

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

The Prophets of God are the first Educators. They bestow universal education upon man and cause him to rise from the lowest levels of savagery to the highest pinnacles of spiritual development. Bahá'í Writings

Esslemont College warmly welcomes Mr. Michael Zhang to our team. Mr. Michael will be working in the role of Business Manager and brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in starting up educational facilities. We look forward to working together with him on the growth and development of our school.

On Tuesday, staff and students from Esslemont Collage took the time to celebrate Naw Ruz (Bahá'í New Year) with family, friends, neighbours and their communities. A special Naw Ruz program offered at the school, and enjoyed by some of the students, included stories, craft, singing, baking and more craft. The children took home delicious sweets as a Naw Ruz gift to their mums and dads as well as grandparents.

Plans for our open day are in full swing. Please don't forget to invite family and friends who may be interested in visiting Esslemont College and learning more about us.

We are excited to be hosting the Hills Shire Children's Festival on Sunday April 30 here at Esslemont College. Please see the flyer on page 3 for more details.



What's on next week.

Virtue of the week - Orderliness

Orderliness is beign neat and living with a sense of harmony. Your are organised and you know when things are when you need them. Solve problems step by step instead of going in circles. Order around you creates order inside you. It gives you peace of mind.

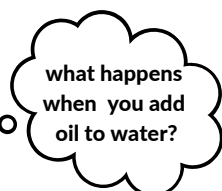
Swimming - Wednesday

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

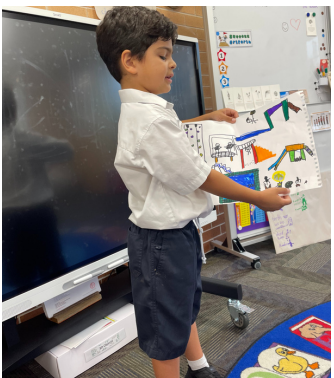
Parent Teacher Interviews - Thursday and Friday 3:15-3:35pm

Cooking classes - Friday - We are making...Pesto Pasta! Please let us know if you can bring any of the following:

- Parmesan cheese
- Pasta
- 3 cloves of Garlic
- 1/2 cup of olive oil
- 1/3 Cup Pine nuts
- 2 cups basil leaves



Classroom News



This week was a joyous week of celebration and creativity with Naw Ruz being celebrated both at home and on school grounds.

A message from our teacher

Naw Ruz has been a wonderful feature of this week's lessons and festivities. The children learnt about this Holy Day and created pop-up cards for their parents and grandparents, which were well-received.

The enthusiasm of the students in different aspects of their schooling and their desire to be at school each day is palpable. It is also beautiful to witness the children encouraging one another. Our focus virtue of love has been recognised by the children many times this week. One child in Kindergarten came in from lunch to enthusiastically tell me that he had noticed another child befriending a lonely Kindergartener, pushing him on the swings and offering to play with him. How wonderful that the children are not only showing love freely but also recognising it in others.

What have we been learning?

Students in Kindergarten have added been consolidating their taught sounds and sight words this week. Rather than consolidating in our final week, I felt it would be more beneficial to pause and really focus on what we have learnt so far in phonics. This seems to have improved student confidence. All students greatly enjoyed sharing their news items about their dream playgrounds this week. Drawing creative maps and sharing them with joy.

Stage 1 moved ahead and learnt alternative sounds that represent /ee/. They also continued focusing on narrative writing and trying to build confidence writing more independently.



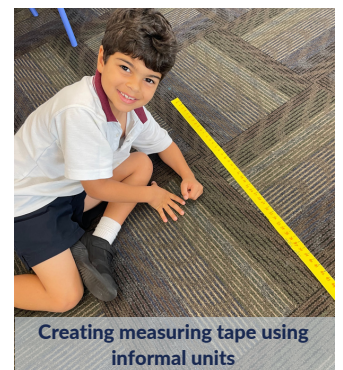
Presenting news about dream playground

In mathematics, students had a fantastic time measuring the length of objects around the room using a variety of tools and methods. Kindergarten focused on comparing lengths by placing objects side-by-side and aligning their ends. They then moved on to using unifix cubes and their hands to compare lengths and informally measure the length of different objects.

Year 1 also utilised informal units to measure and record the length of objects and joined Year 2 in creating a measuring tape using unifix cubes as a consistent length (featured in images below). In Year 2, a major focus was using formal units (cm and m) to measure objects around the classroom and understand the need to do this in real world situations.



Comparing the lengths of students



Creating measuring tape using informal units



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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HILLS SHIRE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The festival program incorporates the theme of *being a good friend* through stories, music, games and arts

SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2023

1.30PM - 4.00PM

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