Wisemans Ferry Public School
Homework Policy

Rationale

Parents and teachers agree that the completion of homework is a vital and integral part of school work. It is the policy of this school that homework is set in all classes Year K-6.

Aims

- To consolidate, extend and enrich individual class programs.
- To provide the basis for the development of positive home-study skills.
- To develop school-home relationships.
- To encourage a spirit of co-operation and understanding between home and school.
- To develop a sense of responsibility, eg. Looking after and remembering own books.

Guidelines

For homework to be effective, it is essential that:

a) Parents be involved, providing time, suitable space, supervision and support,
b) Teachers follow up, encourage and commend for good work,
c) Children adopt a positive attitude in the establishment of regular completion of homework, being responsible for taking it to and from school, and
d) It’s a purposeful learning experience, seen as a creative exercise which develops interest, knowledge and skills.

Homework should not replace class learning nor should it be used as a disciplinary measure. Children who fail to complete set homework will not receive any form of punishment but may be asked to spend 20 minutes during a lunch break (at the teacher’s discretion). In cases of continuous failure to complete set homework (3 times a term) parents are to be informed. Teachers are to retain records of children not completing homework, which will be recorded on record cards.

Implementation

Homework is to be set on the basis of the following average times, four (4) nights per week. It is not to be set for completion on the weekend ie set Friday, due Monday, unless requested by a parent.

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These times are guidelines only. In addition to set homework, students are strongly encouraged to read daily or be read to daily.

Individual teachers will select content and method of completion according to their class’s needs. This policy will be explained to students and parents/carers.