



Soldiers' Settlement Public School Newsletter

22 July 2021

From the Principal

I hope you are all coping well during this very difficult time. I have mentioned it previously, but I would like to thank you for the wonderful work and support you are providing to your child/children during the Learning from Home period and the care and compassion you have shown to the school staff. It has been a mammoth task for everyone, moving back into the world of home learning and I know you are navigating a multitude of complexities. The pressures of your own work combined with facilitating your child's home learning and holding the well-being of your families securely in your hands is an enormous task.

Please make sure you take the time to appreciate the outstanding job you are doing as parents and carers. It has been fantastic to see so many students engaging with the learning online and learning packs. There has been a lot of support and love shared virtually, once again reminding me of the qualities that make our school such a special community.

As we transition into Week 3 of home learning, teachers would love to continue to connect virtually with your children through scheduled Zoom sessions to see how everything is going. More information regarding the Zoom sessions will be sent to you from your child's teacher. Please also join us on Monday mornings at 10.15am for our whole school Zoom. Mr Irons will send out the details of this over the next few days.



LEARNING
- FROM -
HOME

Miss McAuliffe's math lesson



NEWS

Hi everyone,

I would like to introduce myself as the new President of the P&C. Our previous P&C Presidents, Luke and Rachael Stewart Smith relocated at the end of last term. We were so sad to see them go but I am very excited to step up as President for 2021. I look forward to working with the P&C exec and with our community when the current restrictions settle down and we can resume normal operations.

Thank you!

On behalf of the P&C, we would like to take a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication from Mrs. Palaitis, the teachers and the staff. This is a very odd time for all of us and the staff at the school have been working so hard to put together work for our children and to also look after the children who must attend school. They have worked so hard to make everything feel as 'normal' as possible for everyone. Always being available for questions, chats and truly showing care and compassion for us all. You guys are superstars!

Thank you

Christine Muller (President) & the P&C





A couple of things:

As you are aware, the Department of Education announced the extension of the lock down period and home learning until 30 July. Whilst this was not the news we were all hoping to hear, we understand why this decision was made. We will all work hard to make the best of the circumstances and seek out the silver linings in the experience.

Due to the stricter lockdown restrictions announced last weekend by NSW Health, the Department of Education has released the following messages to all school communities,

"Parents and carers in Greater Sydney must keep children – across primary and secondary school – at home unless they need to be at school. Schools and outside of school hours care (OOSHC) services are open for any child that needs it."

All schools in Greater Sydney have been asked to reduce the staff numbers attending the site until July 30 to reduce the mobility of the Greater Sydney population and reduce the high number of community infections still occurring.

Teachers who are not onsite will continue to stay in touch with students through online monitoring, phone calls to families and communicating through Class Dojo. Teachers are also developing and monitoring the online/packaged learning materials.

NSW health is hopeful that by reducing overall movement, infection numbers will reduce more quickly thus ensuring a return to school.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our entire teaching and support staff who continue to work so hard to make it all happen. The professionalism, enthusiasm, and passion for education that teachers and support staff at Soldiers' Settlement continues to instill a great sense of pride within me as the Principal of Soldiers' Settlement.

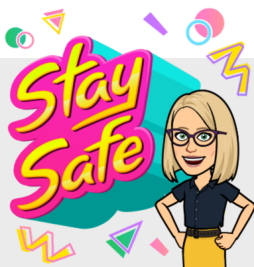
Please continue to visit the Department of Education's 'Learning from Home-Parents & carers' page which has some useful tips and ideas for students to engage in during home learning.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home>

Stay safe everyone, be kind to yourselves and remember you are all doing a brilliant job!

Best wishes,

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Learning from Home Tips

Many of you will have lived an experience of managing home learning but for those who will be embarking on this for the first time, here are some tips -

1. **Make a Space** - If possible, set aside a place in the home that will be a dedicated learning space. Make a list with your child about what they will need in this space and have them help set it up.
2. **Set up a routine** - Follow a routine as if you are going to school (setting alarm, getting dressed etc). Breaks are important, so when attention is waning - perhaps that is time to take a short break, even 5-10 minutes make a big difference.
3. **Give detailed praise/feedback** - instead of saying 'good job', try being specific about the work. If they have tried hard, let them know you have noticed.
4. **Display Work** - Hang up good pieces of work. Even big kids like it when you brag about their efforts and show off their work.

