

HOLY NAME HOME LEARNING

Rationale:

Home learning if undertaken meaningfully could contribute to a student developing responsibility and independence with their own learning.

We also shouldn't forget that the home too is a learning environment and extra curricula activities are learning too.

The issue is clouded with research that indicates that has been proven that homework hurts students, doesn't make any difference, helps students, or all of the above. In other words there clearly is no final word on the benefits or harm done by asking a student to work outside of school.

In stating this, reading daily and revision of basic number facts are essential in your child's learning development.

Proposal:

- Home study will look different in different year levels
- It will be a reinforcement of what has been covered at school
- The home study assigned reflects the maturity of the student and their attention span
- Daily reading is essential
- Teachers will not correct the activities
- It becomes more formalised in Years Five and Six
- Depending on the activities it may span two weeks
- It gives the children an opportunity to reflect on their learning
- It encourages discussion and problem solving
- It may involve research
- Learning of basic number facts is beneficial

How It Will Look

Year Foundation (Prep)

Reading every night recording in their reading Log (10 minutes)

MEOW words introduced in the second half of the year

Year 1.

Reading every night recording in their reading Log (10/15 minutes)

Year 2.

Reading every night (15 minutes) with a specific purpose eg. Focussing on the main idea and recording in their reading log

Basic number facts

Year 3.

Reading every night and record in students diary (15/20 minutes)

Some targeted spelling

Basic number facts

Complete work not finished in class time

Year 4.

Reading every night (15/20 minutes)

Basic number fact revision

Year 5.

Reading every night (15/20 minutes)

Mental maths computation games (introduced in class for 10 minutes)

Other activity occasionally given to reinforce learning undertaken in class

Year 6.

Formalised Home Learning activity sheet with a variety of activities reinforcing learning undertaken in class to be completed over a two week period

Read every night

We fully understand that many children have a variety of other activities that they are involved in after hours and this impacts on the times Home Learning can occur. We want to give families the flexibility to cater for all the activities and spend time with their children reflecting on their learning.