



Excelsior Public School

Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 4 Term 2 (13th May 2021)

Important Dates

Term 2	
Date	Event
21.5.21	NAPLAN online testing period ends for Years 3 & 5
25.5.21	Knockout Girls Touch Football
4.6.21- 21.6.21	Life Education
10.6.21	K-6 Athletics Carnival
22.6.21	Reports go home
23.6.21	Band Day
25.6.21	Last Day of Term 2
12.7.21	Staff Development Day
13.7.21	All students return for Term 3

From the Principal

Dear Parents

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students have begun their NAPLAN assessments. We have now moved to NAPLAN online, which will mean that both parents and teachers will receive results in the coming weeks. This makes the assessments much more relevant as teachers are able to use them to plan future teaching and learning. Parents will also receive results that are current, rather than receive results that are out dated.

Thank you to the ongoing support from the P&C, which has allowed us to purchase enough IT equipment to support this program.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mr Toby Dessent, who through merit selection was the successful candidate for our vacant Assistant Principal position. Mr Dessent will take up this position next Monday.

He will continue to teach 5D and will now become the Assistant Principal for Stage 3. Ms Adams will become Assistant Principal – Instructional Leader, leading our Strategic Direction of Student Growth and Attainment. Mrs Skeet will continue to act in the position of Assistant Principal Stage 2.

Congratulations also to Miss Katrina Willis who has been appointed to the vacant position created by Mr Dessent's promotion. Miss Willis has been a valued temporary teacher at Excelsior Public School for many years and I am delighted to welcome her as a permanent member of our staff.

Partial Absences

We are having a focus on punctual attendance at school. Every student should be at school in the morning at or before the 9am bell.

When students are late to school, the implications are:

- They miss out on important information, lesson instructions and reminders.
- Teachers may need to interrupt the learning of other students to repeat instructions.
- Lost time is increased by needing to get a late note from the office.

Some data collected from Term 1 shows:

- There were 531 instances of late arrival to school over the term
- On average there were 11 students late to school each day
- The highest number of students late on one day was 55
- The lowest number of students late on one day was 3
- There were no days with 0 students late to school

Throughout this term teachers will be monitoring punctual attendance to school.

Parents of students who have more than 5 instances of arriving late at school will receive a letter from their child's teacher.

Parents of students who have more than 10 instances of arriving late at school will receive a letter from the Assistant Principal.

After this if on time attendance does not improve a meeting will be organised with the Deputy Principal.

Our aim this term is to greatly improve on the number of partial absences from Term 1. Our ultimate goal is to regularly have days where no student is late for school.

If you would like support ensuring your child arrives at school on time, please contact your child's class teacher or the Assistant Principal for their stage:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Mrs Mujcinovic

Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) – Mrs Brooker

Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) – Mrs Skeet

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) – Mr Dessent

Knitting Club

Knitting Club meets in the Emu Blue Café (Room 1 Block F) every Thursday lunchtime. Students are knitting squares to turn into blankets which will be donated to homeless shelters.

All students are welcome to drop into the knitting club. Teachers and our chaplain are on hand to teach knitting skills so no experience with knitting is necessary to join in the fun.



Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Excelsior Public School turns 50!

2021 marks 50 years since the establishment of our school in 1971. We have a team of teachers planning celebrations to mark this milestone. Currently due to COVID restrictions we are planning in school celebrations for current students, staff and community during Education Week. We are hoping, if restrictions allow, to hold events for past students and staff.

We are currently seeking memorabilia to be featured in our school "museum". The team are looking for:

- Previous school uniforms before they changed to our current uniform
- Newspaper articles related to Excelsior
- Awards
- Photographs
- Mementos

During our recent building works, a ¼ pint milk bottle was discovered from the days of "school milk." We would love to hear any "school milk" stories or receive photos relating to "school milk."



If you or your family have any information that you think may be relevant to the 50th anniversary of Excelsior Public School please contact Mrs Mujcinovic or email her directly natalalia.mujcinovic@det.nsw.edu.au.