Maths Resources

Mathematics continues to be an area of focus for us throughout the school. Below are some resources developed by the NSW Department of Education you might find useful when helping your child with Maths at home.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/mathematics/everyday-maths>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/maths/maths-a-to-z>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/maths/maths-tips>

Safety Online:

During Learning from Home, children may be using technology and at times may have minimal supervision whilst engaging in their schoolwork. Please remind children to behave safely and appropriately when learning online. Families are recommended to access the following resources to support their children in being responsible online users:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/technology/cyber-safety>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing?q=>

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/parents-articles>



Mrs. Christian's music lesson



LEARNING - FROM - HOME



Persuasive Text

WALT: We are learning to read persuasive texts.

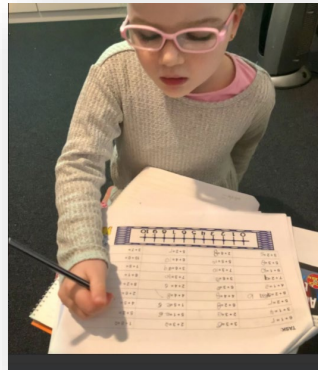
If you were trying to convince your grown up to get you a pet, what would you say?

Write 5 sentences or more!

Just imagine if we had a dog to keep us company, we could teach it tricks, play with it, train with it, walk with it and read to it. You must know that it would be amazing at doing chores! I'm absolutely certain that a dog is the best pet ever! It is clear that we must get a dog!!!



Look at all the hard work our students are doing from home!



Thursday Literacy: Persuasive Writing (20 minutes)

PEEL - STRUCTURE paragraph writing

How to structure your paragraphs:

POINT

Make a point about the topic. State the main idea.

EXAMPLE

Support your point with examples, quotes or evidence.

EXPLAIN

Elaborate on how your example supports the main idea.

LINK

Link your final point back to the main idea.

Sentence starters:

First of all... There are many reasons why... (TOPIC) means... To begin with... Evidence suggests... It is obvious that... Have you ever thought about...

For example... Research shows... This is supported by... From my own experience... This is demonstrated as... Some examples to support this... (EVIDENCE)... as you can see...

This tells us... It appears that... It's obvious that... With these examples in mind, you can see that... And so... It is clear that...

In conclusion... It is evident that... (Restate the main point) This demonstrates... Therefore, it can be said... (Insert rhetorical question)

Activity 3: Have a go writing your own!

Write an argument for the topic: 'Kids should only use technology for educational purposes' that uses the P.E.E.L. structure.

Highlight the high modality words that you use.

Point: It is undoubtedly clear that technology should only be used by children for worthy educational purposes.

Example: Children these days spend far too much time on technology, but because they enjoy it so much, it could easily be used for educational purposes alone.

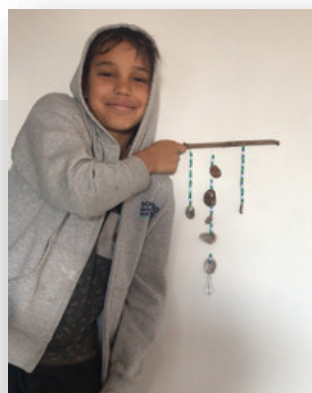
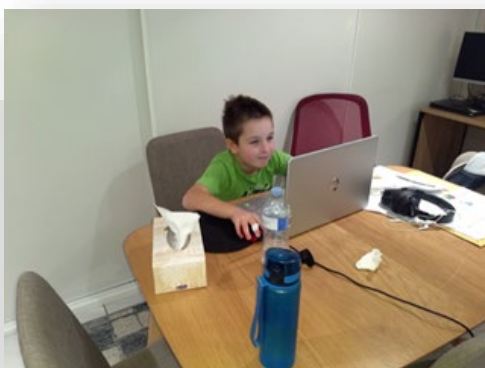
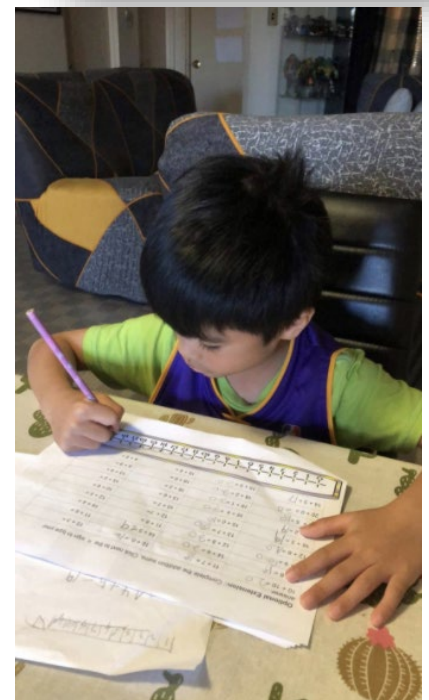
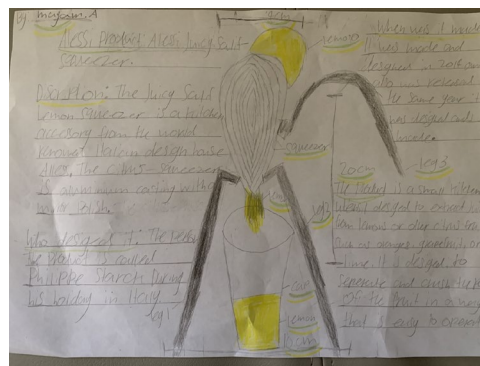
Explain: This would solve the 'too much screen time' problem, making life far simpler for parents, and making kids healthier for later life.

