

Esslemont College

Weekly Newsletter

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



Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledges the Bediagal people of the Eora Nation on whose land we work, and Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

A message from the Principal

"Children are the most precious treasure a community can possess, for in them are the promise and guarantee of the future. They bear the seeds of the character of future society, which is largely shaped by what the adults do or fail to do concerning children. They are a trust that no community can neglect with impunity."

This week we have been encouraging the children to greet all staff members with a handshake and eye-to-eye contact as we say good morning to each other and then again as we say good afternoon at the end of the day. At first, this practice may have felt a little strange but by the end of the week all were walking in and offering a big smile along with the greeting.

Thank you to the parents for attending our "Meet the Teacher" gathering on Thursday afternoon. Although we had all well and truly met before the gathering, it was great for Miss Shauna to be able to share the routines of the classroom and how we are working with the children to ensure their needs are met. Many studies have found that children perform better in school when their parents are involved with their schoolwork.



Greeting each other as we come in each morning and leave in the afternoon.



Showcasing our Esslemont College jumpers.



Learning about beat in music class



PE - Finding points of balance



Baking cupcakes - Yum!

What's on next week.

We're going swimming! Details to follow early in the week.



We will be learning about Ayyám'i'Há

During the Festival of Ayyám-i-Há Bahá'ís are encouraged to celebrate God and his oneness by showing love, fellowship and unity.

Virtue of the week - Helpfulness

Helpfulness is being of service to others, doing thoughtful things that make a difference in their lives.

Cooking classes - we are making pizza! If you have anything at home that you'd like to contribute, like a readymade base or toppings please have the children bring them in on Thursday.

Classroom News



Love seeing the children so busy and focused

A message from our teacher

The second full week of school at Esslemont College has gone very quickly. The children have been incredibly independent in many tasks and are happily coming in every morning to reverently and respectfully say and sing prayers together.

It has been so wonderful to see the children identifying the virtues they are practising and seeing them demonstrated by others.

The children are naturally reflecting on their experience and learning at school and sharing these with their teachers with tact and joy.

In mathematics, Kindergarten have continued learning about numbers, as well as common 2D shapes and their attributes. Stage 1 have also been learning about 2D shapes and comparing their attributes.

The students have all thoroughly enjoyed learning about the virtue of reverence this week and adding this new virtue to our virtues jar every day.

We have also practised our flexibility, balancing and stability through fun games and activities in sport.

What have we been learning?

We have all been learning many new things and enjoying new experiences together.

Stage 1 have been learning about the sound family /ai/ (ai, ay, a_e, ey, eigh), as well as pronouns, narratives and structuring a recount. They have also been reading together, blending and segmenting words and continued their independence during literacy rotations.

English, Kindergarten have been learning the letter A and have continued developing their phonological awareness through interactive games and activities, as well as through nursery rhymes and stories.



Phonological awareness is the stepping stone to phonics and crucial for a child's literacy development.