

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 love to see you at all times consorting in amity and concord within the paradise of My good-pleasure, and to inhale from your acts the fragrance of friendliness and unity, of loving-kindness and fellowship. Baha'i Writings

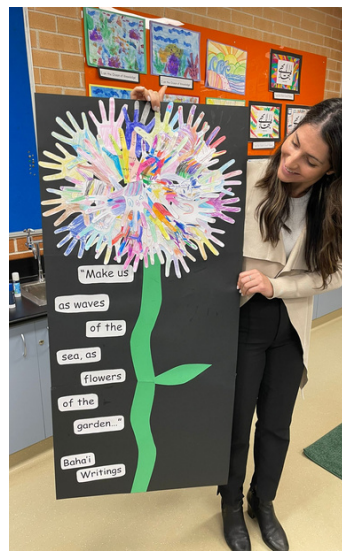
On Monday, we had the pleasure of hosting a very special visit from 15 children along with their two teachers from Bright Start Academy to give them a taste of "big school" for a couple of hours. Our students had consulted with their teachers beforehand to organize a program and were very excited as they warmly welcomed the visitors into their classroom.

We commenced the visit with a warm welcome and an engaging discussion centred around the theme of unity - the focal point of the visit. The children thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful reading of Mem Fox's book, "Whoever You Are," which greatly contributed to our collective understanding of unity.

We then all came together to sing "We Are Drops of One Ocean" [We Are Drops song - YouTube](#) and it was heartening to witness everyone actively participating, complete with synchronized actions that added to the sense of friendship and unity.

Given that it is science week, we then embarked on a collaborative experiment to test the durability of paper cups. The results were truly intriguing. When we applied weight to a solitary paper cup, it succumbed to the pressure. However, when we strategically distributed the force across multiple cups, not only did they manage to support our weight, but we even celebrated by dancing atop this inventive structure. This served as a brilliant demonstration of the power of teamwork and the thrill of scientific exploration.

Before we transitioned to an outdoor setting for a cooperative game, we engaged in a creative arts activity that involved crafting a beautiful flower using our decorated handprints and the quote "Make us as waves of the sea, of flowers of the garden."



Exploring the concept of unity with [Bright Start Preschool](#) through games, stories and science

What's on next week

Virtue of the Week - Justice "No light can compare with the light of justice." – Bahá'u'lláh

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.

Homework - Thursday - Please remember your homework book.

Cooking - Friday - Pavlova - If you have the following please let us know.

- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 300 mL thickened cream
- Fresh fruit - (strawberries, kiwi, passionfruit, etc.)

Classroom News



Participating in a range of science experiments, collaborative problem solving in maths, cooking a meat pie, and reading procedures and following them to make artworks.

A message from our Teacher

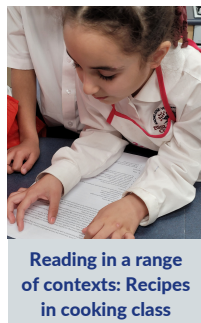
Week 5 was an exciting week for students all around the nation, but in particular at Esslemont College. We were celebrating National Science Week. This gave us the opportunity to participate in 5 different experiments and learn the magic of science.

Students also learnt a lot more about the virtue of flexibility and it was wonderful to hear them sharing examples of how they would show this in practice. The students absolutely loved the meat pie they cooked, leaving none left to take home, but enjoying every mouthful.

What have we been learning?

It has been exciting reading a new range of texts with both Kindergarten and Stage 1. Non-fiction texts have been filling our classroom spaces across a number of key learning areas. The students have been learning about the key features of informative texts and learning to use exemplars as models for their own writing. The students enjoyed writing about their Elephant Toothpaste experiment and putting what they were learning in science into their own written explanations in English.

All grades have been learning about pronouns this week and understanding how they can use them to make their writing more interesting for the reader. Kindergarten have also become much more confident sounding out words and writing independently.



Reading in a range of contexts: Recipes in cooking class

Mathematics has been filled with many opportunities for whole number learning. Students in Kindergarten have been focusing on counting larger collections of objects and comparing quantities. While Stage 1 have been focusing on place value and the importance of the position of digits in a number. They have also been learning more about the bridging-to-10 strategy, along with revising their number bonds to 10.

What are we learning next week?

Content	Kindergarten	Stage 1
Phonics focus	er like fern, ur like turn, ir like bird	ch - like chin, school and chef
Mathematics	Length	Length

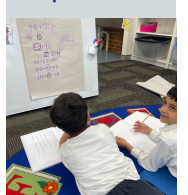


Counting leaves on our artworks



Measuring in different contexts: cooking

Using Bridging-to-10 to solve 2-digit problems



NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

19TH-26TH AUGUST 2023



BOOK WEEK PARADE

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



NATIONAL

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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