Link: Being used for educational purposes is truly a much more worthy cause to humans than games for technology.



Tasks: 1. Complete the addition sums using the 'bridge to ten' strategy.
2. Complete two mathematics activities on mantic. Click on the link here: [Mantic page](#)

7 + 5 =	7 + 3 =	2 =	12
6 + 5 =	6 + 4 =	1 =	11
8 + 7 =	8 + 2 =	10 =	15
9 + 6 =	9 + 1 =	10 =	15
7 + 6 =	7 + 3 =	10 =	13
8 + 5 =	8 + 2 =	10 =	13
8 + 6 =	8 + 2 =	10 =	14
6 + 9 =	6 + 4 =	10 =	15
7 + 7 =	7 + 3 =	10 =	14
8 + 4 =	8 + 2 =	10 =	12





Enrolment at Soldiers' Settlement Public School

If you intend to enrol into Soldiers' Settlement Public School for Kindergarten 2022 or know someone with school age children who live in our catchment area, please contact our wonderful office staff to start the enrolment process.

Please contact the school office to get an enrolment form or click the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/media/documents/enrol-k12.pdf>

Click below for the translated application to enrol in a NSW Government School

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-application>

What happens after I enrol?

After you have submitted your completed enrolment, we will contact you regarding next steps.

100 Point check of supporting Documents

Due to the current situation, applications are being submitted electronically. At present, a scan of supporting documents (e.g., birth certificate, immunisation and proof of address) will be acceptable. However, before any application is officially accepted, you will be required to present original documents to our office. **Please stay tuned for more updated about this.**

When submitting an enrolment form to enrol at a NSW Government school, you are required to provide some of the following as proof of the child's residential address. Documents must total **100 points**.

Document showing the full name of the child's parent	Points
Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council rates notice Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or a rental bond receipt Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year. 	40 each
Any of the following <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months Centrelink payment showing home address Electoral roll statement 	20 each
Any of the following documents <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity or gas bill showing the service address * Water bill showing the service address Telephone or internet bill showing the service address Drivers licence or government issued ID showing the home address Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third-party insurance policy showing home address Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there and any supporting information or documentation of this. 	15 each



Enrolment at our Preschool

Department of Education Preschools provide educational programs for children for one year prior to enrolment in Kindergarten.

A child **may** be eligible for enrolment in preschool from the beginning of the school year if they turn four years on or before 31 July that year.

Soldiers' Settlement Public School Preschool's enrolment applications consistently exceed the available positions, so it is important to note that placement is not guaranteed. Every application received is reviewed individually, prioritised based on the eligibility criteria contained in the preschool's Enrolment Policy and not in order of applications received.

To enrol your child for preschool in 2022

You must be intending to start your child in **Kindergarten 2023** and should meet the eligibility criteria.

You need to:

- read the Enrolment Handbook,
- complete the application form, and
- return to the school with a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of your residential address.

Successful applicants will be notified either late in Term 3 or early in Term 4. You will then be required to complete the enrolment process which may include a meeting with the preschool teacher and/or Principal.



KINDERGARTEN 2022 ENROLMENTS OPEN

FOR A "WALK AND TALK TOUR"
PLEASE CONTACT OUR SCHOOL OFFICE 02 9311 1175

EMAIL

matraville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



PHONE

02 9311 1175



WEBSITE

<https://matravillesp.schools.nsw.gov.au/>





Schools, Health and Community TOGETHER

THE PROJECT

Introducing the Schools, Health and Community Together project.

This project will work with the school community to look at new ways of helping families to access the wide range of supports and services for parents/carers and children.

This might include:

- financial support
- housing support
- parenting support
- emotional support
- access to the early childhood health checks for preschool aged children
- access to community events and resources
- support navigating the health system,
- and referrals to other services.

CARE NAVIGATION

Margot is the Care Navigator working with the project who will be based at the school. Her role is to link families with local services.



CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like to speak to Margot:

- Get a referral form at the school office
OR
- Text / call Margot on 0429 276 211 and leave a message.

Interpreting:

If you require an interpreter, please text or state the language needed and she will call back with an interpreter.