

THE MONTI TIMES



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Edition 1

Elonera Montessori School

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to a new year full of exciting opportunities! I believe in each of you and in your tremendous potential. In the months ahead, you'll explore new ideas, engage in meaningful conversations, and embark on a journey of discovery.



Remember that your thoughts and contributions matter. Your unique perspectives enrich the communities and environments you are part of. Let's set ambitious goals, challenge ourselves, and work together to make this a year of exceptional growth and achievement.

This year, I encourage you to be curious, to ask questions, and to never be afraid of making mistakes. Mistakes are not failures; they are powerful learning moments that help you grow stronger, wiser, and more confident. Celebrate your progress, no matter how small, and take pride in the effort you put into everything you do.

Be kind to yourselves and to one another. Support your peers, listen with empathy, and recognise that everyone is on their own journey. When we lift each other up, we create an environment where everyone can thrive.

I also invite you to step outside your comfort zone—try something new, take on a challenge, or lead in a way you haven't before. You might discover strengths and passions you never knew you had.

As we move through this year together, let's stay open-minded, resilient, and hopeful. I look forward to seeing the incredible things you will accomplish and the ways you will grow, not just as learners, but as people.

Let's make this a year to remember— one filled with learning, laughter, connection, and success.

By Antonio

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EVENTS

By Scarlett



February 19

5B Excursion to the local war memorial site
Yr 7-9 Guest speaker coming into the school to talk about short films

February 20

5A Excursion to the local war memorial site

March 4th

Pizza and movie night that you can attend for ten dollars from 5:30 to 7:30pm

March 5th

Pizza and movie night that you can attend for ten dollars from 4-6pm



Wednesday March 18th

Yr 9-12 Career presentation to help students make informed choice about future options

Wednesday September 16th to Friday September 18th

Jindabyne Snow Camp

OPINION PIECE

By Cadence



Should financial literacy be an elective for all high school students?

Financial Literacy is the knowledge and skillset required to make responsible and informed decisions about where your money goes and how you use it. It is a very important subject to understand because as this generations grow up and become adults, they need to have the knowledge required to do things like their taxes, income management, and budgeting. In high schools around Australia, financial literacy is taught as a branch of maths, explored for approximately a term each year if that. I think that if it was an elective, students that are interested in learning the skills required to be financially literate would be able to dive deeper into the different parts of the subject that aren't taught at all or in depth until later years.

Having financial literacy as a mandatory subject would be counterproductive in my opinion because then instead of being a subject where students can extend themselves, it would go at the pace of the students that either aren't interested in the subject, or simply can't quite grasp the concept.

Another point is that when the students that took it as an elective finish school and graduate, they will be able to do things like keep an eye on money going in and out of their bank accounts, use tools to better manage their money, and set short and long term goals to work towards.

In conclusion, I think that financial literacy should be an elective in all schools so that people that are interested can become knowledgeable in the subject.

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CHICKEN'S UPDATE

By Gemma

Last year we got eight eggs that were hatched in 1B. Five of the eggs hatched into baby chicks in September. They moved into the high school in November when they were six weeks old. The two roosters have been rehomed to become breeding roosters, and the three hens are now living in the high school.

They are all friendly and love to be given food (fruit and veggie scraps but no citrus). You can say hello to them as long as you are respectful and stay out of their actual coop. Please don't pat or pick them up. The gardening occupations group is planning to move their enclosure to the front of the high school, near the flag-pole.



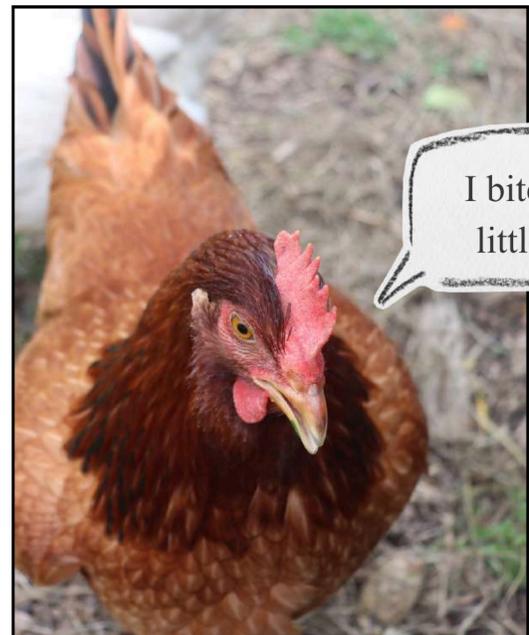
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INTERVIEWS

By Eli, Antonio, and Coleby

ELIAS, YEAR 7

Q: Why did you choose this school?

A: My big brother told me it was fun.

Q: Do you like this school?

A: I really like this school.

Q: What can the school do better?

A: The school could have better wifi.

CARLOS, IB COORDINATOR

Q: Why did you choose this school?

A: I'm not Christian.

Q: Do you like this school?

A: I love it.

Q: What can the school do better?

A: More space, bigger fields, UFC.



POLLS

Should the school do something about soccer balls hitting bystanders/spectators?

YES

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NO

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OTHER ANSWERS:

“Just ban the soccer players.”

“Just move.”

CREATIVE CORNER

By Scarlett and Cadence

POEMS & QUOTES

By William Shakespeare

You say you love rain but you open your
umbrella.

You say you love the sun but you find a
shadow spot.

You say you love wind but you close your
windows.

This is why I am afraid when you say you
love me



FOR THE TAINTED SORROW

By Chuuya Nakahara

For the tainted sorrow:
Today too snow falls on it;
For the tainted sorrow:
Today too wind blows on it.

For the tainted sorrow
Is like, say, a fox's fur;
For the tainted sorrow,
Covered with snow, curls up.

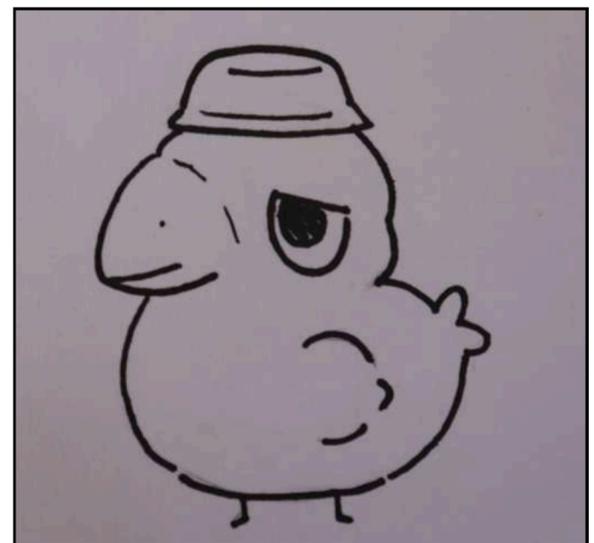
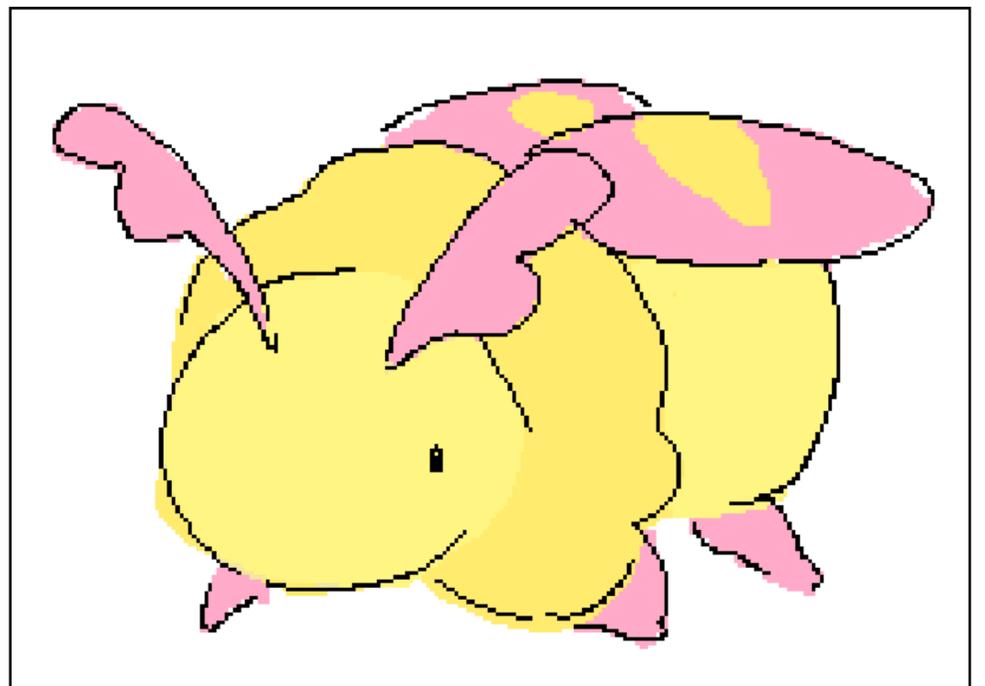
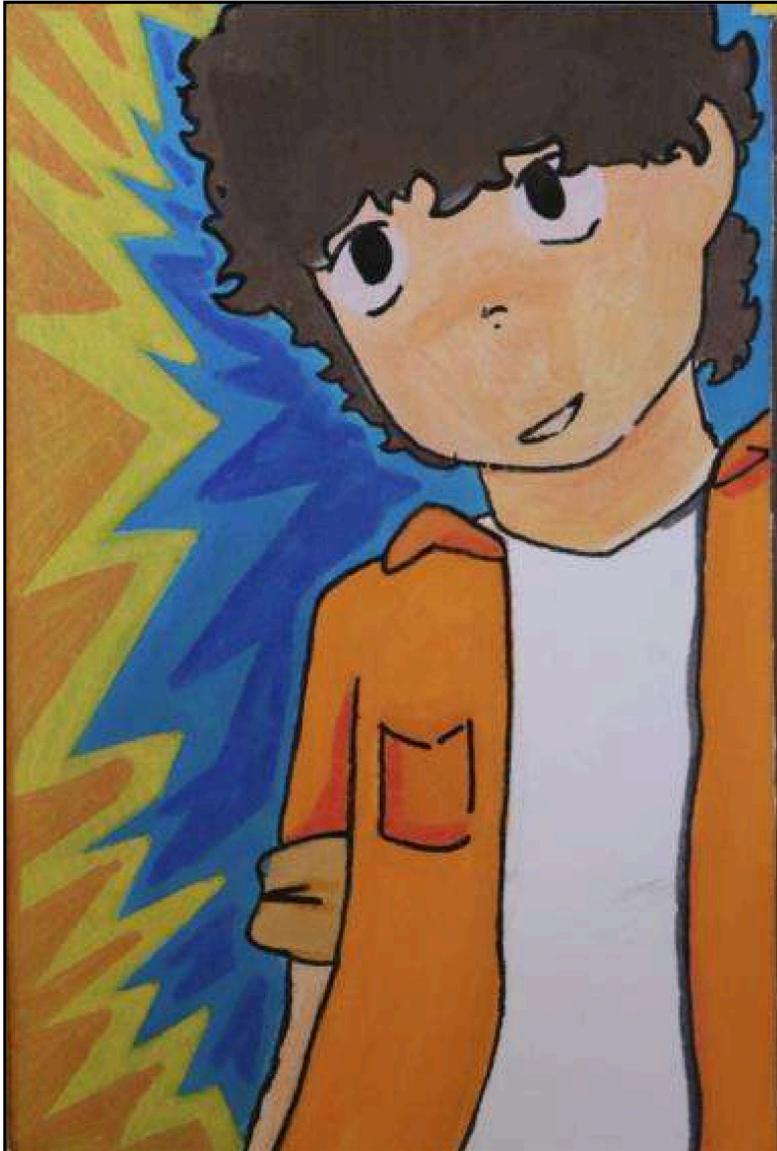
For the tainted sorrow
Has no desires or wishes;
For the tainted sorrow
In its torpor dreams of death.

For the tainted sorrow
Frightens me piteously;
For the tainted sorrow
Can't be remedied, and the sun sets...



