

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

We should not, however, forget that an essential characteristic of this world is hardship and tribulation and that it is by overcoming them that we achieve our moral and spiritual development. Shoghi Effendi

This week, I was truly impressed by the children's remarkable ability to surmount obstacles and acquire new skills through their determination and concentration.

In our dance class, the atmosphere was lively and enjoyable. The children demonstrated a commendable memory of the Heel & Toe Polka from the previous week. Following this, they were presented with the task of learning a new dance, a folk dance from India. Some of the steps proved to be challenging, the music was unfamiliar, and at one juncture, we paused to discuss how we might approach it. The children themselves brought up the words "perseverance" and "focus."

Once we resumed, it was genuinely inspiring to witness the children wholeheartedly committing themselves to concentrating and conquering the challenge, ultimately mastering the dance.

We also found the need for perseverance during our trip to the zoo. Despite the beautiful weather, the extensive walking certainly took its toll. It was intriguing to observe what served as our motivation to press on - the allure of sharks and crocodiles really helped us to persevere.

Next week, our primary focus will be on the virtue of perseverance. I am eagerly anticipating the various ways in which we can put it into practice.



Our trip to Sydney Zoo

What's on next week

Virtue of the Week - Perseverance - Perseverance is being steadfast and persistent. You commit to your goals and overcome obstacles, no matter how long it takes.

Sport - Wednesday - Please wear sports uniform, drink bottles and hats.

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

Dance - Thursday - please wear your sports uniform and bring your drink bottles.

Homework - Thursday - Please remember your homework book.

Cooking - Friday - Scones
- 2 ½ cups of self-raising flour - ¾ cup milk

Classroom News



Zoo adventures - exploring animal enclosures, new playgrounds with fossil finds and sharing our creative talents during news

A message from our Teacher

This week was very exciting for all of the students and teachers, with our special excursion to Sydney Zoo in Sydney's west. It was a fun-filled day that allowed students to learn more about living things. The older students particularly enjoyed navigating to specific enclosures (the shark and crocodile enclosures were in high demand), using their own individual maps.

All of the students engaged well with the activity provided to them, encouraging them to identify the particular features of animals and record them.

What have we been learning?

In English the students have been practising writing more descriptive sentences. In Stage 1 they have learnt about using commas to list ideas or things. They wrote some wonderful descriptions of different animals utilising this new knowledge.

Kindergarten have also been writing more using their knowledge of blends to sound out more difficult words and writing longer sentences using their growing knowledge of sight words.

We particularly enjoyed having some volunteers visit us to see how our school works and appreciated their support in English and Maths groups.



Setting and tracking reading goals

This week students extended their knowledge of area. Students in Kindergarten learnt that when comparing objects we can not only superimpose the surfaces, but we can also use consistent size objects to measure them (as long as we don't have gaps). Stage 1 started learning new strategies for measuring area, including making the connection between length. Understanding that multiplying the length of the two sides of a rectangle gives us the area in squared centimeters.

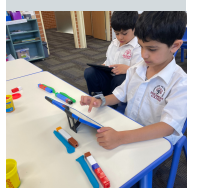
What are we learning next week?

Content	Kindergarten	Stage 1
Phonics focus	Blends: fl for flag gl for glad	Revision/ Consolidation
Mathematics	Forming groups and sharing equally	Dividing and multiplying



Measuring the area of our feet by superimposing them and comparing the space they take up

Measuring and recording our findings on SeeSaw



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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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