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# St Mary's Primary School Batlow Homework Policy

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### **HOMEWORK IN K/1:**

- ★ Formal written homework will commence in Kindergarten. This will consist of activities related to class work in the various Key Learning Areas. Including daily sight words (rainbow words), number facts, reading and in Term 2 spelling words and activities each night.
- ★ Year 1 will also have similar activities to complete.
- ★ A reading log is to be filled in by parents/guardians each night
- ★ Activities may also include iPad activities
- ★ Homework in K /1 is given out on Friday and returned to school for marking on Thursdays.

### **HOMEWORK IN 2/3/4/5/6**

- ★ Homework in Years 3/4/5/6 will consist of reading, spelling, mathematics and other optional activities related to classwork in the various Key Learning Areas and may include activities on the iPads.
- ★ Homework is given on a Monday and is to be handed in by Friday of that week.
- ★ A child's class teacher will discuss with parents the appropriate homework requirements for children with learning support needs.
- ★ Parents are expected to sign and check their child's written homework.
- ★ Parents will be expected to use their discretion with regard to their child's ability and the time spent on homework. Parents will be encouraged to communicate a child's difficulty with a homework task.
- ★ Parents should provide an explanation when homework is not completed.
- ★ Teachers will notify parents when the completion of homework appears to be an issue or when no formal explanation is received.
- ★ Parents are encouraged to provide an atmosphere conducive to work and follow up homework issues with their child's teacher.
- ★ Homework is work to be completed at home – not left to be done at school.
- ★ The assigning teacher, at the earliest convenience, will correct the homework.

## **WEEKLY PROCEDURE**


1. Tasks should be achievable and related to schoolwork.
2. Should be signed by parent/guardian to confirm student has completed the work. It is recommended that K, 1 students are supervised during homework activities. It is recommended that Year 2 – 6 work as independently as possible to complete homework tasks which are checked on completion by parents.
3. Students are encouraged to seek guidance from class teachers, if experiencing difficulties.
4. Be positively acknowledged on completion by class teacher/parents via comments, correction and checking.
5. Students who fail to complete homework will be asked to complete it in their recess or lunch time.
6. It is school policy that homework bags are brought to school every day for teacher monitoring in K/1. In Years 2-6 the teacher will monitor class homework and will be checked weekly.





## POLICY REVIEW

This *Policy* will be reviewed every three years, or in the event of any information or incident that indicates the need for a review eg class teacher or organisational change.

| POLICY DATES           |                     |                  |  |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--|
| <i>Reviewed</i>        | March 2016          |                  |  |
| <i>Next Review Due</i> | March 2019          |                  |  |
| POLICY AUTHORISATION   |                     |                  |  |
| <i>Principal</i>       | Mrs Christine Baron | <i>Signature</i> |  |