ART

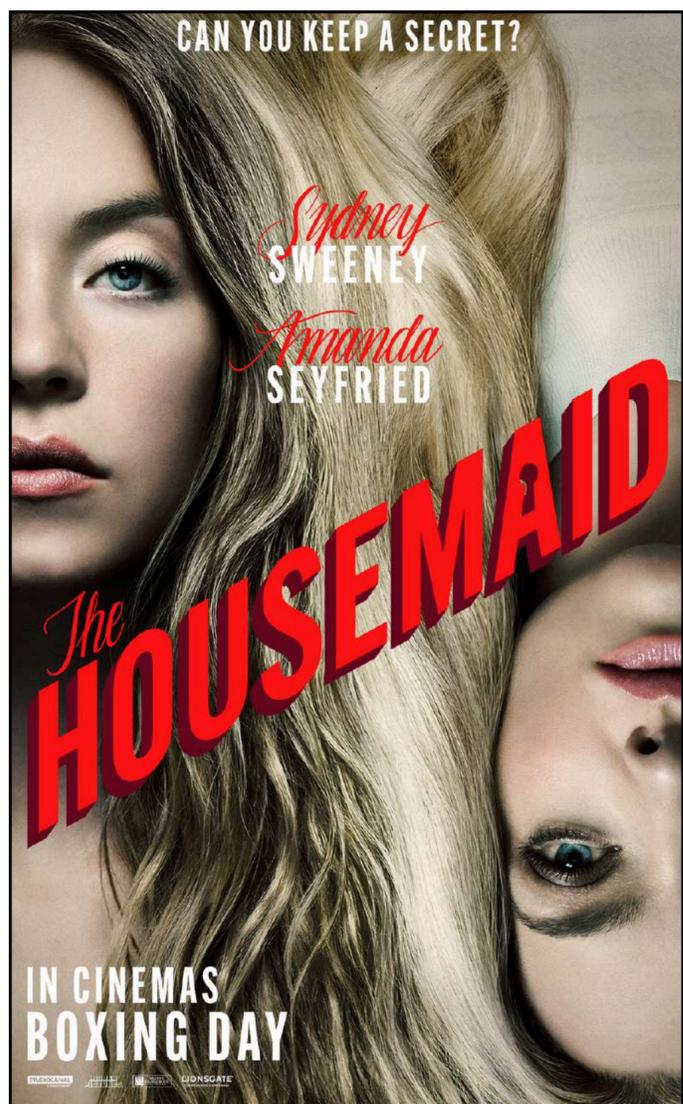
By Isabel



REVIEWS

Some of these may not be suitable for younger audiences.

By Scarlett, Isabel, and Cadence

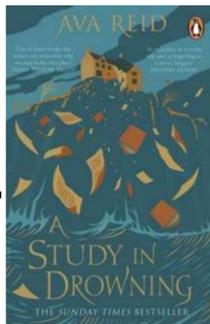


The Housemaid Movie Review

The Housemaid Movie is an adaptation of a famous book by Freida McFadden and has recently been released into movie theatres in Australia. It is a movie about a woman named Millie (Wilhelmina) who has applied for a housemaid job at the Winchesters' house to take care of cleaning and the Winchesters' little girl, Cecelia. She meets the woman that lives in the house (Nina Winchester) and at first it seems like Nina really likes Millie and she is perfect for the job, but when she wake up the next fay she walks downstairs and finds Nina ripping apart her kitchen in a rage, blaming Millie for losing her papers. As the movie progresses everything in the house keeps getting weirder and weirder but Millie can't leave because she needs a home. Nina's husband Andrew seems like a saint with the way he handles her, but things start happening that don't add up, and in the end the plot twist is very unexpected. I loved the leading ladies, Amanda Seyfried and Sydney Sweeney, and i also really enjoyed the dialogue and the way they shot the movie. I recommend this movie a lot and think that it is one of my favourite thrillers.

