



GUIDELINES – HOME LEARNING

We have a considered and researched based approach to home learning (traditionally known as homework) at Jervois Primary School. Our 2017 process obtained perspectives from teachers, students and families. One area we all agreed on was the value of reading. An area that teachers and students aligned with was around some flexibility and choices.

Student learning is most effective when it is the result of a partnership between the school, teachers, parents and the community. Effective parental engagement ultimately relies on the willingness and capacity of teachers and parents to share responsibility and work together to support learning.

Current research shows:

- little evidence that PS/HW improves academic performance
- The home and school nurture every child's innate drive to learn
- "One of the most powerful predictors of young people's success in life is the pleasure of reading", Professor Guy Claxton, UK.
- Showing an interest in child's learning increases their success

We value home learning and families learning together.

This is supported by a variety of evidence dating from over 40 years, that positive parental engagement can and does significantly influence student academic attainment

At Jervois Primary School we know that reading is an integral part of daily life.

We encourage all members of the family to read and read some more. Share a book at bedtime, on the couch, with a cup of tea, even under a tree; anywhere, anytime!

All students have access to class readers and school library books. We also encourage them to read their own books, magazines, newspapers and other materials of interest.

Home Learning activities will be provided or negotiated at particular times for individual students or groups.

Examples of this could be; Personal Best Projects, Tricky Words, Card Games, LLI group tasks/sharing or maths vocab focus etc.

At the teacher's discretion, students may occasionally bring home class work to complete.

Students that have leadership roles may be required to do some thinking or preparation at home at certain times. E.g. YEL, SLC, SC.

Your support of your child's learning and home learning in a way that is manageable for your family and its commitments will benefit them.

Remembering that, "Childhood is the time to establish a firm foundation of resilience and the basic resources of curiosity, play, imagination and the mastery of language."

Guy Claxton (2009) DECD Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, Birth -18 April, 2013

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