Broadford Primary School

HOMEWORK POLICY

PURPOSE:

At Broadford Primary School we aim to create a partnership between home and school where children are supported to further explore their learning in different ways. Homework activities will provide opportunities for parents and caregivers to become familiar with the teaching and learning that happens within the classroom. Broadford Primary School students will be able to share their excitement about what they are learning with their families. We believe that our approach to homework provides opportunity to develop time management skills and thinking habits which will support students as they move through school.

Homework…

- Benefits the students by complementing classroom learning through reinforcement, revision and the extension of school based activities.
- Contributes to the growth of sound habits and to the student's overall development.
- Provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.
- Encourages a positive relationship between home and school where parents can be involved in their children's education.

Guidelines for Teachers Setting Homework:

1. Teachers will inform parents at the start of the year or when necessary homework procedures and expectations (such as when homework will be issued and due), through parent information sessions and detailed explanation sheets.
2. Teachers will set an appropriate amount of homework according to the age and learning needs of students. In Prep this will consist predominantly of reading with more in depth activities included as the students move progressively through the school.
3. Homework will enhance all areas of educational learning and will consist of a variety of activities that builds on and extends the students understanding of classroom activities. This may include 'passion projects', research topics, science investigations, interest based projects or areas for future learning Homework may also be balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities.

4. Feedback/correction on completed homework will be provided in a timely manner and communication between home and school be directed through school diaries, phone or email.

5. Unfinished classroom activities may be assigned as homework tasks.

6. Children may be required to finish incomplete homework at the teacher's discretion.

7. Teachers will notify parents of any unfinished homework.

Guidelines for Parents:

1. Positive parent support is essential for a successful homework program. Homework on a regular basis is actively encouraged.

2. Parents may be asked to sign their child's reader cover and/or homework before it is returned to school. Individual Teaching Units will provide parents with information relating to this.

3. Parents should offer encouragement and help where appropriate and provide a quiet space for your child to work. It is essential that students themselves complete the work to the best of their ability.

4. Parents should contact their child's teacher if they have any questions or concerns regarding homework or if their child has been unable to complete the assigned work.

Student Responsibilities:

1. Record details and due dates of homework in their diary or homework book.

2. Develop independent learning habits to complete homework on time and to an acceptable standard of neatness, content and presentation.

3. Ensure that a parent has checked and/or signed homework if this is a class or Unit requirement. before it is handed in

4. Hand in their homework on the due date

Date Implemented	
Author	
Approved By	School Council
Approval Authority (Signature & Date)	
Date Reviewed	
Responsible for Review	Principal
Next Review Date	