

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 even as a branch that is fresh and green; they will grow up in whatever way ye train them. Take the utmost care to give them high ideals and goals, so that once they come of age, they will cast their beams like brilliant candles on the world, and will not be defiled by lusts and passions in the way of animals, heedless and unaware, but instead will set their hearts on achieving everlasting honour and acquiring all the excellences of humankind.

Bahá'í Writings

We have seen incredible growth in the students' ability to listen, practise reverence during prayers, and recall the meaning of different virtues, not only in words but in their actions. They often draw on examples that have been shared at the beginning of the week or at the start of each day.

Watching the children learn in a variety of different environments and engage so well with the content is heartwarming. Our older students have been demonstrating maturity and leadership through respecting the needs of those younger than themselves, and often putting their own wants second. Well done!



Reading our new Ayyám-i-Há gifts - Mighty by Shirin Taherzadeh

What's on next week.

Virtue of the week - Responsibility

Responsibility is the willingness to be accountable for our choices. Others can depend on us to do what we say we will do and to give our best effort. We take on what is ours to do with commitment and reliability. When we make mistakes, we have the courage to change for the better. We make amends instead of excuses.

Swimming - Wednesday

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

Cooking classes - We are making...waffles.. and wow we are excited! If you are able to provide any of the following items please let us know.

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1 and 1/2 cups buttermilk



Cooking classes - Pink (and red) pancake party!



Reading together in the afternoon



Measuring the capacity of containers



Loving our new Ayyám-i-Há gifts

Classroom News



A visit from Mr Sayem to teach us a song about patience and many more fun activities and learning opportunities!

A message from our teacher

The weeks are now flying by, and all of the children are absolutely thriving in their learning. It is evident that the children are taking ownership of the school culture and want to be more involved in consultations that impact their service, learning environment and the future of the school.

One student has asked many times if he can help with organising a service project to clean our school minibus, he has offered to help with our open day many times and all students have contributed to our ever evolving 'school/class culture' poster. For example, 'We should always look for the good in others'.

Patience has been something many students can now recall the meaning of "waiting calmly", and all of them have been doing their utmost to practise this difficult virtue on a daily basis. For example, waiting patiently to cook together or go in the pool, waiting for our turn to read with Miss Shauna, or simply waiting at the top of the stairs for their friends to join them.

In mathematics, students have been working with volume and capacity. Measuring the capacity (internal volume) of different containers and comparing them using consistent units of measurement, Uploading our work to SeeSaw has become second nature. With all students independently uploading work samples for their parents to see and taking pride in the presentation and outcome of their work.



What have we been learning?

Four new sounds in one week seemed like a big task at the beginning of the week but our hardworking Kindergarten students have taken on the challenge with a sense of perseverance and pride. Building and changing words using their previously learnt sounds and our newest additions of /g/, /o/, /c/, /k/.

Stage 1 have been extending their knowledge of the sound /igh/. Also adding /ie/, /i_e/ and /i/. They have identified the split digraph /i_e/ as a sound they would like to focus more on. It has been wonderful to see their confidence in reading and writing continue to improve this week.



Uploading our own content to SeeSaw!

Measuring and comparing the capacity of containers

Problem solving to find the secret number





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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