

EXCELSIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is wonderful to see all our students in school uniform and being ready for school every day with their equipment, lunches, an enquiring mind and an appetite to engage in all school activities. Students who do this confidently build resilience and learn to cope better when things don't go the way they thought or wanted. As Thomas Edison once said, "I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Accepting mistakes and bouncing back to do even better next time is a skill that can be mastered in time, with support, help and guidance.

Our school is finally fenced with the gates being locked for the first time over the weekend. Please check the information elsewhere in this newsletter for gate opening and closing times. This will now ensure that our students and our school will be a safer place for everyone and any school improvements that we make will remain untouched. Families are invited to email me with grounds and buildings improvement suggestions by the end of Week 4, before a submission is put to the P&C.

Thank you to all our parents who participated in the parent information meetings last week to find out useful information about your child's teacher, classroom routines and expectations. Research clearly demonstrates the significant influence of parents over their children's engagement with learning, and over their children's educational achievements. "When teachers and parents work together children are more likely to be motivated to learn, develop positive self-esteem, be positive about school and achieve good grades." *ACER*

Parents can make a big difference when they:

- hold high expectations for their children;
- show interest in the things their children are interested in;
- value learning & model behaviours of successful learners;
- give specific, rather than general, praise; and
- establish routines to promote health, well being & regular study.

Congratulations to our students leaders - Councillors and Faction Captains - who received their badges at the Faction Assembly last week. All Year 6 students are participating in a 5 week leadership awareness program that will help them to improve their skills, be good role models across the school and further develop into good citizens. We all look forward this year to working with our wonderful group of Year 6 students.

"Do what you can, where you are, with what you have."
Teddy Roosevelt

Barry Liddelow
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 24 February	E2 Assembly, Aussie of the Month P&C Welcome BBQ 5 - 7pm
Monday 6 March	Labour Day Holiday
Sunday 2 April "SAVE THE DATE"	Excelsior PS School Fair

REMINDER!
Children should not to be at school before 8.15am
Children should be collected or walk straight home after school
All school gates will be locked by 3.45pm

A note from the Community Health Nurse...

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Jenny Yao and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment Program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on: 0439077896 or 63303124. I am available Monday, Tuesday and Friday.



Excelsior P&C Welcome BBQ

- ★ The Excelsior P&C BBQ is on **Friday 24 February**
- ★ from 5 -7pm.
- ★ Come and meet new and existing families at the school.
- ★ Bring a picnic rug and chill out on the oval while the children play.
- ★ Sausages and drinks will be available for sale. See you there!



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Children's Services

Program	Venue	Day/Time
Animal Move and Sing	Amherst Village Function Centre, Southern River	Mondays (monthly) 9.30-10.30
Bonding with Books	Maddington Central Shopping Centre	First Thursday of the month 10.00-11.00
	Livingston Marketplace, Canning Vale	Third Thursday of the month 10.00-11.00
Safety Around the Home (Basic first aid and CPR workshop for parents/carers with children under 5 years)	Leisure World, Thornlie	Thursdays 9.30-11.30
		23 February
		23 March
		27 April
Park Play	Sutherlands Park Playground, Huntingdale	Tuesdays 3.00-5.00
	Walter Padbury Playground, Thornlie	Fridays 9.30-11.30
	Mills Park Nature Play Space, Beckenham	(rotates between the 3 parks)
Dads and Kids Disco	Amherst Village Function Centre, Southern River	Friday 10 March 6.00-8.00
The Big Messy Play Day	Mills Park Nature Play Space, Beckenham	Wednesday 8 March 10.00-12.00
Triple P Seminar Series (Positive Parenting Program)	Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Thornlie	Wednesdays 6.00-8.30
		1 March
		29 March
Lil Buzz (for girls 9-12years)	Thornlie Community Centre	Wednesdays 3.30-5.30

ONLINE UNIFORM ORDERING

School uniforms are now available to order online at:

<http://matrixuniforms.com.au/164-excelsior-primary-school>

For all exchanges and returns please email

sales@matrixuniforms.com.au

Our Uniform Shop Only Open

Thursday 8:15am - 9am.

UNIFORM SHOP SALE: Be quick, existing style shirts, skirts, skorts, shorts and dance pants on sale, all at reduced prices. Stock running low.

Some second-hand uniforms available.

Excelsior Playgroup

A Playgroup for children aged 0-4 and their families.

Where: Excelsior Primary School (E1)

When: Every Thursday during school term
9.30 - 11am.

Costs: \$2.00

Please bring a hat & a piece of fruit to be shared.

At Playgroup:

- You can have fun playing with your child
- Your child can become familiar with the school environment ready for future years.



The Lunch Box Canteen News

Open Thursday and Friday

Welcome to a new school year! Here at The Lunch Box Canteen, we are ready to go and we love to make school lunches so you don't have to. The canteen is open on Thursday and Friday of every week. Check out our menu - there's something for everyone. Menus have been sent home or pick up a copy at the canteen or front office.

In addition to over the counter ordering, the canteen uses the online ordering system, **Quickcliq** (a new name for Our Online Canteen - the website is the same address at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). It is easy to use, convenient and features advanced ordering which means you don't need to fill out a bag or scramble for money on those hectic mornings. Just remember that orders need to be in by 9:00am.

Volunteers are needed in the canteen to grate, chop, spread, cook, blend and bag up so whether it's an hour or more, anytime you can spare would be appreciated! It's a great place to catch up with others, have fun and to contribute to the school. Students are excited to see someone they love in the canteen during recess and lunch. All that's needed is a sense of fun and some enclosed shoes - please see Christine if you can help.

We hope to see you soon!

