

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

Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship. Bahá'í Writings

This afternoon, we had the pleasure of hosting our much loved grandparents at school to celebrate National Grandparents Day. It was a beautiful afternoon filled with reflection and mutual learning. The children eagerly shared their experiences at school while inquiring about their grandparents' own school days. Witnessing these meaningful interactions was truly heartwarming.

A special highlight for the children was serving Devonshire Tea, complete with scones freshly baked by them earlier in the day.

It is acknowledged that the roles and responsibilities of grandparents can vary greatly based on cultural, regional, and individual factors. While the Baha'i Faith offers general principles, it recognizes that their specific application may differ from one family to another.

The Baha'i Faith places a profound emphasis on unity within the family, and grandparents can play a vital role in fostering this unity. They can offer invaluable support, wisdom, and love to their grandchildren, serving as beacons of upright conduct and spiritual guidance.

Additionally, the Baha'i Faith places great value on consultation and the harmonious functioning of the family unit. Grandparents, like all family members, can create opportunities for open and loving discussions with both their children and grandchildren, contributing positively to the family's spiritual and material well-being.

Today, we witnessed these principles come to life in different ways, and we extend our sincere gratitude to the parents and grandparents for making this gathering possible.

Wishing a wonderful Grandparents Day to all the grandparents out there!



Grandparents Day: Serving our grandparents freshly made scones, reading to them and presenting them with cards and gifts

What's on next week?

Virtue of the Week - Love - "O friend! In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love..."

Moran Aged Care Visit - Monday 10:45-12:00pm

Music with Mr. Nad - Wednesday

Swimming Lessons - Thursday - Please wear sports uniform, bring swimmers, sandals, a towel and bring your drink bottles.

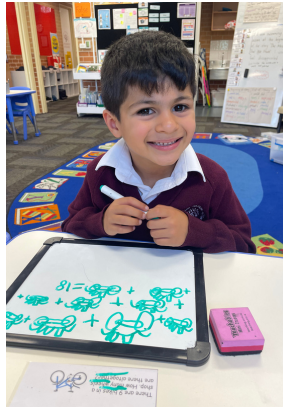
Library - Thursday - don't forget to bring your library bag and book to change!

Homework - Thursday - Please remember your homework book.

Cooking - Yogurt Parfaits

- Greek yogurt
- Granola
- Fresh berries (e.g., strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- Honey

Classroom News



Kindergarten Orientation with 2024 students, music with Mr Nad, practising justice through games, learning about fractions and division, working together to solve problems in mathematics.

A message from our Teacher

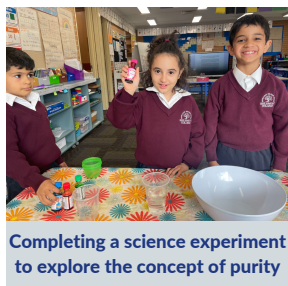
Our students had a great week exploring the idea of justice. They're learning how this concept applies to their daily lives, like being fair and sharing. I'm proud of their responsibility during Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday. They behaved wonderfully and welcomed the two younger students who attended with great care and consideration.

The children have really impressed me with their willingness to accept responsibility for their actions this week, with one student apologising for losing focus during literacy groups. He was not asked to reflect on his actions or to apologise, but chose to do so of his own accord.

What have we been learning?

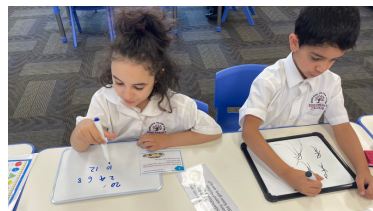
As students delved further into the focus text, 'The Mess that We Made,' a persuasive and emotive book about our environment, they started to better understand the challenges our planet is facing. The book, along with news articles on environmental issues, shed light on these problems in a way that captivated their attention.

Students explored the concept of organizing words into three tiers based on how commonly they're used, which added a fun and educational aspect to their language learning. They then used these words to write more interesting sentences.

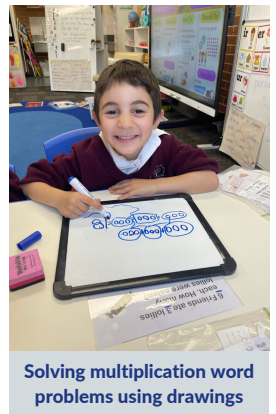


Completing a science experiment to explore the concept of purity

In mathematics students were learning about sharing and fractions through engaging hands-on experiences. They utilized materials like pizza slices, fraction circles, counters and building blocks to comprehend the concept of sharing. Through these activities, students discovered how to divide objects into equal parts and understood the fundamental principles of fractions. This also nurtured skills and virtues in the children directly linked to our virtue of justice, such as cooperation and empathy, as students worked together to ensure everyone got their fair share. These hands-on experiences not only enhanced their mathematical proficiency but also instilled valuable lessons about the importance of fairness and teamwork in everyday life.



Learning about sharing, grouping, fractions and doubling



Solving multiplication word problems using drawings