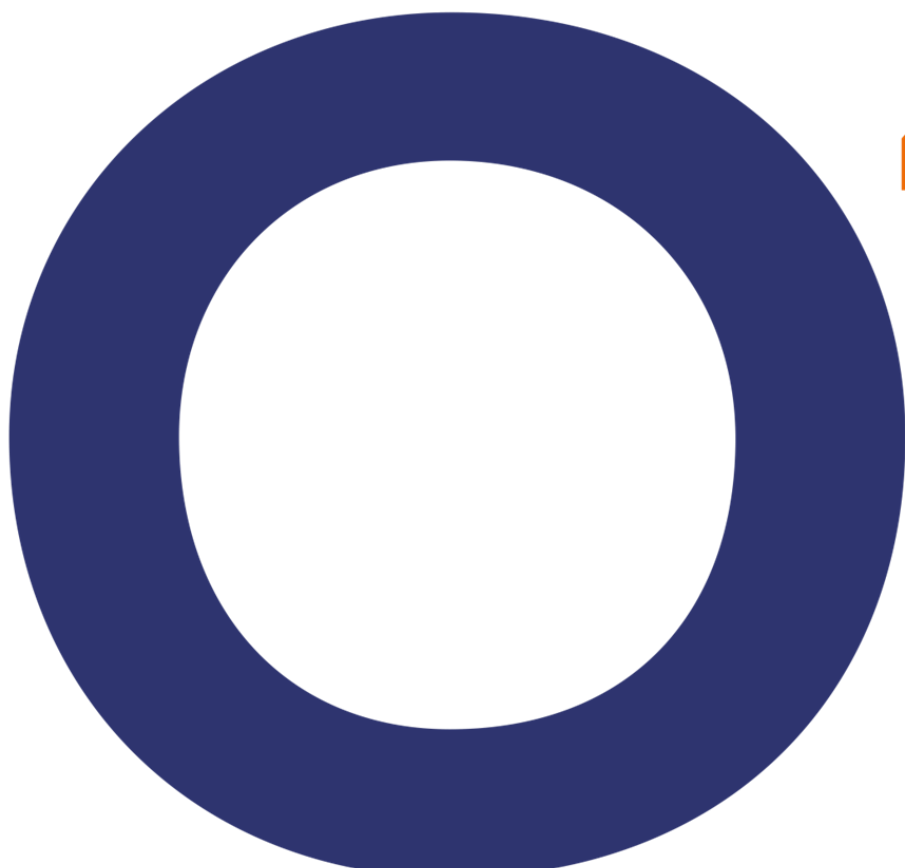


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TEACHER TRAINING





# Micro-Writing:

- What is micro-writing?
- Why is it useful?
- Ideas to use micro-writing in your classroom
- Tools/Resources

Sophie Wilmot



Why haven't you done your homework?  
Give me a good reason





What is micro-writing?

Literature: 6 word stories, 50 word-stories, Headings,  
Sub-headings

21<sup>st</sup> Century: photo captions, memes, messaging apps

In the classroom: sentence prompts, brainstorming, lists



Writing to learn is a teaching strategy that involves encouraging students to write about their thoughts, ideas, and understanding of a topic in order to deepen their understanding and improve their retention of information.

This approach is often used in the classroom to help students develop critical thinking skills, improve their writing abilities, and gain a better understanding of the material being covered.

The process of writing to learn involves providing students with opportunities to write about a topic in a structured and organized way. This can take the form of journaling, note-taking, summarizing, or responding to prompts or questions.

The focus is on the process of writing itself, rather than the final product, and students are encouraged to explore their own ideas and perspectives.

Through writing to learn, students can identify gaps in their understanding, clarify their thinking, and make connections between different ideas and concepts. They are also able to develop their ability to communicate their ideas effectively, both in writing and verbally. This approach has been shown to be effective in a wide range of subjects, from math and science to social studies and literature.



I use writing to...

I use writing because...

The good thing about writing is...



## Types of writing tasks so far...

- Definitions
- Note-taking > processing
- Sentence completion
- Summaries
- Responding to questions
- Asking questions





## The Pako Festa

READING/PROJECT

### Celebrating Diversity

The **Pako Festa** is a special festival held in Pakington Street, Geelong, each year towards the end of February. It first began in 1983 and has grown to become Australia's largest free multicultural event, with more than 100,000 people attending. Around 30 cultural groups and another 60 local community groups participate in the festivities.



The highlight of the festival is the parade. People from Geelong's many different cultures and nationalities march together, wearing traditional costumes and waving flags. They also play music and perform dance routines that represent their or their family's cultural origins. Local community groups like schools, sporting associations and clubs also participate in the parade.

Following the parade, there are a variety of concerts and special performances from the various groups on stages and in pavilions spread around Pakington Street. The crowd can enjoy a huge variety of cuisines and handicrafts from stalls lining the main street.



As a promotion and celebration of Australia's rich multicultural diversity, the Pako Festa is Geelong's most significant annual event.





**Describe** your favourite writing task. **Explain** what you like about and **recommend** it to other people.





I use writing to...

I use writing because...

The good thing about writing is...

List of useful tools resources:





Homework...

Write a short summary of the main points you took from the workshop



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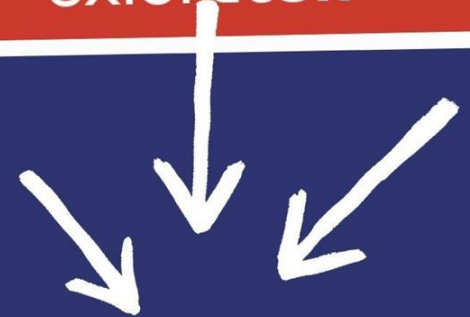
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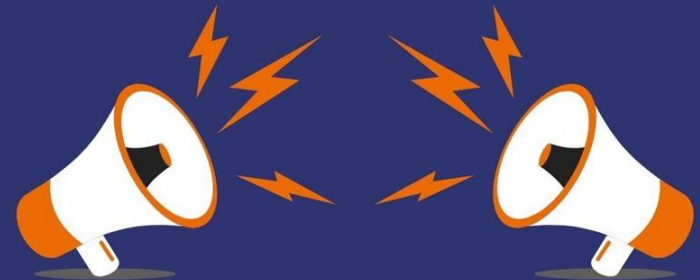
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