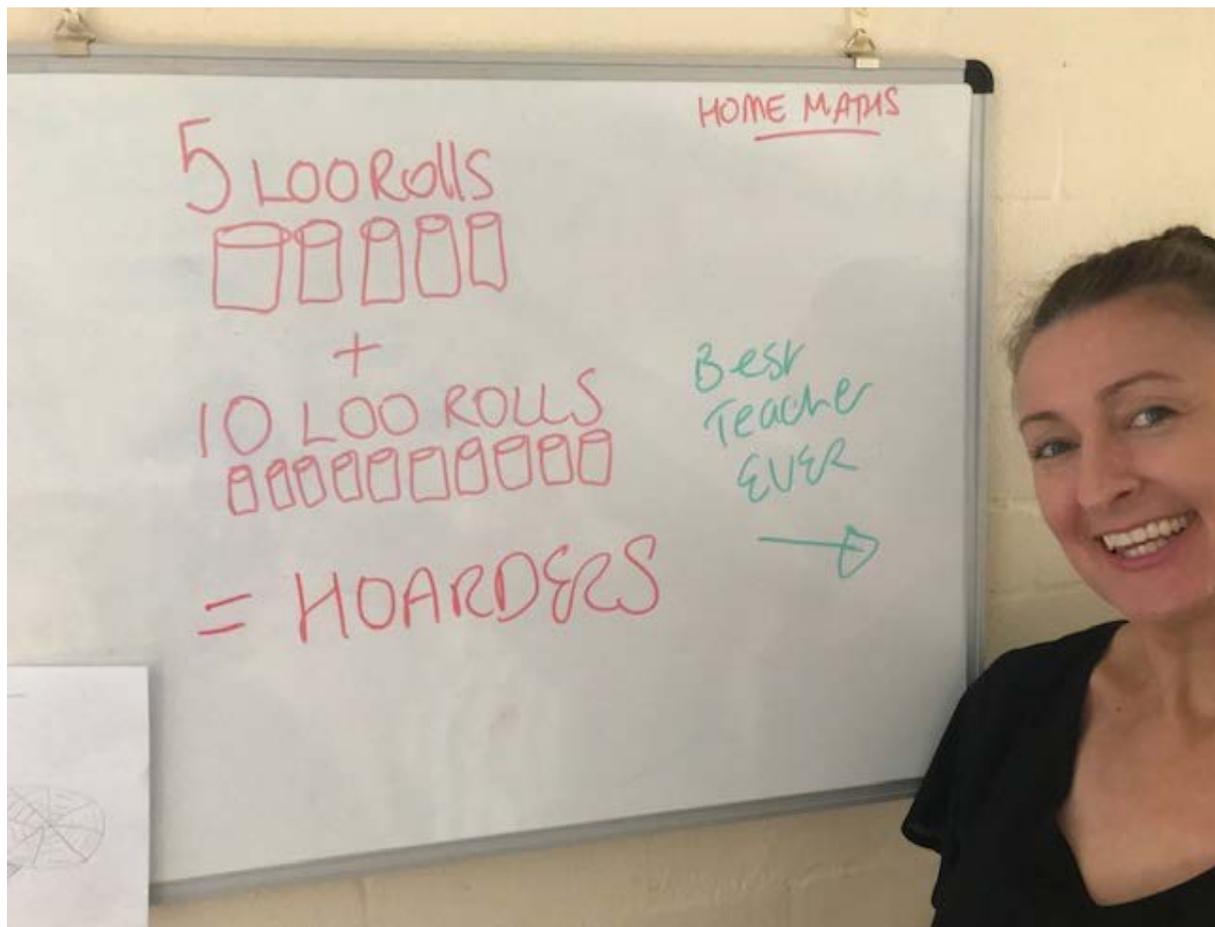


## HOME SCHOOL ESTABLISHED – THE SAUNDERS HOUSEHOLD IS READY TO LEARN



I applaud our P&C president Mrs Melanie Saunders for her efforts in teaching her daughter mathematics as seen in the photo. My mathematics teachers have critiqued her whiteboard work and mathematical equation. The mathematics department all agree that her equation is mathematically correct, but none of us could find “Loo Rolls” mentioned in the year 7 syllabus. Mrs Saunders can I ask that your future teaching focusses on the syllabus.

Of course these comments are made in jest. On a serious note I want to sincerely thank Mrs Saunders and every parent who has now been thrust into a direct schooling role in their homes. My staff and I are extremely grateful for the positive comments so many have made on our Facebook page and through email. We even received a bouquet of flowers today delivered to our front office. My teachers and I really appreciate this, what a great way to show your thanks and in the process support a local small business. Well done and thanks to the Cromback family.

I want to assure you that my teachers are working extremely hard to continue providing online/remote resources that engage and teach your children as they remain away from school.

### **Share Your Remote Learning Stories**

In the spirit of supporting one another throughout our NBSC Cromer Campus community, we would love to hear any further good news stories, positive feedback, amusing anecdotes that relate to your

child's remote learning journey. We are planning to publish these with photos in our next newsletter early next term. It is likely we will have a page for each year group. Mrs Saunders has set the example above and we would love contributions from all families. If you have something, please send us via the schools email [nbsccromer-h-school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nbsccromer-h-school@det.nsw.edu.au) with the subject line:

**"SCHOOL NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION – (*enter your child's school year ie – "Year 8"*)"**

## **Year 12 Students and the HSC**

There have been a number of enquiries about the HSC and ongoing schooling, so I thought I would clarify the situation as it currently stands. The NESA Board met earlier this week in an attempt to address areas of concern. A media release was posted 24<sup>th</sup> March, [link](#)

In summary:

- NESA recognises it is unprecedented times and reinforced that the HSC will still go ahead, however, in which particular format is unknown at this time.
- The HSC will still provide access to university, further education and employment.
- You are encouraged to continue your studies by:
  - completing your online classes
  - completing assessments and
  - making contact with your teachers.
- Assessment practices and procedures may also change and we will inform you if they are adjusted. For the moment, keep working on your current tasks. If unsure please contact your teacher.
- During these uncertain times please know that assessment tasks could become critical to your HSC.
- Continue to make progress on your Major Works where possible. Any questions regarding access please direct to your class teacher.

The NESA Board are yet to make a decision on a number of areas including:

- Possible variations to assessment policies and practices
- Work placement for VET courses
- Group major works eg music
- Students completing projects and Major Works.

For students who are seeking university placement in 2021 the following information was released by the University Admission Centre (UAC):

Year 12 students will be emailed their UAC PIN on 1 April. Further advice regarding special arrangements for Year 12 students will be made available in the coming weeks and months as we work with universities, NESA and other stakeholders to ensure that no student is disadvantaged in relation to university entry in 2021.

We will continue to communicate updates to you and are here to help in any way we can. As more information is released we will keep you informed.

### **Appropriate On-Line Behaviour and Digital Citizenship**

Now that our delivery of education is solely online this is more important than ever. I see this as an opportunity to reinforce and ensure that our children are safe, effective and responsible citizens in the online world. I recommend the department's Digital Citizenship website. There are some amazing resources here that cover online safety, etiquette, how to spot fake news/unreliable information and many other topics. The site can be found at the following link:

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

Another good resource which contains a very tidy list of the dos and don'ts for online communication is found at the following link:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/online-etiquette-or-netiquette-the-dos-and-donts-of-online-communication->

### **NBSC Cromer Campus Library is now Online**

Our library is not closed, thanks to the schools amazing librarian and technology guru Ms Allison Black our library has moved many of its facilities into an online platform. Students can borrow e-books from our library, check out subject specific resources, get technical help, there are how-to guides and students can access links to other important resources that will help students learn and complete many of their school tasks. This is a brand new resource sent out this week so content is still being added but this is a great platform that is only going to grow from here. Link below:

<https://cromerlibrary.wixsite.com/home/flexible>

### **Look after one another**

I wish all students and their families the very best of health over the coming weeks and months. This crisis will end, and I look forward to that time when we can resume normal operation, get back to on-site classes, extra-curricular activities and all of the other incredible things we do together as a school community. Take care of each other.

Kind Regards

Justin Hong

Principal

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