Kinder Enrolments 2022

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2022. All enrolments, both local and non-local, are now being processed online. This online form can be accessed through the "enrolment" tab of our website, or through the following link:

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

New Playground

The first section of our playground improvement plan has been finished. This week students have been enjoying both playing and learning in these areas.

Stone seating



Open cubby



Balance logs



Shaded log seating



Stone amphitheatre



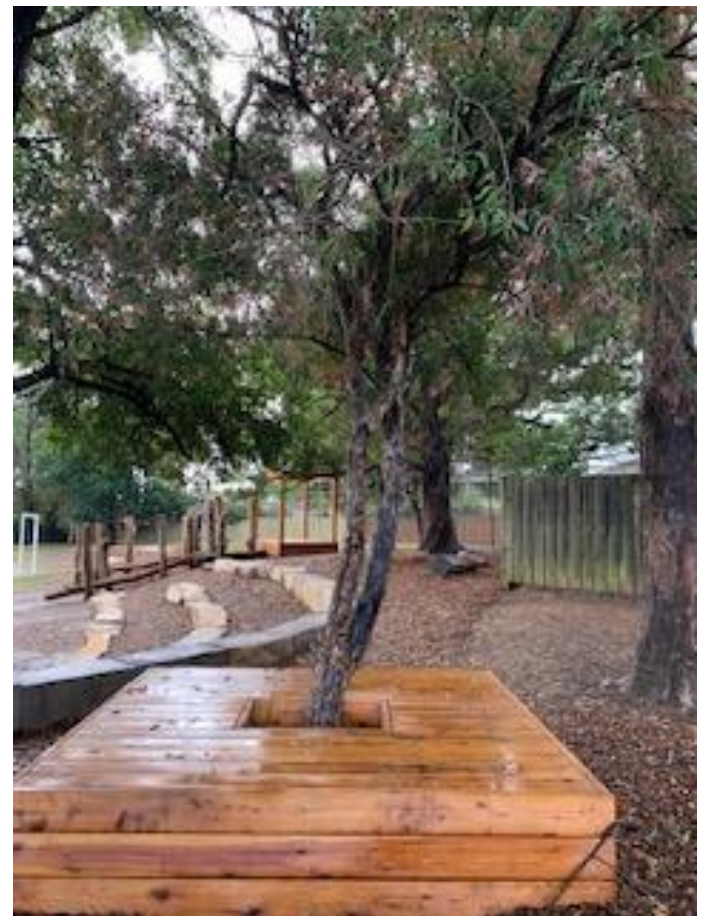
Tabitha's Fairy Garden



Toad stool seating



Shaded play platform



The school discussed with the P&C at the last meeting the next areas for improvement. It was jointly thought that providing seating near the canteen area would be the next area for improvement. Unfortunately, the limited number of parents in attendance at the P&C meeting did not meet the quorum requirements for an official meeting. This then did not allow any decisions to be made. This item will be raised again at the next P&C meeting.

Parent Helpers Needed – Reading Program

Our school is looking for parent helpers to assist with reading programs in Year 2 and 3. The program involves sitting with a student for approximately 10-15 min and asking them to read flashcards, read a story and to complete some worksheet activities. The program focuses on phonics (letter sounds). If you would like to help for 30 minutes or more either in the mornings or afternoons please contact Mrs Gatt through the school email- excelsior-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or by phone 9634 3774.

Mrs Gatt will organise times and will demonstrate how the reading support program works.

Thank you.

Parent Helpers Needed – Covering Books

We have some Home Readers that need to be covered with contact. If you have spare time and would like to assist please contact Mrs Gatt through the school office.

Recent Events

Captain's Visit to Parliament House

On Wednesday afternoon our captains and Mrs McKay were invited to Parliament House by our local member David Elliott.

Our leaders enjoyed afternoon tea and were able to speak with other school and community leaders including the Premier Gladys Berejiklian.



Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our P&C Events Team for running a Mother's Day stall for the students of Excelsior. The students always enjoy "shopping" for special gifts.



Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Advick S Mia C Airlie M Amalya S
KM	Jeffrey Z Nathaniel C Indiana S Bryant L
KN	Finn L Amal S Isaac S Aaric T
KW	Max G Isaac L Abigail G Miraya J
1B	Abhaya V Harrison M Noah D Arthur L
1E	Archer W Ha Rang J Ruby P Leo L
1G	Anderson T Emily C Rilynn A Zoe J
1L	Daniel W Pranav R Anton T Angelique C
2A	Olivia C Nathaniel E Miraya G Evan G
2B	Nikita H Millie H Anaya A Thomas M
2L	Willow M Srikar E Ryan D Hayden L
2R	Crystal L Xander P Emma X Arhum A

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Nolan M Maxwell C Ivy G Charlie M
3E	Mallahkai S Tyler M Julia C Kirin G
3S	Elsa L Peter H Kanira S Ethan D
3/4J	Rainaa D Chelsea F Aryash P Ryu N
4B	Emily C Andre N Oliver M Rousalina T
4H	Rosie X Kingsley T Amelie N Zachery J
4L	Scarlett P Tara I Draco L Tom S
5D	Riley G Alana G Nidhyana G Alvin L
5G	Sidney L Ganeev D Thomas P Hassan O
5/6A	Zachary E Pehansa W Sungwoo K Charlie C
5/6E	Sierra P Corey H Jensen Z Luke S
6S	Ishanvi T Prisha S Noah B Lucas C
6W	Millie R Jennifer D Seif A Harrison Q

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

William C – 2L

Samantha P – 6S

Sport

PSSA – Friday 14th May

Soccer vs Kellyville PS at Eric Mobbs

Newcombe Ball vs Samuel Gilbert PS at Samuel
Gilbert Public School

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

PSSA – Friday 21st May

Soccer vs Bella Vista PS at Eric Mobbs

Newcombe Ball vs Oakhill Drive PS at Excelsior
Public School

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

UNIFORM SHOP

For all new uniform purchases please use online ordering. The Online Uniform Shop can be found on the school's website, under 'Facilities & Services'.

For second hand purchases you can visit the Uniform Shop Monday and Friday, 8.00am - 8.45am. We accept cash only.

With winter approaching, we thought it would be useful to include a picture of Excelsior's Winter Uniform:



Please remember the uniform shop is run solely by volunteers!

Regards,

Excelsior Uniform Shop

(this is a voluntary P&C service provided to parents and students)

Learn Music on Keyboard at School

(Enrolment for Term 2)

Great songs! Musical activities!
Cool music knowledge!



- Convenient at-school venue
- Small group, 45-min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



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(02) 9411 3122

VIP Music acknowledges awareness & compliance with the health advice regarding COVID-19.

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM HUMAN BODY



PRICE
NORMAL PRICE: \$360
EARLY BIRD OFFER: \$350
(Offer ends 30th May)

ROBOTICS **ENGINEERING** **CODING** **SCIENCE**



LOCATIONS & DATES
SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK
28TH - 30TH JUNE, 2021
DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
5TH - 7TH JULY, 2021



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AFTER-SCHOOL CODING CLASSES

www.skillsamurai.com.au
1300 SAMURAI (1300 726 872)
Unit 7, 3 Packard Ave, Castle Hill

Kids getting too much screen time? This can be frustrating! Would you like your child to build a healthier relationship with technology/devices?... And improve their exam grades?

How? Enrol in our after-school coding classes!

It's fun, educational and it's the language of the future. All kids deserve to learn coding!

What is coding? Coding is a list of step-by-step instructions that get computers to do what you want them to do. Coding makes it possible for us to create computer software, games, apps and websites. Coders, or programmers, are people who write the programmes behind everything we see and do on a computer.

Help your child thrive in the classroom and develop resilience and self-confidence... Try Coding!



**USE YOUR CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER AND
RECEIVE 4 CODING CLASSES - \$140 VALUE**



GALA DAY 2021

Oakhill College Gala Day is on

Saturday 29th May

Join us for rides, sport, stalls and more.

Tickets are on sale for our Raffle with \$30,000 worth of prizes on Trybooking

For more information visit: www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends