

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

Let him sit in silence to hearken to the verses of God...

Bahá'í Writings

The children are inspiring with their ability to practice reverence in our morning prayers. Meditation is becoming as important as saying and singing our prayers to start the day. What a joy to see these important life skills being practiced by the children on a daily basis.

As we move into week 8 of our term (how is that possible!) we may find the following quote useful to reflect on for our wellbeing.

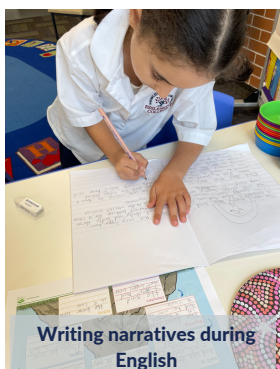
We need what I call "Grace Time," a term that is more descriptive and positive than "down time"—to revive, to recover our energy, to daydream, and to putter. Without it, we endanger our energy supply and court disaster in our health.

— Linda Kavelin Popov, A Pace of Grace

Our fire drill went well today, and the children (and adults) practiced responsibility and orderliness as they made their way to the Emergency Assembly Point. Well done everyone.



Meditating for an extended period of time after prayers



Writing narratives during English



Sharing musical talent during news



Discussing our fire drill

What's on next week.

Virtue of the week - Love

Love is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a kind word, a thoughtful act or a hug. Love is treating people and things with care and kindness because they mean so much to you. Love is contagious. It keeps spreading.

Swimming - Wednesday

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

Cooking classes - We are making...fruit salad!

Please bring your favourite fruit (or two) to cut up and make into a delicious fruit salad.

Classroom News



Painting, narrative planning and writing, baking chocolate cake, building words and playing true or false games. What a beautiful week!

A message from our teacher

Another jam-packed week at Esslemont College. Students have been practising responsibility in many new ways this week and thinking about how they are allowing others to also take responsibility for themselves. For example, helping others when they really need it, but otherwise simply encouraging their friends to be responsible for themselves and their belongings.

Morning prayers and meditation has been an area of notable growth this week. Students are used to meditating for five seconds after we do a round of prayers and sing our prayer of the week. However, when given the opportunity our older students enjoyed extending this time and meditating calmly for over twenty seconds. Congratulations children on your wonderful efforts maintaining reverence and respect.

What have we been learning?

Students in Kindergarten have added 4 additional sounds to their repertoire this week (/ck/, /u/, /e/, /r/) and will be consolidating all of their sounds next week. Stage 1 learnt more about the short /u/ sound and how the letter O can make this sound in particular words (e.g. honey). We had a deeper dive into writing this week in all grades.

Kindergarten practised using their sight words and taught sounds to write sentences and Stage 1 learnt more about the structure of a narrative and wrote two of their very own narratives with some support from the teacher.



writing about an umbrella to practise /u/

In mathematics, students continued looking at volume and capacity. Kindergarten compared the size of different objects. In Year 1, Lana focused more on comparing how full and empty containers were, along with the best tools for measuring different shaped containers. Raadeen in Year 2 also looked at the best tools for measuring capacity, but went a step further and created a measuring jug of his own using a large container and a smaller cup to measure out consistent units.

In PDH we learnt about it being okay to make mistakes and how we can turn them into something beautiful if we try. Reading the book 'Beautiful Oops' was a big hit and reinforced this concept with the students.



Making number caterpillars in Maths



Problem solving with odd and even numbers



Kindergarten learning to subitise numbers



Beautiful Oops



OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 02 APRIL 2PM-4PM

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