leaders and the Year 6 SRC representatives travelled to the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour for National Young Leaders Day. It was an amazing day where students were given the opportunity to listen to inspirational speakers including David Campbell - Entertainer, Lachie Smart - Youngest person to fly solo around the world, Jimmy Rees - Children's TV entertainer and Anastasia Woolmer - Australian Memory Champion.



NSW Primary School Futsal Championships

On Monday 29th March, 35 students participated in the NSW Primary School Futsal Championships at Dural Indoor Centre. The Junior Boys and Junior Girls created 2 'Super' Mixed Teams on the day, playing 6 games each. Both Junior teams went undefeated through these matches against schools such as Pacific Hills and Galston Public School. This included a big win each in the Semi Finals, setting up an all Excelsior Junior Grand Final to determine Silver and Gold Medals. The older mixed team won the final convincingly, crowning them Gold Medal winners. The younger mixed team were runners up with Silver Medals, however both teams qualified for the State Championships as the top 2 teams are entered automatically.

The Senior Girls and Senior Boys team played many difficult matches, including the Senior Boys winning a tough fixture against Broughton Anglican College 2-1. Unfortunately, the Senior Boys team lost to William Clarke College in their last match of the day, narrowly missing the Semi Finals. The Senior Girls team won a hard fought 4-2 victory over William Clarke College in their Semi Final, setting them up for a huge challenge in the Grand Final against Queenwood. After Excelsior going 1-0 up in the opening minutes, Queenwood levelled the score just before half time. They began the 2nd half strong and soon went 4-2 up. Excelsior battled back with Selina hitting a long range free kick onto the bar, only for the ball to just miss crossing the goal line. The game ultimately ended 4-2 to Queenwood, with the Excelsior Senior Girls becoming Silver Medallists and qualifying, along with both Junior teams, for the NSW State Futsal Championships at the Hawkesbury in August.

This is outstanding achievement for a very talented group of athletes. I am very excited for these students to showcase their talents at the State Championships against high level opposition. Forza Excelsior!

Mr Gomez



Easter Hat Parade

It was great to be able to celebrate the end of term with our Easter hat parade for K-2 students.





Cross Country Results

Excelsior Public School Cross Country 2021

Girls 8/9 Year		Boys 8/9 Year	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
1	Lola Winters	1	Jaden Nguyen
2	Maddison Thomas	2	Julian Teso-Wake
3	Angela Luan	3	Tyler Maxwell
4	Rosie Xu	4	Lachlan Evans
5	Madeline Gauci	5	Hamish Mann
6	Kerryn Allan	6	Max Casamento

Girls 10 Year		Boys 10 Year	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
1	Clara Sugiana	1	Liam Escott
2	Bella Winters	2	Ashton Crowley
3	Scarlett Payne	3	Jackson Huang
4	Mia Hughes	4	Lucas Heald
5	Trinity Harding	5	William Buik
6	Minjone Strydom	6	Satvik Emmanni

Girls 11 Year		Boys 11 Year	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
1	Molly Hughes	1	Max Mulholland
2	Mila Maxwell	2	Oscar He
3	Ella Mujcinovic	3	Riley Asprey
4	Holly Nortje	4	Jake Thomas
5	Ishanvi Tiwari	5	Nicholas Barnett
6	Evie Abbott	6	Sidney Bodi

Girls 12/13 Year		Boys 12/13 Year	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name
1	Millicent Rowney	1	Jonah Crowley
2	Sienna Teso-Wake	2	Keegan Free
3	Rani Shah	3	Gregory Richter
4	Danjela Gilbert-Kiro	4	Hayden Auzner
5	Zara Winters	5	Noah Barnett
6	Isabella Chau	6	Morgan Lobsey





1E	Georgina D Ellie S Jenifer X Emmanuel A Andrew F
1G	Emily C Gavin H Harriet W Jordan L
1L	Thomas L Larissa G Anya F Carlos E
2A	Jack S Alan R Myra R Ryan M
2B	Archis D Bilal S Sebastian E Jonathan G
2L	Kerryn A Lexi W Alex L Mahmoud E
2R	Audrey P Scarlett Q Tian X Olivia W

