



St Mary's Primary School Grafton

# Homework



**The information in this booklet aims to provide all members of our school community on Homework**

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## **Homework**

St Mary's Primary School **highly recommends all students** undertake some form of homework. The school views homework as one of the important components of the communication between school and home as well as a way to build home study habits. We utilise homework as a way to reinforce skills that have been taught in the classroom by your teacher.

Notwithstanding this importance, the school is also aware that homework can be a stressful experience for many families and so it is not compulsory.

**Our *not compulsory* homework policy should not be confused with a *NO Homework* policy.** All classroom teachers will provide homework programs and will assume all students will participate. If your child is not participating in homework could you please inform your child's classroom teacher by either email or phone.

We recognise that individual family situations can cause homework to become a point of argument and dissension between parents and children for a variety of reasons:

- time is against children who travel long distances
- a suitable area to do homework may not be available
- due to family arrangements, parents may find supervision of homework difficult

As a result,

- The school provides homework club on Monday afternoons from 3.10- 4.15pm
- Parents and teachers will liaise regarding the best options for the child.
- Parents and teachers should as soon as possible establish what homework is to be set for the child.
- Homework will not appear on the student report card.
- Homework is not compulsory
- No assessment tasks will be set as homework
- Homework is not "NEW" work. It is revision or "Curious investigating".
- Homework will not be marked by the teacher – the teacher will instead spend this time analysing in school assessments and designing the students learning plan around these identified needs. Homework is for the student and not the teacher.

Homework is beneficial to

- encourage the children to work independently
- establish study habits necessary for further academic progress
- reinforce concepts and processes learned during class lessons
- practise and drill; the skills necessary for their particular grade level
- enable parents to keep abreast of their child's education and progress

- provide parents with opportunities to participate positively in their child's education
- coordinate the efforts of teachers and parents in the education of the children.

The following is what we recommend for homework in each year level:

### **Kindergarten -**

Reading and comprehension activities using a rich and engaging text.

### **Stage 1**

#### **Year 1 -**

Reading and comprehension activity using a rich and engaging text.

Technology

- A sound waves username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some spelling activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.
- A study ladder username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some Maths activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

#### **Year 2**

Reading and comprehension activity using rich and engaging texts

Technology

- A sound waves username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some spelling activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.
- A study ladder username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some Maths activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

### **Stage 2**

#### **Year 3 -**

English - A shared and/or independent reading book will be sent home with your child weekly.

Technology

- A sound waves username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some spelling activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.
- A study ladder username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some Maths activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

#### **Year 4**

English - A shared and/or independent reading book will be sent home with your child weekly.

Technology

- A sound waves username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some spelling activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

- A study ladder username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some Maths activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

### **Stage 3**

#### **Year 5**

English - It is recommended that year 5 students read independently each for approximately 20 minutes. They can use either a library book or a book from home.

- A sound waves username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some spelling activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

Google classroom - A variety of activities to reinforce learning will be posted on Google Classroom each week. The activities will be from either Mathematics, English, Religious Education, Science, HSIE or PDHPE.

#### **Year 6**

English - It is recommended that year 5 students read independently each for approximately 20 minutes. They can use either a library book or a book from home.

- A sound waves username and password will be sent home for your child to complete some spelling activities to consolidate what they have learnt at school.

Google classroom - A variety of activities to reinforce learning will be posted on Google Classroom each week. The activities will be from either Mathematics, English, Religious Education, Science, HSIE or PDHPE.



1 February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Homework Policy

1. Homework is NOT compulsory and as such will no longer appear on the report card as a learning attribute.  
*Supporting evidence: Many of our families are unable to complete this task without causing undue stress to family situations or relationships.*
2. This school **highly recommends** that students undertake a homework programme suitable to their needs.  
*Supporting evidence: Children benefit from regular practice of learnt skills. No new work is introduced for homework.*
3. Reading practice at home is encouraged and recommended to consolidate skills taught during daily classroom reading instruction.
4. Homework Club will commence at St Mary's on Monday 4 February from 3.10pm to 4.15pm.

Please find below the school recommendations on each year level.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2: In infants the daily practise of sight words and reading to your child cannot be overemphasized.

Years 3 to 6: Shared reading (reading with or alongside your child) and independent reading using a variety of texts.

Each teacher will advise their class of any technology options they will be offering this year. For example: Google classroom, studyladder or research.

It is important that parents understand that homework is not for new work. It is either revision or investigation under the guise of curiosity. The teacher's time is best spent on planning rich and engaging learning activities for the children at school, there is no expectation that they will mark this work on a weekly basis.

Yours sincerely,

Jacki Moore



## Homework Club Enrolment Form

I wish to enrol my child/ren in the Homework Club.

I understand:

- Homework Club will be offered each Monday from 3:10pm to 4:15pm. My child will be collected no later than 4:30pm.
- My child will not be permitted to walk home after Homework Club.
- All changes to my child's attendance must be provided to the school in writing.
- The tutor will supervise Homework Club students whilst they work independently on work provided by their class teacher.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Contact Information:**

Mobile phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments**

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26 February 2018

Dear {Parent/Guardian}

## Homework Club

We are happy to welcome {Child's name} to the Homework Club. Please note the following:

St Mary's Primary School will:

- Provide a tutor to supervise the students while they complete their homework.
- Provide access to the school computers.
- Give one week's notice if the club will be cancelled.
- Provide a small afternoon tea.

The family will

- Provide written consent for their child to attend the Homework Club and complete an Enrolment form
- Collect their child/ren by 4:30pm. NB: A fee will apply if children are repeatedly collected after this time.
- All changes will be notified in writing

The student will

- Follow the normal school rules
- Wait for collection by the tutor in the Turf St Pickup lines

We know that this will be a positive and exciting program and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Jacki Moore