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Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework will provide an opportunity for parents / caregivers to know about, talk about and be involved in their child's learning. Homework will provide an opportunity for students to practise and reinforce what has been learnt at school. Homework will be prescribed from Monday to Thursday only.

Process:

Responsibilities of Junior Primary students:

- Ensure they take their Communication Book and Homework Folders home each night and return them to school the following day.
- Change their take home reader as needed.
- Practise reading of reader, letter sounds / names and Sight Words, and also writing of spelling words if appropriate.

Responsibilities of Primary students:

- Ensure they take their Diary and any homework home each night and return them to school the following day.
- Practise reading of appropriate levelled text.
- Practise sounds and Sight Words if appropriate.
- Complete homework that is set by the teacher which reinforces classroom learning.
- Ask teachers questions they may have about their homework before being dismissed from school.

Responsibilities of Teachers:

- Set realistic and meaningful tasks which reinforce classroom learning.
- Use a positive reinforcement approach to the setting and completion of homework.
- Check homework regularly and mark the completion of homework.
- Timetable a weekly borrowing time in the Learning Centre so students can borrow Readers.
- Provide additional information on ways parents can help extend their children's learning if appropriate.

Responsibilities of Parents:

- Support, encourage and praise their child / children when completing homework.
- Regularly listen to their child / children read.
- Contact their child's teacher if there are any concerns with homework.

Time Allocation (recommendations per night)

- Reception to Year 2 - 15 minutes
- Years 3-5 - 20 minutes
- Year 6-7 - 20-30minutes

Review:

Staff, students and parents have forums such as Staff Meetings, Class Meetings, SRC, Parent / Teacher interviews and Governing Council meetings to raise issues or concerns regarding homework. This policy is to be reviewed on a bi-annual basis.