— Cadence

★★★★★ MA15+
Book Adaptation



★★★★★ 13+

A Study In Drowning By Ava Reid, Book Review

A Study in Drowning is a YA dark academia fantasy set in the late 1800s. Effy Sayre is haunted by visions of the mysterious Fairy King and dreams of studying literature, but since women aren't allowed, she ends up at a prestigious architecture school instead. She gets invited to help restore the home the author of her favourite fairy tale angharad, Emrys Myrddin, where she meets Preston — a boy from an enemy nation who actually attends the college Effy wishes she could go to. Together they uncover secrets that suggest Myrddin might not be who everyone thinks he is. I absolutely loved the spooky, moody atmosphere of this book, and the story within the story was super romantic. Effy and Preston's relationship was adorable and had me giggling. The ending felt realistic rather than perfectly neat, which I liked, even though I was pretty sad about what we learn about the Fairy King. — Scarlett



★★★★☆ E10+

Portal 2 Game Review

Portal 2 is a puzzle game released in 2011 where you solve puzzles using a portal gun. The game is a very fun sequel to the first portal game with a fun cast of characters and difficult gameplay. The later levels do get slightly repetitive because the mechanics don't change throughout the game and some movement may cause motion sickness but it's a very fun game otherwise. — Isabel

Favourite quote- "I will love you to ruination" he said "yours or mine?" I asked.
The fairy king was silent

RECIPES

By Gemma

INGREDIENTS

For the spice mix: (Or use a store bought taco spice blend)

2 tablespoons chili powder
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon granulated garlic
1 teaspoon granulated onion
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)

For the nachos:

1 teaspoon vegetable oil
500g beef mince
450g (2 cups) beans
1/4 cup water
1 large bag of tortilla chips
230g grated cheese (about 4 cups), plus more for topping

Optional toppings:

Guacamole
Salsa
Sour cream
Sliced green onions
Shredded lettuce
Corn
Hot sauce

BEEF NACHOS RECIPE

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.

• **To make the taco spice blend:**

1. Combine all of the spices together in a small bowl. (Or use a store bought taco spice blend)

• **To make the beef and bean topping:**

2. Heat the vegetable oil on medium high heat until it begins to shimmer. Add the beef mince to the pan and season it with all of the taco spice blend. As the meat cooks, use a spoon to break the meat up into crumbles.
3. Cook for about 8 minutes until the meat has browned and drain the fat using a colander.
4. Return the meat to the pan and add the beans and water. Heat the mixture until the beans are smooth and warmed through. Reduce the heat to low and keep the beef-bean mixture warm while you prepare the chips.



To toast the chips:

5. On a 30x45cm oven-safe platter or sheet pan, arrange the tortilla chips in a single layer, overlapping them slightly.

6. Toast the chips in the preheated oven for 5 minutes, or just until you begin to smell their aroma

To assemble and bake the nachos:

7. Carefully remove the pan from the oven and top with one half of the grated cheese. Allow the heat from the chips to melt the cheese slightly before topping the chips with the beef and bean mixture.
8. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the beef and return the pan to the oven for 5 minutes, or until the cheese has fully melted.

To top and serve:

9. Top the nachos with the guacamole, salsa, sour cream, or any of your preferred toppings. Serve hot.

GAMES

By Eli and Coleby

Word Search Puzzle

L L N U L T Y R A R B I L E O
 O A D A T E A C H E R O Y A S
 O P A M N I H P T T O R A O S
 H I T O T G S Y E L S U O T M
 C C W N G K N E E U N P R H E
 S N O T S G U T E E N S R E T
 H I R E T R R A A L O O H C S
 G R D S R E T U P M O C I E O
 I P S S T K C D T O A N O N R
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COMPUTER	DESKS	ELONERA	GRADUATE
GRANT	HIGH SCHOOL	LIBRARY	MONTESSORI
MTOUSLEY	NOTEBOOK	OCCUPATIONS	PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL	STUDENT	TEACHER	WORDSEARCH

Fun Facts

- Russia has 11 time zones.
- The smallest country in the world is the Vatican.
- Sweden has the most islands of any country, with over 220,000 islands.
- The national animal of Australia is the Red Kangaroo.
- There are 13 stripes on the US flag.

MEMES

By Eli and Coleby

