

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

*Concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love and unity.* Bahá'í Writings

What a joy it was to see the children putting into practice what they have learned in the classroom at Kellyville Pre-School on Wednesday. Without being prompted our children went up to the teachers, held out their hands to shake and said good morning! This demonstration of respect and confidence did not go unnoticed by our hosts. Well done children!

There are now 2 things to plan and look forward to:

1. Inviting a group of the preschoolers to Esslemont College for activities.
2. Our next service activity in the community. I wonder what it might be?

Preparations are under way for our Open Day on 2 April from 2pm to 4pm. Don't forget to register your attendance using the QR code on page 3. Please feel free to invite friends who might be interested.



Spinning around the circles



Counting our virtues sticks - collected over a few days



Making groups with Lego and practising repeated addition



Making equal groups using animals



Activities at Kellyville Preschool

## What's on next week.

### Virtue of the week - Patience

Patience is quiet hope and trust that things will turn out right. You wait without complaining. You are tolerant and accepting of difficulties and mistakes. You picture the end in the beginning and persevere to meet your goals. Patience is a commitment to the future.

### Swimming - Wednesday

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

**Cooking classes** - We are making...chocolate cake! Yum! If you are able to provide any of the following items please let us know.

- 4 eggs
- 400g unsalted butter
- 200g golden caster sugar
- 400g icing sugar



# Classroom News



Visiting Kellyville Preschool to share the significance of Ayyám-í-Há and share our gifts and planned experiences with them.

## A message from our teacher

What a joyful and eventful week it has been at Esslemont College! The children have been working hard to serve their friends, teachers and families during this special period of Ayyám-í-Há.

Our service project, visiting Kellyville Preschool, was an absolutely joyous occasion. The children planned the morning to include fun activities like a virtues stone scavenger hunt, sharing a prayer put to song that they had memorised in previous weeks and a short presentation about the celebration of Ayyám-í-Há. They then gifted the children a bookmark and the stones they had found.

The students have loved being of service to their friends, family and community this week. Many of them have been pointing out when others have served them and are now better able to articulate what service is and how it links to other virtues like helpfulness and generosity.

In mathematics the students have very much enjoyed getting hands on and learning about making equal groups and multiplying using playdough, drawings and a range of new strategies like repeated addition (Stage 1).

## What have we been learning?

Learning new sounds has become very exciting in recent weeks, with students in Kindergarten pointing out letters and sounds in their environment that they have learnt and beginning to independently sound out 3-letter words. The letters M and D have been our focus this week, with students enjoying opportunities to get creative and make a mouse and monkey in craft activities and writing sentences about them.

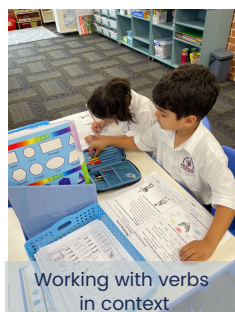
Stage 1 have also been learning more about the /m/ phoneme. Specifically the digraph 'mb' and the rule that it always goes at the end of words and the B is silent. They have created artworks and creative sentences using the /m/ sound and learnt more about verbs in context.



Making groups with playdough

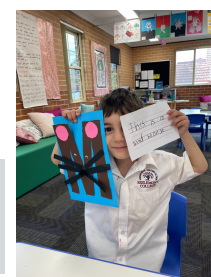


Multiplying using repeated addition



Working with verbs in context

Our M mice with fun sentences







# OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 02 APRIL 2PM-4PM**

At Esslemont College we understand that holistic education provides opportunities to engage the learner in all aspects of their development, and fosters spiritual, moral, academic, physical, psychological/emotional, and social growth.



A safe, supportive, and joyful environment will assist in facilitating each learner to utilise their individual strengths and find identity, meaning and purpose in life through connections to the community, through practising virtues such as empathy, service, and unity.

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