

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

So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. Baha'i Writings

Education Week has been an exciting and enriching experience! The presence of our adorable chicks has brought immense joy and learning to the children. It's heartwarming to witness the gentle and kind interactions between the kids and the chicks. We are eagerly anticipating the hatching of two ducks over the weekend, and on Monday, we'll be moving them to their brooding hutch.

We also had a fascinating visit from VEX Robotics. The children had the opportunity to code and interact with robots, and it was incredible to see how effortlessly they embraced this new technology with wonder and curiosity. Our fire drill this morning allowed us to discuss fire safety, identify the locations of fire extinguishers, and learn essential safety measures in case of a fire emergency.

Our current history unit, "Personal and Family Histories" has been a great opportunity to integrate with other Key Learning Areas. During PDH, we had a discussion on embracing and not fearing change while looking at photographs of ourselves at different ages. It was amusing to see the children's reactions to my own grade 6 school photo, with them counting the 40 children in my grade! Our cooking program has also delved into history with recipes from the past. Today, the children's culinary skills shone brightly as they prepared delicious lamingtons. One of the most rewarding moments of the week for me was the consultation with the children based on the quotation "So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth." I was deeply impressed by the children's profound understanding of the quote and how they were able to relate it to their actions both in the classroom and on the playground. It's truly heartening to see such insights and empathy in our young learners.



Baking lamingtons, meeting our chicks from the Hatching Chicks program and practising coding using robots

What's on next week

Virtue of the Week - Forgiveness is overlooking mistakes and letting go of resentment. Forgiveness frees us from the pain of reliving hurt over and over.

Sport - Wednesday - please wear your sports uniform, bring your drink bottles and don't forget your hats.

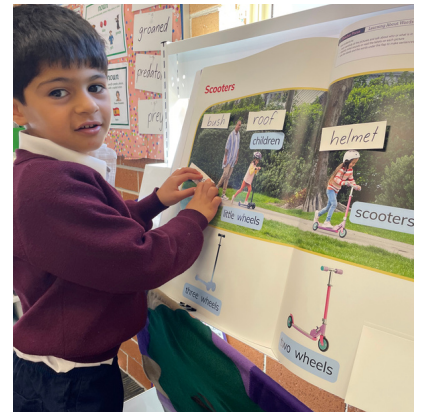
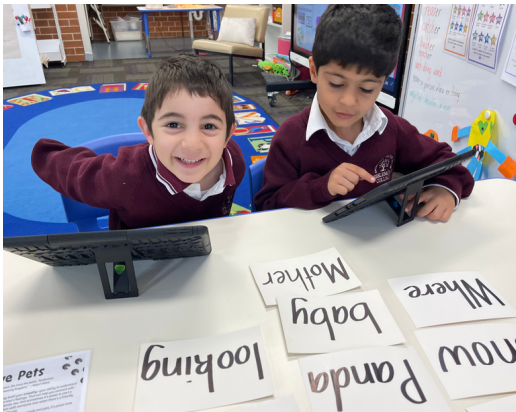
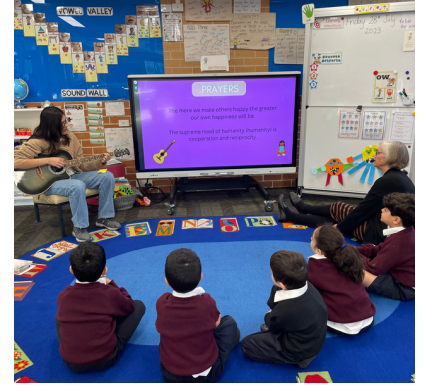
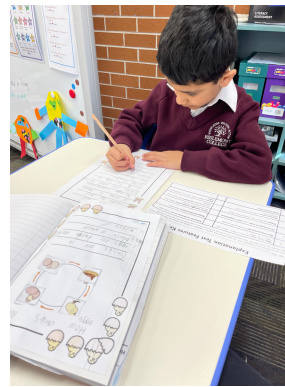
Library - Thursday - don't forget to bring your library bag and book to change!

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

Cooking - Friday - Bread and Butter Pudding

- 10 slices stale white bread
- Raisins or sultanas (1/2 cup)
- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup cream

Classroom News



Observing chicks hatch, practising gentleness, writing explanations of life cycles, learning a new song about happiness, building vocabulary and creating patterns

A message from our Teacher

This week has been one of the most exciting weeks for the students at Esslemont College so far; with the students experiencing the extremely joyful and awe-inspiring process of watching baby chicks hatching, caring for and holding them.

It has been so wonderful to see how the children have kept our virtue of gentleness at the forefront of their minds when holding the chicks and interacting with them. We have also seen an increased awareness and understanding when interacting with friends and siblings. Treating them with gentleness, even when they are very excited to see someone.

What have we been learning?

This week has been an enjoyable week of learning, with our wonderful volunteer Miss Allene supporting students in writing explanations of the life cycle of a hen, as well as the students having an opportunity to read one-on-one with me on a daily basis. The students have thoroughly enjoyed having real class pets to observe and write about.

Stage 1 have also extended their grammatical and spelling knowledge, understanding more about the suffix '-er' and how it changes a verb to a noun and also creates a comparative adjective (e.g. heavier). Early Stage 1 have continued to expand their knowledge of digraphs, learning about 'ow'.



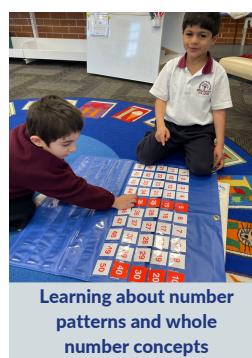
Reading new books using interactive devices and building word banks

This week has also been a big learning week in terms of social and emotional challenges. This has allowed for a consultative space to be created in the classroom, in which the students all have an opportunity to share and understand their own and other people's behaviour more. As a result, it was agreed that we would move towards playing collaborative and cooperative games. One of the students also requested our focus virtue next week be forgiveness, as he felt he needed to practice it more.

Mathematics has been filled with hands-on experiences of learning about patterns, numbers and sharing equally using strategies such as jumping on number lines, dot arrays and skip counting.

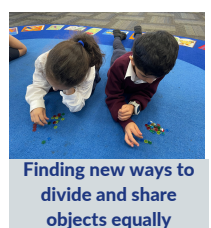
What are we learning next week?

Content	Kindergarten	Stage 1
Phonics focus	oy for boy and oi for coin	u for but and u for put
Mathematics	3D Objects	3D Objects



Learning about number patterns and whole number concepts

Creating counting by 5s number patterns through art



Finding new ways to divide and share objects equally

NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

19TH-26TH AUGUST 2023



BOOK WEEK PARADE

25 AUG 2023 | DRESS UP AS YOUR
FAVOURITE CHARACTER FROM A BOOK



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Pyjama Day

Wear your favourite pyjamas to school and donate to a good cause!

Support us in raising funds for disadvantaged children and to allow community mentors called "Pyjama Angels" to be recruited, screened, trained, and then matched with a child in care.



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