



The Essendon Echo

Issue 2

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The Principals' Print

Music is a much loved part of Essendon and this week, we have been listening to the very dramatic score of Beethoven's symphony number 5; however, with the weather changing from tropical to arctic, perhaps we need to have Vivaldi's Four Seasons next week! We have seen it all: hail, rain, sleet and sunshine.

On the theme of music, already there has been such a noticeable difference in the participation that pupils are showing in our weekly music assemblies. We talk about the 5Ps of Performance—posture, participation, presentation, professionalism and projection. Each week, we have also started to introduce some new musical vocabulary which many pupils have remembered very well. You could ask your child to explain a crescendo, diminuendo, forte and piano—they should be able to explain these new terms to you.

We enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with pupils this week and talk about their learning. We have also looked at a lot of books to find out about all the exciting things that have been happening in lessons. Next week, along with our School Effectiveness Advisor, Mrs Beaumont, we will be spending time classes to see some of the learning in action.

All of the teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with parents/carers next week for our Spring term parents' consultations. These are the final consultations of the year. In the final term, an end of year school report will be sent out.

Finally, have a wonderful weekend and let's hope to see more of the glorious sunshine that we saw last week.

Mr Lock, Mrs Brennan and Mrs Nesbitt

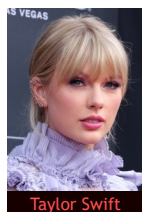
Going for Gold Values Update

As an update on our Going for Gold values, we are so impressed that the pupils have learnt these so quickly! We have taught these through music, which is very powerful in helping children to remember them.

Our value in focus for this half term is Respect. We have used a quote from Taylor Swift as this half term's quote.

Value in Focus: Respect

"We don't need to share the same opinions as others, but we need to be respectful."



Taylor Swift

Main Foyer Revamp

We will be revamping our entrance lobby over the next week to give it a fresh coat of paint and ensure it gives a clean, clear and professional welcome.

Safeguarding

As part of a review of our singing in procedures, we will also be asking any parents/carers collecting pupils outside of the normal school day to complete an Early Collection Form. It is only in exceptional circumstance that we can authorise early pick ups and we are required to monitor this as part of the attendance regulations. We do ask that parents/carers collecting outside of regular school hours only do this via the main school office.

Finally, as part of our commitment to safeguarding and health and safety, parents/carers should only enter the school premises if they have signed in via the main school office and are wearing a visitors' badge. We also have a safeguarding information leaflet that all visitors need to be familiar with.



Key Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March
Friday 4th April 2025

Parent/Teacher Consultations from 3.30pm to 6pm
Spring 2 term ends at 1.15pm

