

HOME LEARNING

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RATIONALE:

Current educational research indicates that completing homework in primary school has very little impact on student achievement. However, parental encouragement has a profound impact on students' achievements. To reflect current educational thinking, our emphasis has shifted from homework to home learning where students share what they know with their parents. We believe our home learning tasks should provide parents with opportunities to be involved in their children's education in engaging and meaningful ways.

PRINCIPLES:

1. Home learning must reflect what is happening in the classroom.
2. Home learning should be individualised and based on the students' current academic needs.
3. Children become better readers by reading material at their developmental level.
4. Projects have very little educative value for primary school students.

PROCEDURES:

1. Home learning consists of reading and consolidation of mathematic concepts using either Xtra-Maths or Mathletics.
2. Children who do not have access to the internet at home, will be able to use class iPads before school to access Xtra-Maths or Mathletics.
3. Home learning is assigned Monday to Thursday.
4. If a child is unable to do home learning tasks, a written explanation is required from the parents.
5. Should a child repeatedly not engage in home learning tasks, a meeting with parents should be arranged.
6. Home learning tasks should be at the discretion of the teacher and given to students to accommodate the varying needs of the students.
7. The school diary should be signed by a parent and teacher daily.
8. Time allocation for home learning:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Suggested Time Schedule</u>	
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1	Reading/Mathletics	up to 15 minutes per night.
2	Reading/Mathletics	up to 20 minutes per night.
3	Reading/Mathletics/Xtra Maths	up to 25 minutes per night.
4	Reading/Mathletics/Xtra Maths	up to 40 minutes per night.
5	Reading/Mathletics/Xtra Maths	up to 40 minutes per night.
6:	Reading/Mathletics/Xtra Maths	up to 60 minutes per night.