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Homework Policy

The Jubilee School's Vision for Teaching and Learning promotes contemporary pedagogical practices. In order to support the teaching and learning of the students here at Jubilee, homework will play an integral part.

The Jubilee school community recognizes that it is important for students to have time for play, leisure and physical activities outside of school.

At Jubilee Primary School, the Homework Policy is governed by our concern for quality education and effective teaching and learning and is shaped by the latest findings in educational research.

We therefore support the curriculum with homework that is relevant to individual needs and consolidates the teaching and learning that occurs in the classroom.

Jubilee Primary School will include an **opt out** option with regard to participation in Homework. This decision is one that will be made at a family level and then formally communicated to the classroom teacher by the parents/carers. Such a decision will be respected and supported by the school.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Homework should be a review/consolidation of aspects of subject matter being taught during the day.
- Homework is not seen as an assessment to be carried out by parents, but as a learning process for the student.
- Assessment Tasks will NOT be given for homework.
- Parent support and positive feedback to the child will support this process.
- If there is a difficulty in completing homework, parents are to **immediately** cease homework and then inform the class teacher.
- Homework is to be seen as a shared responsibility between home and school.
- Homework should be a worthwhile experience.
- Whilst we recognise the responsibility of parents to supervise the completion of homework to a satisfactory standard, children must be allowed the opportunity to make and learn from mistakes.
- In any **one** night, no child should be required to complete homework longer than the times set out below.
- As outlined above, parents do have an opt out option in relation to homework.

STRATEGIES

- Homework is set daily or weekly (Monday to Thursday nights).
- **As individual children complete tasks at varying rates, the following time recommendations should be seen as guidelines only:**

Recommended time limits

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10 - 15 minutes	10 - 15 minutes	10 - 15 minutes	20 - 30 minutes	20 - 30 minutes	30 - 45 minutes	30 - 45 minutes

The following types of activities will be used for homework.

Prep – Year 2

- Reading
- Phonics
- Sight Words/Spelling
- Counting and revision of number concepts

Years 3 & 4

- Reading
- Mathematics dimension
- Sight Words/Spelling
- Children at this year level will not be required to do home-based projects

Years 5 & 6

- Reading
- Mathematics
- Sight Words/Spelling
- Research related to units of work in class (but not completion of assessment tasks)

Students on extended leave will not be given formal individualised homework. It is suggested that they read daily, keep a diary and learn about their holiday environment. They can share these learnings with their classmates upon their return.