

# **Challa Gardens Primary School Homework Policy**

## **Introduction**

At Challa Gardens Primary School the School Council in partnership with the Principal, teachers, parents and students have developed this homework policy.

## **Beliefs**

### **1) The value of homework**

Homework is valuable as it provides an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning, and encourages them to reach and maintain goals. It assists them to develop organisation and time management skills, self-discipline and skills in using out of school resources. It is an opportunity for parents to keep in touch and support what their child is doing in school. It will also re-in-force the knowledge and skills learnt at school.

### **2) Homework Principles**

- Homework should be relevant to the curriculum and be age appropriate.
- Homework should be acknowledged and assessed by teachers.
- It is the responsibility of the parent in partnership with the teacher to monitor and support their child's homework.
- Failure to complete homework on a regular basis should be followed up with parents, e.g. phone call, diary, note etc.
- Good communication between home and school is extremely important, as there will be times when special circumstances need to be taken into account, for example sporting or family commitments.
- Students and parents from Non English speaking backgrounds will be supported with appropriate strategies.

## **Homework Practices**

### **Junior Primary (Reception – Yr 2)**

Homework will include: reading a reader or library book on a daily basis with parents/caregivers or other siblings, the extension of class work by gathering additional information or materials, or other short tasks.

(Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day)

### **Middle Primary (Years 3-5)**

Homework will include: reading on a regular basis, Practice and extension activities in reading, maths, spelling and writing are also seen by parents to be important at this level. This could also be used to complete or continue unfinished class work.

(Up to 45 minutes per day)

### **Upper Primary (Years 6-7)**

Homework will include: regular reading on an independent daily basis – still seen as important. Other tasks may include a continuation of class work, for example Maths, Spelling/Comprehension, as well as projects, assignments and research.

(Up to 60 minutes per day)

*As a general rule homework will not be set on weekends and holidays, however students are encouraged to manage their own time to complete open-ended tasks, projects, assignments etc. and may chose to work at these times.*

## **Communication**

Diaries will be used in the Middle and Upper Primary years. In the Junior Primary school children will be issued with a communication folder. This will be used to carry the reader, newsletter, class notes and notes from parents and teachers. Teachers will need to inform students and parents how these will be used. Parents will be informed about the Homework policy at the beginning of the year and copies will be provided.