Ballam Park Primary School

HOMEWORK POLICY

Definition:
Homework is any tasks given to students to be completed at home outside school hours.

Rationale:
Homework should be seen as:
- appropriate to the student’s skill level and age.
- interesting, challenging, and where appropriate open-ended.
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum.

Aims:
- Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning with revision and review activities.
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits.
- Provide an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.
- Provide parents and carers with an opportunity to observe and be aware of the type of learning that their child is doing.

Implementation:
Parents will be advised of the homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and be provided with a copy of the school’s homework policy.
Parents and carers can help their children by encouraging them to take increased responsibility for their learning and organisation. They can set aside a regular daily session to read and complete homework and check whether homework has been set.
Teachers can help students by setting regular homework to help establish a study routine. They also need to give students enough time to complete homework, taking into account extracurricular activities and home obligations. Teachers need to assess homework and provide timely and practical feedback and support.
Prep - Year 4 (not to exceed a maximum of 20 minutes per week day)
Homework assigned at this level may consist of:
- Short activities to practise skills such as spelling words and time tables

Year 5-6 (to not exceed a maximum of 30 minutes per week day)
Students will record homework requirements in their diaries.
Homework assigned at this level may consist of:
- completing Mathletics on the computer.
- tasks to practise skills such as spelling words, writing exercises and maths problems.
- researching topics for class work.
- collecting newspaper articles.
- reading task.

Parents and/or children are encouraged to discuss any concerns regarding homework with the class teacher.
Homework is best done at a quiet time set aside for homework completion.
Teachers are to contact parents/carers if there are concerns regarding the completion of homework.

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