



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 8 Term 2 (10th June 2021)

Important Dates

Term 2	
Date	Event
10.6.21	K-6 Athletics Carnival - Postponed
14.6.21	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
16.6.21	SRC Coin Trail
22.6.21	Reports go home
23.6.21	Band Day
24.6.21	Band Concert
25.6.21	Last Day of Term 2
12.7.21	Staff Development Day
13.7.21	All students return for Term 3
14.7.21	Premier's Spelling Challenge
26.7.21- 30.7.21	Education Week
26.7.21	1970s Mufti Day and Disco
27.7.21	50 th Birthday activities for students
28.7.21	Big Birthday Breakfast
29.7.21	Aboriginal Education Incursion
30.7.21	Aboriginal Education Incursion
3.8.21	NSW State Futsal
3.8.21	Stage 1 Excursion to Taronga Park Zoo
5.8.21	Athletics Carnival
11.8.21	SRC Mufti Day
17.8.21	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm

From the Principal

Dear Parents

As you know, this term we have had a focus on punctual attendance.

In Term 1:

- We averaged 11 students late each day
- The highest number of students late in one day was 55
- The lowest number of students late – 3 (one day only)
- There were no days with 0 students late to school

Our aim this term was 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.

So far this term we have made great improvements:

- We are averaging 3.8 students late each day
- The highest number of students late in one day was 34 (this was a day of extreme rain)
- The lowest number of students late – 2 (there have been three days with only 2 students late)
- There were no days with 0 students late to school

While we have yet to achieve a day of 0 students being late for school, we have made vast improvements in this area.

We also understand that sometimes there are special appointments that mean students come late to school, this is unavoidable. The above information relates to students being late without a valid reason.

Teachers will continue to monitor partial absences and notify parents by way of letter:

- 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.

A reminder that next Monday (14/6) is a Public Holiday. The school will be closed that day.

With COVID restrictions now easing we are able to welcome volunteers back onsite. Our P&C are currently seeking volunteers to assist with both the school banking program and the canteen. Currently our canteen is only open for lunch orders and not for lunch time snack purchases due to a lack of volunteers. We would also like to resume school banking, however we are needing volunteers to run this. If you are interested in assisting with either of these programs please contact our school P&C

excelsiorpandc@gmail.com

More information about volunteering through the P&C can be found at:

<https://excelsior-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-citizens--association/contact-us.html>

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee Final will be held at Excelsior on **Wednesday 14th July**. (Term 3 Week 1)

The hyperlink below will take you to the annotated wordlists (with pronunciation and definition)

All students (grades 2-6) will be participating in Spelling Bee activities in class. The top 8 Spellers

in each stage will go on to participate in the school final on the 14th July

[2021 Premier's Spelling Bee](https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee-2021) (<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee-2021>)

Lost Property

Please ensure all school uniforms and lunch containers are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. There are many items in lost property without names, making it very difficult for staff when they try to sort out lost items and return them to their owner.

Respecting Our Neighbours Properties

Could parents please encourage their children to respect our neighbours' properties when they are walking to and from school.

It is not appropriate for children to be running through front gardens, walking on fences or littering.

SRC Coinline

The SRC will be having their coin line fundraiser for the mural on Wednesday 16th of June. Please remember to save your spare change and send it along to school on the day to help raise funds for the beautiful mural to be painted on the brick wall behind the hall.

Excelsior SRC
Dr Bilous and Mrs Bowry

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival was postponed today due to wet weather. The carnival will now run on Thursday 5th August (Term 3 Week 4). Mr Dessent will contact parents who had volunteered to determine their availability on that day.

Recent Events

Gardening Club

The Gardening and Sustainability Group have been busy preparing gardens for future plantings. There are some small landscaping jobs that require adult work. If you are able to assist and have basic landscaping skills, please contact Mrs Sinclair – Catherine.sinclair4@det.nsw.edu.au



Sport

PSSA – Friday 11th June 2021

Soccer vs Castle Hill PS at Eric Mobbs

Newcombe Ball vs Castle Hill PS at Excelsior Public School

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

PSSA – Friday 18th June 2021

Soccer vs Sherwood Ridge PS at Bernie Mullane

Newcombe Ball vs Beaumont Hills PS at Beaumont Hills Public School

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

Awards

K -2 Merit Awards

KB	Alan H Ava O Chloe S Grace L
KM	Ruby B Adam A Riley Y Abby L
KN	Rosie H Olivia C Alyssa Y
KW	Ru-Shaun J Joshua S Marley W Hannah P
1B	Xavier C Lehara C Jeremy Y Riya N
1E	Abby J Ellie S Ben L Oliver J
1G	Noah T Victoria O Bodhi N Chloe C
1L	Zander K Larissa G Jhanvi S Layla Z
2A	Yashashwini V Jamie W Daniel X Jocelyn Z
2B	Nevan W Nikita H Ashlee F Raphael S
2L	Zachary S William C Dabi K Nicola K
2R	Cooper L Zara C Dominic P Dhruv T

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

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SCHOOL BANKING

Can you volunteer? We need your help with the School Banking program!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. The School Banking is processed at the same time each week and will only take a small amount of your time. You will be provided support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they practice saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

As part of volunteering you are eligible to receive a Certificate of Attainment that details the activities that you are involved in. For example: cash handling, program facilitation, account reconciliation and more.

Currently, School Banking day is TUESDAY, however changes to the day can be discussed based on volunteer's availability

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please email:

Excelsior-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Over 200 girls recently shared the stage with Hugh Jackman in *The Man. The Music. The Show. Arena Tour* to sold-out audiences around the country. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertisements and at live events for the past 20 years.



Join us at our free **OPEN DAY** on Saturday June 19

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 1800 338 142



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



July School-Holidays

Robotics & Coding Camps

Learn future-ready skills



Hands on workshops. Learn to build and code robots or make your own video games.

Only 20 Places available daily, book early!

Book a single day or multiple days – We have a fresh program every day!



SCAN ME

Did you know: Children who study computer coding perform better in other subjects, excel at problem-solving, and are 17% more likely to attend university!

 **1300 SAMURAI**

1300 726 872

Sydney North Region Scouts and Guides present

 **HORNSEY GANG SHOW**

"The Important bit"
When booking, please credit cast member 'DYLAN'
Thanks!

Wonderstruck

25 June - 3 July 2021

Scouts and Guides on stage in a musical variety show!

Friday - 25 June 2021 - 7.30pm
Saturday - 26 June 2021 - 2.00pm & 7.30pm
Sunday - 27 June 2021 - 3.00pm
Wednesday - 30 June 2021 - 7.30pm
Friday - 2 July 2021 - 7.30pm
Saturday - 3 July 2021 - 2.00pm & 7.30pm

Pioneer Theatre - 14 Pennant St, Castle Hill NSW 2154

Tickets at <https://www.gangshow.com>

* Adults - \$27.00
* Concession/Children - \$22.00
(plus booking and processing fee)

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