Our Pre-schoolers investigate symbols

Our preschool program follows the Early Years Learning Framework which has five main outcomes. As part of achieving outcome 5.4 ‘Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work’, we have been investigating a variety of symbols in the preschool. We have looked at the pre-writing shapes such as diagonal lines, circles, ovals, zig-zags, triangles, squares and diamonds. We have investigated the names and characteristics of many 2D shapes. We have enjoyed learning to read and interpret by clapping out musical rhythms.

For the weeks of 29th May – 7th June 2013 following on from our prewriting shapes and to introduce more of an Aboriginal perspective into our curriculum in recognition of National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week, Julie explained what the Aboriginal symbols are. We had a good look at the Aboriginal symbols charts and discussed each symbols meaning and where you would place these symbols - in the sky or on the ground. Each child chose one symbol to add to our class Aboriginal Symbols Story while Julie drew the symbols. Several of the children then chose to participate in the writing/drawing of their own Aboriginal symbols story. Each child carefully looked at the Aboriginal symbols chart and also at the symbols card. They all chose approximately ten symbols to add to their story. They carefully looked at the chart and copied what they saw. They then came and ‘read’ their story to Julie. Can you read Mia’s and Maddison’s ‘Aboriginal Symbols’ story?

Our future programming will encourage writing of all different symbols including drawing of signs to communicate a message such as the road signs etc. We will continue to build on the symbols that have already been introduced to the children, e.g. musical note writing, numbers, alphabet, Aboriginal symbols and introduce symbols from other cultures such as the Chinese symbols etc.
Welcome

Welcome back to Term 3 and a new beginning...
It is an absolute honour and pleasure to become the new Principal of the Soldiers’ Settlement School Community. I have been so warmly welcomed by the students, staff and community and my first few days here last week really confirmed my initial positive feelings of this school. From the moment I stepped onto the playground I was overwhelmed with best wishes and happy faces from everyone.

My career in education has grown from a Classroom Teacher, Assistant Principal, Deputy Principal and Acting and Relieving Principal. I have a very strong educational background and experience in the arts, technology and student welfare which I know will be of benefit to the students, staff and community of Soldiers’ Settlement. My greatest initiative is to provide leadership that will facilitate a school environment that provides differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every student to the best of their ability.

I also acknowledge the importance that staff, students, families and community members have in encouraging all children to become active learners. It is my passion to foster a love of learning and to provide learning opportunities for all students in embracing the 21st Century journey and to become active participants in the change in education. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and valuable efforts of Mr Maurice Johnston who has left a strong legacy of a love of learning from both students and staff and a feeling of collaboration and collegiality. I have also been very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and their dedication to increase student achievement, by providing exciting and challenging opportunities for all students.

I am elated to bring my skills as an educational leader to Soldiers’ Settlement and to work with you as a partner in education. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming weeks.

P. Palaitis  Principal

ACMF Launch

Last Tuesday 5/6M were in Martin Place entertaining the lunchtime crowd as part of the ACMF’s Song Writing Competition launch.

The children walked down Martin Place playing the djembe drums. They then sang Advance Australia Fair before completing the performance by playing Waltzing Matilda on water cooler bottles with the Royal Australian Navy Band.

The behaviour of the children was exemplary and they were excellent representatives of Soldiers’ Settlement.

Book Fair

Date: Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st July
Where: School Library
Times: 9 - 3.30pm during school breaks- before school, recess, lunch 3-3.30p and during Open Day times.
We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Jones  Librarian
Next Week is Education Week. We are celebrating Education Week on Tuesday 30th July by inviting families to visit the school and see the amazing work of our students and teachers in our classrooms. We will also be having a picnic recess with a cake stall followed by some performances by our talented choirs and musicians in the hall. Come along and see the inspiring and talented students of Soldiers’ Settlement Public School.

Education Week Timetable:
Open day is Tuesday 30th July
9.00 – 10.00 – Preschool Open Classrooms
10.30 – 11.00 – K-2 Open Classrooms
11.00 – 11.30 – Picnic recess – with cake stall
11.30 – 12.00 – 3-6 Open Classrooms
12.10 – 12.45 – Performances in the hall

Attention all Bakers!!!
P&C Cake Stall for Education Week
The P&C need some cakes to sell at the cake stall during open day. If you would like to bake a cake/muffins/cupcakes etc. please bring them along next Tuesday 30th July to the office. As we have students with allergies, please write down on a piece of paper the ingredients of your baked goods and attach it to your packaging.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2014
Enrolments for next year are filling quickly if any students have siblings who will be starting next year or know of anyone who would like to become part of our school community please pick up an enrolment form from the office.

