This term we are focusing on two main areas within Visual Arts; The process of the mind & of the experience of Art. These areas are what makes creativity so important. For some students they have not yet translated the experience into language, we will provide them with the opportunity to express it in an Art form.

Many of our students may not have the capacity to talk about their experiences and by using Art we can help them process it. We provide the steps in between experience and language.

We call this...

*Emotional Literacy through the Visual Arts - ELVA*

The ELVA Approach draws together the knowledge and experience of both health and educational professionals in developing a classroom based model to enhance the emotional literacy of young children through art.

**What is Emotional Literacy?**

Emotional literacy is the ability to be aware, express and respond to emotional experiences. The aim of emotional literacy is for children to be emotionally alive, emotionally aware, and emotionally connected with themselves, others and with experience and situations.

The approach focuses on experience as it engages the emotional world of the child in the context of relationships. This process assists the child to better understand themselves and
the world around them. Art creates a natural opportunity that enables this to happen. Students will continue to receive a high standard of Visual Arts education in accordance with assessment and reporting requirements.

Our aim is to increase student’s learning capacity, improve school connectedness and strengthen positive peer relationships.

OUR FOCUS FOR THE VISUAL ARTS TERM 1

Motivate and inspire our students

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Create a space to explore and reflect through the Arts

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Build a safe environment where there are “No judgements” & “No wrong or right”

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Positive relationships – Be free to self-express through art of making

“ART WASHES AWAY FROM THE SOUL THE DUST OF EVERYDAY LIFE.”

Quote from the artist Pablo PICASSO

CREATIVITY IS FUN! and…IT IS CONTAGIOUS!

So enjoy creating and embrace it at home too!

Keep creativity alive!!!

From the Art Teacher

Mrs Amelia Jolly