

TEMIS

Newsletter

The Ela Murray International School

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Term 1 Week 5 Thursday, 21 February, 2019

Deputy Principal's Message

The ELC welcomed many new families this year and we continue to welcome new enrolments on almost a daily basis.

Not so welcome has been the recurring virus which has laid many children and staff members low. This appears to be a particularly contagious and debilitating virus with some children now sick for the second time.

With the real risk of cross-infection, we ask parents to keep children at home if there is any sign of a cough or runny nose. We hope to see the end of this virus soon and the ELC returning to full strength.

Monday, 25 February, is a scheduled Staff Development Day for both the ELC and the Murray site. The IEA allocates seven days a year for professional development. Schools then determine the dates to meet their specific needs.

On Monday, the ELC teaching and ancillary staff will be looking specifically at further developing the Project Approach. This approach aligns with the ELC philosophy of play-based learning whereby topics of interest that arise through children's play are supported. The Project Approach provides a framework which capitalises children's emergent interests and strengthens intellectual dispositions such as questioning, analysing, predicting, hypothesising, experimenting and explaining through hands-on activities.

The ELC is also fortunate to be working with Mr James Masa from the IEA Centre of Professional Development. Mr Masa visits the ELC on alternate weeks to present a training program on positive behaviour strategies. This program will continue throughout the year for both teaching staff and Classroom Assistants.

Kerry Honey

News from 1/2J class

1/2J students have been very busy this term and are progressing with their learning at rocket speed!

In Inquiry, we are investigating 'Where does food come from?' and 'How is our food produced?' At the Tuning in stage, we worked in our groups and classified food items into various categories, based on our prior knowledge about food. Each group came up with different ways of sorting and we justified to other team members the reasons for our sort. We are now at the Finding out stage of our Inquiry cycle, researching about the origins of food. As research tools, we used videos, websites, shops, food packaging, books and our pantries. We learnt about raw and processed food and compared them using a matrix. We can't wait to go on our field trip to Paradise Biscuit factory and Ilimo farm to learn more about the food production process.

In English, we learnt to write recounts following the structure and language features. As a hook to recount writing, our teachers dressed up as characters and enacted the story of Chicken Little. The treasure hunt was a fun experience for all of us. The day started off by spotting a note on our classroom door which had the first clue to find the treasure. We followed instructions, solved riddles, reached the treasure destination and screamed in excitement when we found the treasure. After getting back to class, we ordered the steps in sequence using time connectives and wrote our recount about our experience.

In Maths, this week, we investigated patterns in nature, extended the attribute block patterns of our buddies and completed the sequence. We also identified and described the missing elements and created our own patterns with shapes, colour, numbers, music and movement.

We immensely enjoyed participating and cheering for our teams at the swimming carnival and are looking forward to our team winning!



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Parent Group News

Thanks so much to all those parents who volunteered at the refreshment stalls this week at the swimming carnival. We appreciate everyone that came and pitched in.

Reminder that March 2nd is the Welcome Back Cocktail Social at Jackson's Bar and Restaurant. It is an adult only evening where we can talk with other parents uninterrupted! Join us for live music, free canapes, a K10 food station and drinks at the bar. The event will be held in Jackson's rooftop bar on March 2nd at 6pm. We hope you can all make it!! Please make sure to RSVP on the TEMIS Parent Group Facebook page!

Reminder that there is no school on Monday due to the Staff Development Day. Enjoy your long weekend and good luck to our swimmers representing TEMIS at the Inter-school Swimming Carnival!!

Emily
TEMIS Parent Group



Important Dates

WK 5	INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING	FRI	22/02
	CRAFT MARKET	SAT	23/02
WK 6	SDD BOTH SITES CLOSED	MON	25/02
	PREP PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	TUE	26/02
	PREP PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	WED	27/02
	ASSEMBLY—7/8G	FRI	01/03
WK 7	INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING TBC	THU	07/03
	INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING TBC	FRI	08/03
WK 8	ASSEMBLY—3/4W	FRI	15/03
WK 9	GR.1-8 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE	TUE	19/03
	GR.1-8 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES	WED	20/03
	ASSEMBLY—1/2P	FRI	22/03
WK 10	ASSEMBLY—PREP E	FRI	29/03
WK 11	ASSEMBLY—PERFORMANCE	FRI	05/04
	TERM 2 BEGINS	WED	24/04

Craft Market

The first TEMIS Craft Market of the year will be held at the Ela Beach site as usual on Saturday, 23 February, 2019 from 7.30am to 11.30am.

Craft Market fees for 2019:

Annual stall holders - K250.00
Casual - K25.00 per market day

Newsletter by email

Parents and friends who wish to have their newsletter emailed, please advise Boio Davana on email address:

bdavana@temis.iea.ac.pg

School Reminders

- ◆ Please note that lessons begin at 8:00am and the children need to arrive in time to prepare for the day. An arrival time closer to 7:45am would provide for this.
- ◆ The ELC sessions finish at 2:30pm. Lessons at the Murray site finish at 2:40pm. Please remember to sign your child out.
- ◆ Please know that we will always contact you if your child becomes unwell at school. However, please refrain from sending children who are feverish or in discomfort to school. We have had considerable amounts of illness at school during the last two weeks and anything that you can do to help is much appreciated.

Use of Site

Friday, 22 February, 2019

5:00pm—6:00pm—Footy Players

Saturday, 23 February, 2019

8:30am—5:30pm—Private Function

Sunday, 24 February, 2019

5:00pm—6:00pm—Footy Players



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