

Boroondara Park Primary School

## **HOMEWORK**

**Ratification:**  
**November 2012**

**Review:**  
**November 2015**

### **Rationale:**

*Homework helps students by:*

- Complementing and reinforcing classroom learning
- Fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- Providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning.

### **Aims:**

*Homework should be:*

- appropriate to the student's skill level and age
- purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum
- interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended
- monitored by teachers with feedback and support provided where necessary
- balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.

### **Implementation:**

*Schools should:*

- advise parents of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year and provide them with a copy of the homework policy
- follow up with parents if a student regularly fails to complete homework
- work with parents/guardians to establish good homework patterns from early primary school
- ensure that upper primary students use homework diaries to provide regular communication between parents and the school.
- Set homework so that it is appropriate to each child's needs and ability.
- Develop each child's organizational, time management and study habits and communicate these to parents
- Monitor and provide feedback on homework tasks

*Parents Should*

- Encourage and take an interest in their child's homework
- Assist their children in developing time management skills.

- Contact the child's teacher if they are experiencing difficulty with any homework tasks.
- Try to provide an appropriate area where the student may complete homework.

***Students should:***

- Complete homework on time.
- Discuss homework issues with the teacher and/or parents.

Homework activities may include;	Time Limit
Prep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Daily Reading</li> <li>◆ Sight Vocabulary</li> <li>◆ Show &amp; Tell Preparation (weekly)</li> <li>◆ VIP, Boroondara Bear &amp; Project (once each per semester)</li> </ul>	<b>Should not exceed</b> 30 minutes per weeknight
Team 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Daily Reading</li> <li>◆ Activities contained in a homework grid developed by Team 2 teachers.</li> <li>◆ Weekly spelling list (<i>up to 10 words</i>)</li> <li>◆ Show &amp; Tell Preparation (fortnightly)</li> <li>◆ LOTE: newsletter challenge (optional)</li> </ul>	<b>Should not exceed</b> 30 minutes per weeknight
Team 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Daily reading</li> <li>◆ Response to Lit.(Literature) Club reading</li> <li>◆ Weekly spelling list (<i>up to 10 words</i>)</li> <li>◆ Weekly maths- <i>Mathletics</i></li> <li>◆ LOTE: newsletter challenge (optional)</li> </ul>	<b>Should not exceed</b> 30 minutes per weeknight
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NB- 'Weeknight' refers to Monday to Thursday inclusive.

## STAFF INFORMATION

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- In teams 3 & 4, teachers need to ensure that the tasks set in response to Lit. Club reading do not exceed the time limit allowed taking in to account the weekly homework tasks.
- Homework should NOT be set on a weekend or over a holiday break.
- Unfinished tasks which are to be completed at home must be communicated to parents if their completion means the child will be asked to exceed the designated daily time limit.
- Specialist teachers who wish to set homework must communicate with the curriculum team leaders to ensure the homework set by the class teacher is reduced to ensure students are not exceeding the time limit.
- Extra-curricular activities undertaken on a voluntary basis are exempt from these guidelines

**Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's Strategic Plan