



FRANKSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

PURPOSE

Homework assists children by:

- Establishing valuable work habits, routines, deadlines etc and necessary skills for later in life.
- Being seen as a shared responsibility and as forging a bond between home and school.
- Acts as a discussion starter at home.
- Giving parents an insight into what's being taught in the classroom.
- Enables parents to participate in their child's learning.
- Consolidating skills, techniques and automatic responses (tables, spelling etc) needed at school.
- Allowing teachers to assess learning levels of individuals and assist where improvements are required.
- Allowing children to 'follow-up' their own interests to a greater length than is possible in class time.

NATURE

Homework should encouraged in all grades.

- Prep – Grade 2 students will be expected to share books with their parents daily. It is hoped that parents will also discuss happenings at school and share in any homework-based activity as suggested by the teacher.
- Grade 3 – 4 students will be expected to continue reading for approximately 15 minutes every night with or without parent assistance and to spend time each night on learning and practising spelling and mathematical facts. Teachers will, at their discretion set other tasks which will both help the children at school and give parents some idea of the work currently being undertaken.
- Grade 5 – 6 students will continue to read and work on mathematical facts and spelling. Additionally, teachers will set work which complements and extends work done at school. Tasks requiring longer term planning by the students, such as whole term homework tasks, will also be included as preparation for the organisational skills required for secondary school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Teachers will ensure that homework requirements are sent home in written form.
- Two days notification or as deemed appropriate by teachers/staff to be given for the completion of set tasks.
- Teachers to advise students, where appropriate, that incomplete homework will be finished in their own time at school eg Homework Club.
- A student's continued attendance at Homework Club for overdue work should be notified to parents/guardians, so that an acceptable solution can be found.
- Teachers to note the level of student involvement as well as problems and difficulties and seek to negotiate satisfactory solutions.
- Children's homework achievements will be recognised.
- Student Individual Learning Plans will be negotiated as appropriate.

EVALUATION

The Homework Policy will be reviewed as part of the school's cyclic review process.

Ratified by School Council: 20/9/11