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HOMEWORK POLICY

The Harvey Primary School Homework Policy sets clear expectations for the quantity and content of homework. Homework assists students by complementing and reinforcing the teaching and learning program. Homework is provided at the teacher's discretion; however, any homework set must meet the expectations outlined within this policy. Homework should not require unreasonable levels of parental intervention.

READING FOR ENJOYMENT

Reading for enjoyment is considered to be above and beyond any homework that is set by the teacher. We encourage students to read, or be read to, for **20 minutes every day of the week**. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple." Bali Rai, English author.

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

As a school, we believe that homework should:

1. Support the development of a student's independence as a learner
2. Further the partnership between home and school
3. Avoid dependence on unreasonable levels of parental assistance or resources that are not readily available to the student
4. Be set without impinging on reasonable time for family, recreational or cultural pursuits
5. Be linked to the achievement of learning outcomes
6. Be marked and acknowledged by the teacher
7. Be disassociated from any form of punishing students or means of securing discipline

These guidelines sit within the context of the Department of Education's Homework Guidelines.

TIME COMMITMENT AND CONTENT

The times expressed are a maximum and may be less at the teacher's discretion.

Times expressed do not include Reading for Enjoyment (PP – Year 6)

	Duration (Four nights per week)	Home Reading	Sight Words	Spelling	Mathematics	Unfinished class work
Kindergarten	<i>Reading for Enjoyment every night only</i>					
Pre-Primary	10 minutes	✓	✓			
Year 1	15 minutes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Year 2	15 minutes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Year 3	15 minutes	✓		✓	✓	✓
Year 4	20 minutes	✓		✓	✓	✓
Year 5	30 minutes	✓		✓	✓	✓
Year 6	30 minutes	✓		✓	✓	✓

Science is a school priority area, and practical tasks or discussions that complement the learning in Science may be assigned where required.

These are not time consuming and can be completed as a family.

Teachers will clearly communicate the homework expectations for their class, in line with this policy, in their Classroom Policies at the beginning of each year. Homework is strongly encouraged, but is not compulsory.

NOTE: Teachers will not set homework for family holidays scheduled during school terms. Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child reads each day, keeps a journal and checks in on their Class Connect page regularly if taking family holidays during school time.