

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

Read ye the sacred verses, consider them with the utmost care, and ponder the truth and meaning of the Word of God.

Bahá'í Writings

Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.

[Frederick Douglass: an African-American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman born into slavery in 1818.]

The power of reading is a transformative force that has the ability to shape minds, inspire imagination, and broaden horizons. Reading enables individuals to explore new worlds, learn about different cultures, and gain insights into diverse perspectives. It fosters language development, critical thinking, and analytical skills, allowing readers to engage deeply with complex ideas and information.

Through reading, people can access the accumulated knowledge of humanity, spanning across time and across various disciplines. It has the potential to spark empathy by allowing readers to connect with characters' experiences and emotions. Reading encourages creativity as readers visualize the worlds described in books and generate their own interpretations.

Reading is not limited to traditional books but extends to digital media, articles, research papers, and various forms of written content. In today's information-rich world, the ability to read critically and discern reliable sources is crucial for making informed decisions and staying informed about current events.

In essence, the power of reading lies in its capacity to educate, inspire, entertain, and empower individuals to become informed, thoughtful, and engaged members of society.

During this week, we engaged in Book Week by immersing ourselves into the world of literature. We delved into the pages of numerous books, discussing authors, characters, and the intricate threads of storylines that weave through them. This exciting journey will of course continue, however today, both the children and staff united in a delightful display of imagination and enthusiasm, donning costumes that brought to life their cherished characters from the world of books.



Exploring new literature and celebrating books for Book Week

What's on next week

Virtue of the Week - Reliability - Reliability means that others can depend on you. You honour your commitments and give your best to every job.

Sport - Wednesday - cancelled due to zoo excursion.

Sydney Zoo Excursion - Wednesday - Please wear sports uniform.

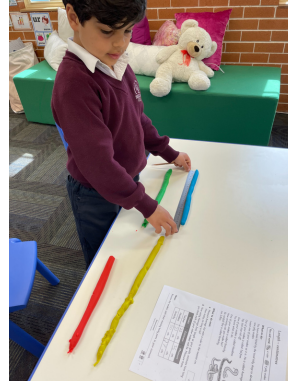
Library - Thursday - don't forget to bring your library bag and book to change!

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 - Banoffeee
 - 2 bananas
 - 300mL thickened cream
 - Original Digestive Biscuits

Classroom News



Following a procedure to create craft creatures, learning about justice through sport, measuring length, dance and reading for enjoyment

A message from our Teacher

Reading. What a joy it is. When I asked the students what the best part of reading was this week, these were their responses: "funny things", "it makes you laugh", "it's scary and exciting for me", "learning new things". It has been wonderful seeing the students enjoying new literature and appreciating the magic of books this Book Week.

Our virtue of justice has also been very interesting to explore in different contexts. For example, during sport the students were put into unfair teams and circumstances. This showed the students how important the concept of justice was and highlighted how it can make us feel when it is not upheld.

What have we been learning?

This week has been filled with imaginative and informative literature for Book Week and as a school we are trying to instill a love of literature and reading amongst the students by reading to them daily. It has been exciting to have the Kindergarten children quickly position themselves next to me during prayers each morning so that I can support them in reading unknown prayers using their taught sounds and high-frequency words.

A new app (EPIC school) for reading has been a highlight for all of the children this week. They love exploring the informative texts, learning new and interesting facts, as well as viewing the diagrams and short videos that accompany the texts.



Reading more challenging books

Measuring the length of different objects and people in our mathematics classes this week has been exciting for all of the students. Stage 1 has learnt how to use rulers correctly and have enjoyed the efficiency of using it as a tool for measuring. Kindergarten have loved comparing the heights and lengths of objects using informal units, such as unifix cubes.

What are we learning next week?

Content	Kindergarten	Stage 1
Phonics focus	Blends: bl for blue cl for clown	ou - like out and you
Mathematics	Combining and separating quantities	Combining and separating quantities

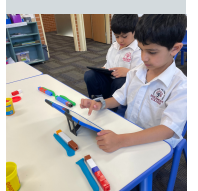


Measuring independently using centimetres



Borrowing new books at the library

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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