

## Homework Policy

At our Lady of Mount Carmel school, we do not set homework for homework's sake. We acknowledge that children need time after school for extra-curricular activities and for family time.

However we do believe that all students benefit from reading at home on their own and/or with family members on a daily basis. Therefore daily reading at home is considered to be homework for all children from Foundation to Year 6. Parents are asked to support this practice. There is much research that shows a strong positive relationship between parental involvement and higher levels of school achievement, particularly in reading.

Homework is necessary at times for students who have not completed set tasks during school hours. This is set at the discretion of the class teacher.

Occasionally teachers may choose to set an overnight task that is directly related to an aspect of the day's learning. We understand that many of our students have after school commitments so if your child is unable to complete an overnight task, parents are asked to write a note in the school diary. Some teachers may also set a task for the week to be time managed by the student.

A good understanding of tables is also important. Classroom teachers may send home tables' activities and maths investigations at times.

Physical activity is very important for children. We encourage children to participate in physical activity-structured or recreational -regularly each week.

We also encourage students to undertake responsible tasks that assist the family and/or the community, such as household chores.

Students who enjoy having homework could negotiate a task with parents. For example they could research a topic that interests them. There are also many internet sites with educational games and challenges or free apps which are of value. We will send a list of appropriate sites in the upcoming weeks.

In summary the expectations are:

- Daily reading for all students
- Finishing off work that should have been completed , at the discretion of the teacher
- Tables activities or maths investigations related to the work being done in class
- Possibly a weekly task, at the discretion of the year level.

The best homework is that which helps children become confident learners, happier human beings and well rounded individuals.

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