

EXCELSIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Public School

NEWSLETTER

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A warm welcome to 2018 for all our students, parents, carers and staff. This has been an excellent week with everyone excited to be back at school; students arrived with high energy and enthusiasm and are already working on their goals and aspirations for this term, and longer goals for the year.

Mental Health and Well-Being, Mindfulness: We will support children to be well aware of concepts such as being helpful, thankful, appreciative, grateful, thoughtful, kind, understanding, sympathetic, empathetic and forgiving. Being mindful of themselves and others will assist children to have positive mental health and mindfulness for now and into the future.

Key priorities for this year include:

- The Excelsior Way (*Mental Health and Well-Being, Mindfulness*)
- Computer Technologies (*1-1 iPad Year 4 Program, Connect for Families*)
- English (*Reading Key Links and Writing*)
- Maths (*Scope and Sequence*)
- STE(A)M (*Coding with various gizmos*).

To all our new students and families: Our school community welcomes our new Kindy students and their families, along with all new families, to Excelsior. Building solid and honest relationships between the home and school environment is a key to supporting all students to be confident, resilient, academically able, a good citizen and a life-long learner to maximise future choices.

Our motto of **Excite, Explore and Excel** offers a great way for all students to approach and work on any school or personal task they need to do. **Excite** the mind, the body and the spirit; **Explore** the opportunities; **Excel** in everything you do.

Building and maintaining good relationships through ongoing communications ensures all members of our school community are valued and well informed. Please download the school app, join our two closed Facebook pages — P&C and school — and join our school Connect environment to receive immediate notification of special events, newsletters, teacher notes, class news, etc.

Health and Safety: As usual the health and safety of all students and adults is of paramount importance and for this reason it is necessary to again remind parents to abide by the road rules, particularly parking, in the interests of keeping all children safe. Thank you.

The Fence: Fencing closes at 9:15am and opens at 2:45 pm every day, with extended times for special events, eg, assembly. Oval gates and front gates remain open, all others will be closed.

Dogs: Department of Education policy states that **no dogs (or any other animal) are allowed on school premises at any time**, including near buildings or lawn areas, regardless of whether they are on a lead or not. Our oval is free for dog exercising before 7:30am and after 3:40pm every day and all day on the weekends. *Please pick up after your pets – some people don't.*

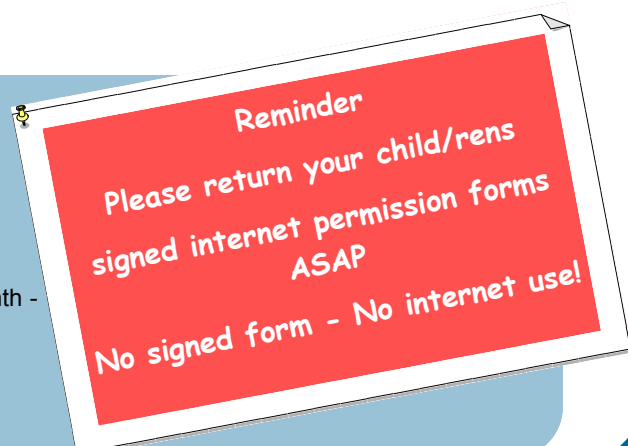
We invite families to attend our **Parent Information Evening** next Wednesday for 2 sessions beginning at 6:00 and 6:30 for teachers to discuss class and school plans. Parents are reminded that all school events are **STRICTLY SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE**.

Best wishes to everyone in the Excelsior Community for a fantastic year in 2018!

Barry Liddelow
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 7 February	Parent Information Evening 6pm
Tuesday 13 February	P&C Meeting 7pm
Friday 23 February	C4 Assembly & Aussie of the Month - February P&C Movie Night



Digital Technologies at Excelsior Primary

1:1 Ipad

The 1:1 iPad program in Year 4 is well under way with most students having already returned their iPad to school to have them set up with the School Apps. Both C1 and C2 started using the iPads today and are very excited about the new adventures.

CONNECT- A new way to connect with the school

This year the school is starting to use the state wide communication system set up by the Education Department- CONNECT. In the coming days you will receive an email with a login, allowing you to join the secure Excelsior Connect Space. Teachers are new to this platform too but we are learning and will be sending out a class message each week, be it a few pictures from the day, a notice about an upcoming event or just a run down. Please be patient while we learn but we are excited for the next new adventure.

Staff Training in Digital Technologies

So what do teachers do on those days before students return??? This year the staff at Excelsior spent a few sessions working with Digital technologies. We did training in the Connect Communication platform but more importantly we had a look at bunch of new 'Gadgets' that we are hoping to bring into the classroom. We played with Dash and Dot the robots, Edison the car, Sphero the digital ball and made some noise with Makey Makey. We are looking forward to seeing some of these new 'Gadgets' making their way into the classroom to share the fun with all the students.

Roschel Moore
Deputy Principal



Year 1-6 Parent Information Sessions

Our very important parent information sessions will take place on Wednesday 7 February in two sessions: 6:00–6:30pm and 6:30–7:00pm to enable parents to visit different classes. Teachers will share their plans, goals and aspirations for their students this year. Your attendance at these special events lets us know you value these sessions, as teachers certainly value these as a way of introducing themselves, meeting parents and forming positive partnerships.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF GOSNELLS RANGERS

The City of Gosnells Rangers will resume parking patrols on a daily basis at the commencement of the new term. Infringements may be issued to the drivers of vehicles found to be in breach of the City's Parking Local Laws. Such infringements may include parking against oncoming traffic, parking in a disabled bay and parking in no standing bays. Please view the following brochure from the City of Gosnells for further information.

https://www.gosnells.wa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/public/pdfs/ranger_services/safety_around_schools_brochure.pdf

Win Prizes!!

One of two \$100 shopping vouchers to spend at Forest Lakes Forum and other prizes to be won. Simply pay your P&C and Voluntary Contributions before the end of Term 1 and you automatically go into the draw!

ONLINE UNIFORM ORDERING

<http://matrixuniforms.com.au>

For all your school uniforms.

For all exchanges and returns please email
sales@matrixuniforms.com.au

Second Hand Uniform Shop Now Open at
Excelsior Primary in the undercover area.

WEDNESDAYS 8:15am - 8.45am.

UNIFORM SHOP SALE

Be quick, old style shirts, stock is running very low.

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**SAVE THE DATE
MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY FEB. 23**

More details in the next newsletter.

SCHOOL BANKING



Excelsior PS has school banking every week on a **THURSDAY** mornings from 8.15 to 9am in the school library Information packs for parents are available on request. Happy banking!