

Esslemont College

# Weekly Newsletter

"Let your vision be world embracing" - Bahá'í Writings



## Acknowledgement of Country

Esslemont College acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and emerging Traditional Custodians and Elders of the Dharug Nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## A message from the Principal

*At the heart of every development endeavour is consistent, systematic action. Action, however, needs to be accompanied by constant reflection to ensure that it continues to serve the aims of the endeavour.* Universal House of Justice

Welcome back to term 3! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting and productive term ahead.

We had an excellent start to the term this week with our first regular whole school assembly. Assemblies are a special time for our community to come together, pray, reflect on our virtue of the week, celebrate the achievements of our students and plan for the week ahead.

The 10-week dance program with Miss Shabnam Tavakol kicked off with lots of excitement and energy. The photos capture the joy and enthusiasm of the students during their first dance session.

Next week, we'll be celebrating a significant milestone together - 100 days of school, and 100 days of Esslemont College! It's incredible how quickly time flies. I can't wait to see everyone dressed up as a 100-year-old!

Looking ahead, Science Week in week 5 promises to be an enriching experience. Our science unit, "Living Things and Their Habitats," will come alive with various activities planned throughout the term. We're particularly excited about the hatching chicks in week 3, the zoo excursion in week 7, and the robotics experience in week 3.

Next week we are holding three information gatherings. Please find attached details of these events to share with family and friends who might be interested in attending.

Let's make the most of this term, embrace new learning opportunities, and continue to create a nurturing and supportive environment together. Wishing you all a fantastic term 3!



Our first whole school assembly and dance class with Shabnam Tavakol



## What's on next week

**Virtue of the Week** - Creativity is the power of imagination. It is discovering your own special talents. Dare to see things in new ways and find different ways to solve problems.

**Sport** - Wednesday - please normally wear your sports uniform, bring your drink bottles and don't forget your hats. This week is different due to 100 Days of School celebration.

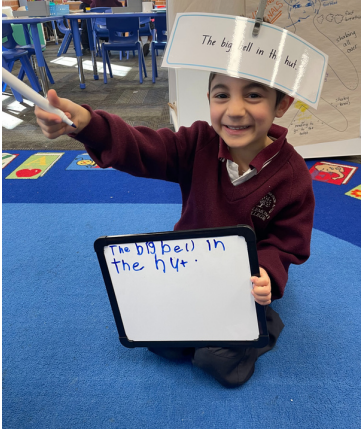
**100 Days at Esslemont College** - Please dress up as a 100 year old person to celebrate 100 days of school.

**Library** - Thursday - don't forget to bring your library bag and book to change!

**Dance** - Thursday - please wear your sports uniform, bring your drink bottles and don't forget your hats.

**Cooking** - Friday - Foods of the past and future. We will let you know what ingredients we need soon. Thank you in advance for your support!

# Classroom News



Fun ways to decode and write sentences, problem-solving and creative obstacle courses, building towers using bridging to 10 and Lego, baking foods from the past - ANZAC biscuits (yum!) and swinging back into play outdoors.

## A message from our Teacher

Welcome back to our lovely students and families! It is so exciting to see everyone's cheerful faces after an extended break. A special welcome to the newest member of our school community - Allene! It has been an absolute pleasure having Allene volunteer in the classroom and school every day. We very much look forward to having her with us for at least the next 5 weeks (and hopefully the whole term)!

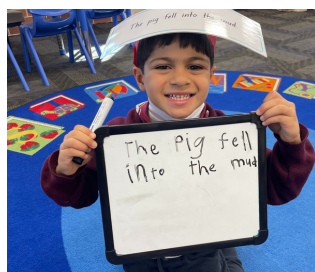
It was very exciting to see the students using problem-solving and collaborative skills to create obstacle courses incorporating different movements in sport.

They prepared extremely well for the whole school assembly in a very short period of time and should be congratulated on their efforts presenting with confidence and enthusiasm.

## What have we been learning?

Students have continued their phonics instruction, with Stage 1 focusing on the /eer/, /ear/ and /ere/ sounds. Kindergarten have consolidated digraphs and trigraphs learnt last term in preparation for learning new sounds next week.

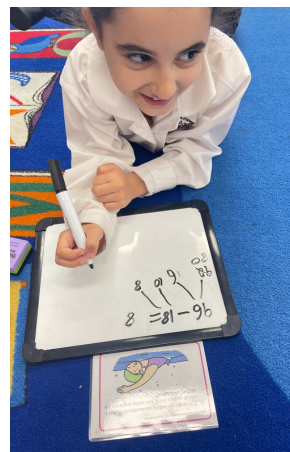
The students have been learning about the life cycles of animals - in particular the frog. They have enjoyed exploring child-friendly search engines and finding interesting facts to start informing their writing. Our focus for writing this term will be informative texts.



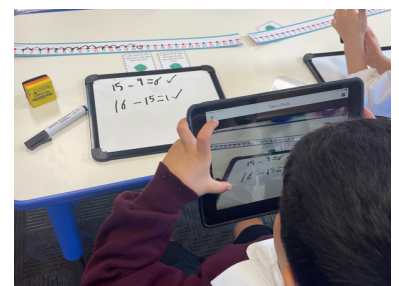
Writing sentences using creative and fun games

Our weekly virtue of consideration has been a very apt virtue to focus on as we endeavour to consider the needs and wants of others during class and play times. The children consulted about what this virtue would look like in their daily interactions and could see the benefits. They then drew on these discussions when disagreements arose and were able to put the needs of each other before their own needs.

In mathematics, we have been focusing on subtraction. Stage 1 have been exploring how to utilise the split strategy when subtracting two and three-digit numbers and some have even begun two-step problem solving using the taught strategies with numbers in the thousands. Kindergarten have been focusing on subtracting using hands-on materials and the jump strategy on a numberline.



Utilising the split strategy to subtract large numbers



Using the jump strategy on a numberline and capturing on SeeSaw



**26TH JULY 2023**

**CELEBRATING**

**100 DAYS**

**OF SCHOOL!**

**K-2 IT'S TIME TO DRESS UP!**

Dress up as a one-hundred year old and celebrate 100 days of being at school this year!



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SUNDAY  
JULY  
**23**  
2023

**11 AM** at 13 President Road, Kellyville

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Mon or Wed at **7:30 PM**

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*Details of how to join the gathering will be shared with those who register.*

