

Toora Primary School Homework Policy

Purpose:

- To provide a positive link between home and school
- To develop long term habits of learning and time management
- To provide students with the opportunity to engage in learning activities based on their developmental level and learning needs.

Implementation:

- Class teachers will explain their homework system to parents at the beginning of the school year, either at an Information Session or in a Class Newsletter
- Class teachers will provide students with clear requirements for homework activities
- Students are individuals and some will take longer than others to complete particular tasks, therefore maximum weekly time allocations is suggested.
Prep – 2 up to 30 minutes; 3-6 up to 60 minutes
- Homework will usually be set Monday to Thursday
- Homework may be the consolidation of class work from any of the curriculum areas
- Any questions regarding homework should be addressed initially to the child's class teacher
- Students will receive feedback on their homework, including praise of successes
- Teachers will communicate with parents, either by phone, note or in person if the child is consistently not completing homework
- Strategies to improve home study practices will be developed by the class teacher, student and parent for those children experiencing difficulty in completing their homework.

Examples of teacher initiated homework tasks:

- Reading for meaning
- Projects, research, contract work
- Learning tasks, assignment work
- Writing reports, stories, poems charting material
- Collecting information, newspapers, media, radio, TV etc
- Vocabulary and work study
- Maths activities that consolidate and encourage problem solving, tables\
- Completion of class work.

Examples of parent / student initiated homework tasks:

- Shared bedtime stories and storytelling, including retelling stories
- Family games, activities, outings and pursuit of personal interests
- Involvement with community activities
- Visits to the local library
- Maths activities related to real life situations eg: shopping, cooking etc

Helpful strategies parents can use to support their children:

- Show interest
- Keep homework in perspective – play and exercise are important
- Praise effort and achievements
- Make provision for privacy, correct lighting and a good writing surface
- Make sure your children have sufficient sleep

Strategies to avoid:

- Don't stress completion nor make comparisons
- Don't shield or over protect your children from every difficulty