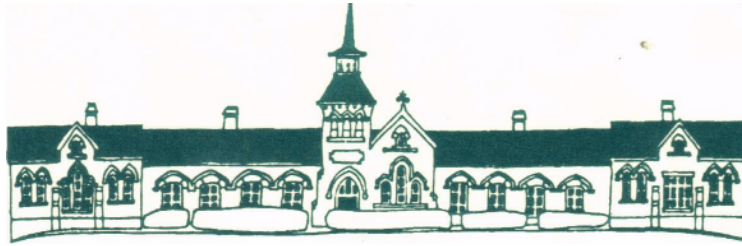


BEECHWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Home Learning Policy

Purpose

Home Learning provides a basis for the development of sound, independent study habits in children and provides an opportunity for children to be responsible for their own learning. It can provide for consolidation, completion and extension of classroom activities.

Policy statement

Background

Home Learning provides parents with an opportunity to share in their child's learning and promotes an active partnership between home and school.

Whole school engagement

The teachers at Beechworth Primary School are encouraged by DET to provide homework to students that is:

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

Guidelines

- Home Learning will be set on a regular weekly basis. This includes reading at home.
- Teachers will use their professional judgement regarding the standard type and amount of Home Learning but it should **not exceed** more than 15 minutes a night for children in Prep-2 and 30 minutes for children in Years 3-6. This timeframe allows for growth in Home Learning commitments that will allow for a smooth transition into Secondary schooling.

- Home Learning tasks can be negotiated between parent and teacher, if so desired. Where appropriate, Home Learning is not expected to be completed by students in complete isolation.
- Home Learning tasks may be given from any learning domain or dimension.
- If Home Learning is consistently not returned, parents may be contacted.
- When written Home Learning is given and returned it will be corrected or checked by the teacher so that adequate feedback is given to the child and the parent.
- Children and parents should be clear about what is expected when Home Learning activities are set.
- Children and parents will be guided at the beginning of the school year what to expect in relation to Home Learning from the classroom teacher.

Relevant accountability documents

- Victorian State Government Homework Guidelines
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/guidelines.aspx>

Related school policies

- Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed after three years as a part of our policy review cycle.

Endorsed by school council:

Date: ?????

Next review date: ?????