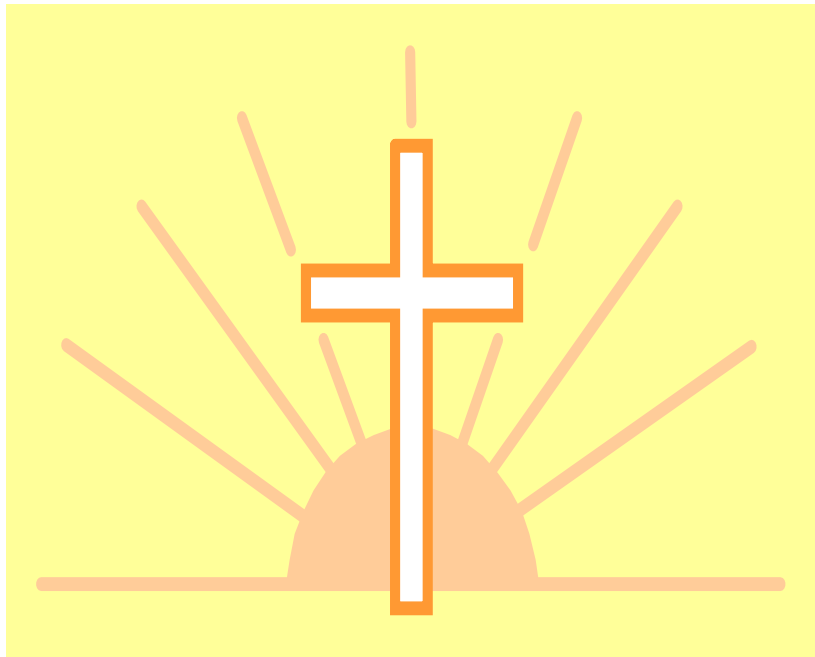
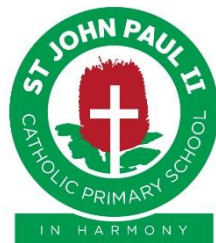


# ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Homework Policy



Review due 2019



## **Rationale:**

The role of Homework at St John Paul II Catholic Primary school is to support the children through practise, revision or extension of the learning activities and programmes devised at school.

To develop a positive attitude towards learning, fostered through the provision of regular and meaningful homework. This in turn encourages a sense of responsibility and independence in the child.

To help maintain communication between the school and home on the child's growth.

## **Definition**

Homework is defined as any learning activity related to the school programme that is devised by the teacher to be completed during out of school hours.

## **Principles:**

The giving of regular homework aims to:

- consolidate learning
- develop independent learning habits
- foster communication between home and school, enabling parents to participate in their child's learning.

## **Procedures:**

Homework could be given across learning areas e.g. a survey about water usage in the home.

Not all children in one year level may receive exactly the same homework. Some may have homework set relating to the work that is specifically designed or adapted for the individual student.

No new concepts should be given for homework.

Homework will not be given as a consequence of bad behaviour.

Parents and students are made aware of homework requirements.

Homework will be set for Monday – to Thursday allowing family time for the week end. If a child is involved in regular out of school activities e.g. dance every Wednesday, then the homework required may be altered after negotiation with the teacher and parent.

Children away from school for an extended period of time e.g. a holiday overseas will not be given set homework as it would not relate to the learning activities at school. Rather they would be encouraged to complete such activities as a travel diary which would relate to what they are experiencing while they are away.

## **Kindergarten**

Reading - being read to and discussion about the story each night.

Encouraging parents/carers to participate in Literacy and Numeracy activities.

News preparation.

---

## **Pre Primary**

Reading, sight words and/or numbers and News.

### **Yr. 1**

Students will receive a fortnightly homework task grid that will incorporate tasks based on current classroom content and concepts being taught. It will also include a multitude of learning tasks that support life learning and strengthen family ties.

Reading is a compulsory task that is expected to be completed each night and parents need to sign the reading journal. Reading books will be changed once a week.

### **Yr. 2**

Students will receive a fortnightly homework task grid that will incorporate tasks based on current classroom content and concepts being taught. It will also include a multitude of learning tasks that support life learning and strengthen family ties.

Reading is a compulsory task that is expected to be completed each night and parents need to sign the reading journal. Reading books will be changed once a week.

### **Yr. 3**

Activities will be modified when deemed appropriate.

Students will complete homework activities over a weekly period.

The student's diary will need to be signed each night by a parent or guardian after homework is completed.

### **Yr. 4**

Homework will include individualised spelling/sight words and mathematics tasks relating to concepts taught in class or revision and nightly reading.

A parent or guardian is requested to sign the diary confirming that reading and homework activities have been worked on during the week. The diary and activities will be sent home on Mondays and need to be returned for class marking and discussion on Fridays.

### **Yr. 5**

Homework will include individualised spelling/sight words and mathematics tasks relating to concepts taught in class or revision and nightly reading.

A parent or guardian is requested to sign the diary confirming that reading and homework activities have been worked on during the week. The diary and activities will be sent home on Mondays and need to be returned for class marking and discussion on Fridays.

### **Yr. 6**

Homework will include individualised spelling/sight words and mathematics tasks relating to concepts taught in class or revision and nightly reading.

A responsible person is requested to sign the diary confirming that reading and homework activities have been worked on during the week. The diary and activities will be sent home on Mondays and need to be returned for class marking and discussion on Fridays.