Homework Policy

Rationale:

Homework allows opportunities for families to participate further in the education of their child and for the child to reinforce knowledge and skills learnt at school. Homework should be meaningful and manageable for the child, manageable for busy families and not infringe on the child’s play and relaxation time.

Aims:

- To revise, practice and consolidate skills presented and taught at school
- To encourage student independence, development of organizational skills and responsibility for time management
- To give opportunity for family involvement in their children’s education
- Give opportunities for students to apply life skills. Homework aims to be meaningful and fun; not stressful for busy families or too time consuming; concentrate on the individual student’s particular area of need or interest; be straightforward enough for students to follow and complete with minimal parental assistance, and leave time for students to play and relax.

Implementation:

- Parents will be advised of homework expectations. A copy of the SPJE Homework Policy is available on the school website.
- Homework in Term 1 consists of nightly reading and basic organisational issues.
- Tasks for homework will vary according to the level of the student, but students at each level are expected to read regularly throughout the week.
- Adjunct to this, Years 3 to 6 Level Teachers will set a variety of appropriate tasks, usually given on Monday to be completed and handed in by Friday of that week.
- Homework is expected to take students at Prep and Years 1 and 2 approximately 10-15 minutes nightly.
- Homework is expected to take students at Years 3 to 6 no more than 90 minutes per week, excluding time for reading.
- Parents are encouraged to communicate with the classroom teacher if issues related to homework arise. Preps and Year 1 / 2 comments can be written in the Reading Diary. Years 3 to 6 comments can be written in the Homework Book or diary.
We strongly encourage all families to have a homework kit that includes such things as:

- Writing materials
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Calculator
- Dictionary

**Evaluation:**
The Homework Policy will be evaluated within the review cycle. This process will be overseen by the Leadership Team and ratified by the staff.

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