

HOMEWORK

Rationale:

Lara Lake Primary School has a Homework Policy so that we can ensure a consistent approach is adopted across the school which promotes practise of concepts students learn in classrooms.

Aims:

To develop sound study habits, responsibility and self-discipline in children;

To foster organisation, understanding and communication between the home and the school;

To stimulate parental/home involvement in student's education by the sharing of knowledge and discussion;

To reinforce and support learning undertaken at school.

Implementation:

- Generally, homework is designed to reinforce classroom concepts and should not involve new learning or require the parent to be the teacher.
- The school's homework policy will be made available on the Lara Lake Website
- The school acknowledges the balance required between healthy and active home lives and the need to form good study routines out-of-school hours.
- Parents should regularly monitor their child's homework but not do the tasks for them. Reading in the lower levels requires 1:1 listening/encouragement.
- The School encourages healthy and ongoing communication should there be any issues relating to homework.
- Homework will exist at all levels of the school.
- As a mandatory part of homework all students will be required to read regularly, with a log kept as a record of book title, time read and date.
- In Grades 3-6, some form of Mathematics practise will be a mandatory part of homework.
- At all levels, teachers may offer optional homework for students to complete. This may be interest based, linked to an Integrated Unit or relate to an aspect of class work.
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as additional homework tasks as long as it is not excessively adding to the overall load.
- It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the expected amount of homework is completed each week.
- If a parent wishes, they may 'opt out' of homework for their child. This needs to be communicated in writing to the class teacher.
- The Class Teacher will record that the homework has not been completed / completed satisfactorily.
- A reading log will be kept for the year for each child.
- Students complete homework on a regular basis and present this to their teachers.
- Homework is not provided where a family elect to take a holiday during a school term.

PREP AND JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS (YEARS P – 2)

Mandatory homework will comprise:

- Home reading is considered mandatory with a minimum of 10 minutes duration, 4 times per week expected. Should they wish, students are free to complete more home reading than this mandatory expectation.

Optional, homework tasks may include:

- High-frequency words
- Home Support Pack (Prep) E.g. Alphabet or counting tasks (where applicable)
- Mathematics or other Mathematics activities
- Other tasks as recommended by the class teacher

MIDDLE AND SENIOR DEPARTMENTS (YEARS 3 – 6)

Mandatory homework will comprise:

- Home Reading (a minimum of 20 minutes duration at least 4 times per week)
- Mathematics concept practise (20 minutes duration, twice per week).
- Should they wish to, students are free to complete more home reading and more mathematics than the mandatory expectation

Optional homework may include:

- Spelling practise
- Handwriting practise
- Tasks related to the Integrated Unit
- Other tasks as recommended by the class Teacher

Review Date:

This policy has a four year life and will be reviewed in 2022.