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Mishka J Xavier E Ravali G Nicholas M
3E	Joel K Dineli F Ethan C Mirabelle S
3S	Joon M Mia T Jonathan X Ryan A
3/4J	Mia H Angela L Megan S Jack L
4B	Daniel H Saanvi K Loretta L Cav M

Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Shanaya A Vera L Chloe S Stanley T
KM	Annalise A Emma Z Jasper K Tommy R
KN	Adam E Rosie H Savanna M Harrison P
KW	Alexander F Joshua S Evelyn E Sathvika B
1B	Raahil T Taemin S Indira I Ella M

4H	Elijah M Trinity H Millie B Wali S
4L	Ayush B Ashton C Chloe Z Sarah Y
5D	Ariana K Martin V Olivia T Dmitry T
5G	Emily M Jake T Jessica R Lilly-Rose P
5/6A	Rachel L Max M Angela T Kimiya A
5/6E	Joshua M Nicholas B Areen D Sarah Z
6S	Gabel T Arnav P Olivia C Ella-Rose B
6W	Zach B Acelin B Leah C Rani S

Silver Awards

George M 2B
Nicholas M 3D
Tarek T 5G

Michael Q 3E
Lucas L 4L
Zelene T 6W

P & C News

Hello Excelsior Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of term 1, it seems to have flown by this year. I know that the children have been very busy this term with swimming carnivals, cross country and Easter hat parades just to name a few. It's so heart-warming to see the school getting back to "normal" activities after the turmoil of last year.

It has been brought to my attention that some parents and carers are using the driveway at Gate 6 to perform 3 point turns in their cars. This is occurring at all times in the day, not just around school pick up and drop off time. This is a very unsafe place to be trying to turn your car around at any time of day as many cars are parked along both sides of the road. Can I please encourage you NOT to use the driveway as a place to do a 3 point turn. I know that driving around the block to get on the other side of the road can take an extra 2 minutes, but that would be preferable to avoid seriously injuring one of our precious children.

I do hope you all have a restful and safe school holiday and that you can enjoy Easter with your family and friends this year.

Take care

Shannyn Geeve
P&C President

CANTEEN

The canteen is hoping to re-open for recess and lunch time snacks. To do this we require more volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a canteen volunteer, please contact Jacquie.
Jbcanteen22@gmail.com



Can Your Child Swim?

**DURAL
NOW OPEN**

Fast track your little swimmers skills today at Puddle Ducks Swim Academy!
Our curriculum offers a structured approach for your child to learn to swim confidently coupled with an experience you can't get anywhere else.

Unit 3/242A New Line
Road, Dural

Book your little swimmer in today!

1300 725 355



Giving Kids the Platform to Build Essential Life Skills

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YOUTH WEEK

TOGETHER MORE THAN EVER

The Hills Shire Council is proud to host an exciting Youth Week Program

SKATE WORKSHOPS

Sunday 18 April | 11am - 2:30pm
Balcombe Heights Estate Skate Park,
Seven Hills Road

Join the crew from TOTEM for some skateboarding tips and training.

FREE event for ages 6yrs +

Register through QR code or visit www.totemskateboarding.com

LIVING LIBRARY

Thursday 15 April | 6pm - 8pm
Margaret Catchpole Room, Vinegar Hill Memorial centre,
Civic Way, Rouse Hill Town Centre

Live storytelling from young people who have lived experience with mental health.

Young people under 25 years are invited to come and listen to real life stories of how 5 young people in the Hills recognised they needed support for mental health issues and how they reached out.

Pizza and Refreshments will be provided.
Headspace staff will be there for any questions.

Bookings through QR code

FREE SCREENING OF BILLIE EILISH

The World's a Little Blurry
Friday 23 April | 6pm for 6.30pm start
Events Cinema, Castle Towers, Castle Hill | Popcorn and a drink will be provided

"Witness the incredible rise of Billie Eilish in "Billie Eilish: The World's A Little Blurry" as she tours and records the album that changes her life".

Bookings through Eventbrite bit.ly/THSCYW21

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