



Excelsior Public School Newsletter

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Newsletter – Week 10 Term 2 (24th June 2021)

Important Dates

Term 2	
Date	Event
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

We have almost made it to the end of Term 2. It is unfortunate that we are ending the term with increased COVID-19 restrictions, however, the health and safety of our community must be our top priority at this time.

This week you would have received your child's report for Semester 1. I encourage you to spend time with your child reading this report. Next term we will be seeking feedback on our current report format from students, parents and

teachers with the view of implementing an improved report format for the 2022 school year.

I hope all of our families can enjoy some time together during the school holidays. While many families may have had been required to cancel interstate holiday plans, we should be grateful that we are here in the beautiful Hills District of Sydney. If you are looking for an outdoor activity during the holidays, The Hills Shire Council have information about many local bush walks.

<https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Venues/Parks-Recreation/Tracks-Trails>

A reminder that Term 3 begins with a staff development day. All students return to school on Tuesday 13th July.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Sandra McKay
Principal

Important Information

COVID-19

With recent new cases identified locally, parents should regularly check the NSW Government COVID site to check for case locations.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates?deliveryName=DM145511&deliveryName=DM15250>

Should you or your child/ren have visited an identified site it is important that you follow the advice and get tested and/or self-isolate.

Last night we received new COVID-19 Guidelines from the Department of Education. For the rest of this term:

- Non-essential visitors, including parents, will be excluded from the school site.
- Teachers will be on morning gate duty to support students on to the school grounds. Gate will be locked at 9am and re-opened at 3pm.
- Masks are not mandatory for teachers or students while on the school site. However, teachers or students will be supported should they wish to wear masks.

We are expecting these guidelines to be updated for Term 3. This will be communicated to parents via the Skoolbag APP.

Staff Changes Term 3

Next term we have several staff changes:

- Miss Robyn Boslem will begin her maternity leave, Mr Matthew Summons will take over as class teacher for 4B for the remainder of the year. Mr Summons worked at Excelsior during 2020 and we are excited to welcome him back to our staff.
- Ms Carole Hinding will be taking leave for the remainder of the year. Ms Hinding has been working in the library providing RFF. Mrs Susan Debrincat will be replacing Ms Hinding. Mrs Debrincat is an experienced teacher and we look forward to her joining our library team.

NAIDOC WEEK 2021

The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands, waters, sacred sites and cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

For First Nations People, Country that is more than a place and is inherent to identity.

Country is spoken about like a person, sustaining First Nations People's lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally.

This concept is central to this year's NAIDOC theme, 'Heal Country, heal our nation.'

NAIDOC Week 2021 will be held from Sunday 4 July to Sunday 11 July.

NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

Is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

(Adapted from Commonwealth of Australia 2020 (2021, January 20). *2021 NAIDOC Week theme announced: Heal Country!* NAIDOC Org. <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2021-theme>)

At Excelsior Public School, we continue to celebrate and respect First Nation's history and culture. Along with classroom activities, as part of our NAIDOC celebrations, all students will participate in an Aboriginal Astronomy incursion in Week 3 next term.

We also continue to support the reconciliation process through a school RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan). This week students will bring home a note to explain more about this plan and to seek volunteers who may like to join the committee to be a part of the process.



Recent Events

SRC Coin Trail

On Wednesday 16th June children brought in their spare change to make circular coin lines in the Lower Quad to raise money for our school mural. There was great excitement as each class competed to create the longest circle. 5/6A and 1G made the longest lines and raised the most money. Even more exciting was the fact that we raised \$1605.

The SRC would like to thank all Excelsior families for so generously donating their spare change. They would also like to thank the office staff for counting the coins!

Dr Bilous and Mrs Bowry



Sport

PSSA – Friday 25th June 2021

PSSA CANCELLED DUE TO GROUND CLOSURES

PSSA – Friday 16th July 2021

Soccer vs Glenhaven PS at Eric Mobbs

Newcombe Ball vs Samuel Gilbert PS at Excelsior
Public School

Netball at Kellyville Netball Complex

Awards

3-6 Merit Awards

3D	Max C Briannabelle B Benjamin N Sebastian S
3E	Vikraant G Ibrahim T Chantal L Jennifer J
3S	Aidan S Ethan D Ruby Z Marcus H
3/4J	Bella W Joseph X Rina A Pranesh K
4B	Mariam A Natalie C Ayron G Chase G
4H	Teresa H Chloe Y William B Toby B
4L	Anushkaa K Tara I Leon P Chloe Z
5D	Alana G Alisha S Alvin L Riley G
5G	Aarna P Sachin R Nathan W Kaylee E

5/6A	Joshua C Casper W Vineyard Z Erika S
5/6E	Selina L Jordan H Polly P Hayden A
6S	Lucas L Sharnie E Gabel T Ella-Rose B
6W	Leah C Allira B Jonah C Zach B

Spirit of Excelsior Awards

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