

HOMework POLICY

For period: February 2010 – December 2012
Date Ratified by School Council: 22nd February 2010

INTRODUCTION:

The Tallarook Primary School Homework Policy applies to all members of the school community – that is, students, parents, teachers and other staff members, school councillors, families and volunteer workers.

Homework helps students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Homework is another opportunity for parents to participate in their child's education. **Parents, in partnership with the school, should encourage their children to establish good homework routines from early primary school.**

Students benefit from completing homework regularly. Homework helps them develop organisational and time management skills, self discipline, skills in using out-of-school resources and personal responsibility for learning.

Definitions

Homework: Is a regular opportunity for parents in partnership with children to establish self-discipline skills which compliment and reinforce classroom learning.

Home Reading: Can provide quality time with children. It enhances oral reading, vocabulary comprehension and can encourage self-confidence and independence. Each child is to complete a minimum of 20 minutes home reading from Monday through to Friday.

PRINCIPLES:

Tallarook Primary School Homework will be:

- 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.
- assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided.
- handed to students on Mondays and returned to teachers on Friday at start of the day.

Guidelines

- 1) The school will outline student Homework expectations for each Year level at the beginning of the school year.
- 2) Parents will be asked to make themselves familiar with student expectations. Education works best if it is a combined school and home responsibility. Parental praise and support for children to complete homework to an acceptable standard is encouraged.
- 3) Studies have continued to show that children who read to their parents at home are the students who improve their reading and comprehension.
- 4) Homework activities give parents an opportunity to see what topics students are studying at school.
- 5) A teacher will be available for homework help on Wednesdays at lunch time in LSP2. Students experiencing difficulty or those who don't complete all homework are to attend these sessions.

HOMEWORK REQUIREMENTS

Prep

Daily independent reading. Students are expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week and parents to keep an accurate record in their Diary. Parent/carer to daily record the Title of the Book, Author's Name, a brief comment about your child's reading as well as your signature.

Gathering information or materials for classroom activities.

Years 1/2

Daily independent reading. Students are expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week and students to keep an accurate record in their Diary, as instructed by the classroom teacher. Parent/carer signature required daily.

Weekly Spelling words. Home on Mondays and will be tested on Fridays.

Gathering information or materials for classroom activities.

Class Homework. Home on Mondays to be completed and returned to school by Fridays.

Years 3/4

Daily independent reading. Students are expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week and students to keep an accurate record in their Diary, as instructed by the classroom teacher. Parent/carer signature required daily.

Project work. Students may be given projects to be completed at school and/or at home.

Gathering information or materials for classroom activities.

Weekly timetables and Spelling Words. Home on Mondays and will be tested on Fridays.

Class Homework. Home on Mondays to be completed and returned to school by Fridays.

Years 5-6

Daily independent reading. Students are expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week and students to keep an accurate record in their Diary, as instructed by the classroom teacher. Parent/carer signature required daily.

Project work. Students may be given projects to be completed at school and/or at home.

Gathering information or materials for classroom activities.

Weekly timetables and Spelling Words. Home on Mondays and will be tested on Fridays.

Class Homework. Home on Mondays to be completed and returned to school by Fridays.

The school's response to students NOT completing homework and daily reading:

Homework will be returned to the child to complete over the weekend. If not handed in to the teacher on Monday morning, the student will be expected to complete the homework during the Wednesday lunch time Supported Learning session.

Students not completing the daily independent reading requirements or not have their diary completed daily with reading recorded, will be required to read during lunch time. Prep and Year 1 students will read for 10 minutes and Year 2-6 students will read for 20 minutes. The yard duty teacher will then sign off on this reading.

CERTIFICATION:

This policy was adopted at the School Council meeting held at Tallarook Primary School on the 22nd day of February 2010.

Signed:.....
School Council President

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School Principal