Preschool Enrolments 2014
If any students have siblings who would like to enrol in our Preschool for next year 2014 please pick up an enrolment form from the office and return it as soon as possible with copies of birth certificate, immunisation and proof of residence.

Enrolments will be closing at the end of August 2013.

Food Allergies
We have children at our school who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts. These anaphylactic allergic reactions are potentially fatal.

We are asking all parents’ co-operation in making school as safe as possible for all students. Please do not send peanut products to school with your children. This includes peanut butter Snickers bars, and peanut spread such as Nutella. The danger of all these items is that they could also be eaten or shared with children with a peanut allergy. In some cases, contact with skin is enough for a serious reaction.
Sport

Round 8 Friday 26th July

Netball Vs Malabar at Heffron Park
Rugby League Vs Matraville at Heffron Park (Poolside)
Soccer Vs Maroubra Junction Green at Heffron Park
(Poolside)

Please send a $1 coin with your child each Friday

Uniform Shop

Will be open this week on:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.00 – 9.30am

Please note that there are no eftpos facilities at our
school if parents could please assist the uniform shop
and office by paying by cash or cheque

Community News

Disclaimer: Matraville Soldiers’ Settlement Public
School as a service to parents will advertise community events, which may be of
interest. MSSPS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no
responsibility to the management or organisation of these events.

When sexuality is the question...

interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation
with over 85 years experience teaching
sexuality education in NSW schools.
Interrelate educators are highly trained
and skilful presenters.

The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity,
openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive
approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual
materials, discussion and games. A range of books on
sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

The programs provide age specific sessions of about one hour's duration.

interrelate will be offering the program at
Matraville Soldiers’ Settlement PS
Wednesday 21 August, 2013
Primary 1 session: 6pm sharp
Primary 2 session: 7:45pm

Keep a look out for fliers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

Informative
Entertaining
Family focused
Designed to encourage
parent/child discussion

MATRAVILLE SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL
Saturday, 31st August 2013
9am - 3pm

Entertainment
Face Painting
Sports Challenge
Sausage sizzle
Books
CDs
Cake Stall
Homeware

Bouncy Castle
Car Wash
and many more...

An exciting event! So come along and bring your family, friends etc...
There’s something for everyone!

ALL WELCOME!

Book your stall $25. Registration forms at office.
All enquiries call 0410871290 OR 96618000

Matraville SHS News

Matraville Sports High School
7/3/2013

New Principal appointed!
Nerida Walker

Matraville Sports High School
has a new principal!

Nerida Walker, previously
Deputy Principal at Sydney
Secondary College, has been
acting in the position since
term 1.

Nerida and Matraville SHS
staff are working hard to
ensure that school provides
innovative, challenging and
individually tailored
programs for all students,
complemented by a cutting
edge talented sports
program and excellent
facilities.

Thank you to all parents
who participated in our
school focus group forums
last term. A paper outlining
the future direction of the
school will be released later
this term.

Staff Collaborate

Little Bay Community of Schools work together:

Day 1, Term 3 was a primary
and secondary school
collaboration held at Matraville
Sports High School. Teachers
from the Little Bay Community
of Schools shared information
about how they teach literacy
and how students progress
from year 6 into 7 in terms of
their writing skills. Future GAT
programs with the high school
will focus on writing.

NEWS

Student artworks chosen for NSW Department of
Housing exhibition during the school holidays.

Four senior students
chosen for UNSW Winter
School this year: Mark
Thorne, Jasmine Alende,
Aleisha Kelly, and Karlie
Stewart.

Students selected in the
Australian O14 tag team:
Jade Anderson, Bronne
Mckay, Lelia McKay,
Aleisha Kelly

Australian Rugby League
Team - Willim Meethan

Girls Dance Ensemble
competed in the
Eisteddfod held at
UNSW last weekend

Check out the St Bede's Island
page used on the day:
http://padlet.com/w.all/images
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