



Bethanga Primary School

Homework Policy

Basic Belief:

Parents are encouraged to be involved and assist in their children's education and homework is a valuable link between the school and home.

General Principles:

- Homework should involve daily reading with, to and by family members. Both shared and independent reading are valuable experiences for all children.
- Completion of homework is desirable but should be balanced with important social and recreational activities.
- Work not completed during school time may be sent home for children to finish instead of set homework tasks.
- Half yearly reports can include a comment regarding children's completion of homework tasks.
- Homework should be given on a regular basis but should not exceed these recommended time limits:
F – 4 Up to 30 minutes per school day
5 – 6 Up to 45 minutes per school day

Homework Purpose:

- ✓ for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- ✓ for students to enrich or extend interests and hands on tasks
- ✓ to support learning partnerships with parents/carers.
- ✓ to foster good lifelong learning and study habits

Homework Expectations at Bethanga Primary:

F-2

- ✓ Nightly reading
- ✓ Reading Word lists (extending to spelling in grade 2)

3-6

- ✓ Nightly reading
- ✓ Weekly Spelling Words (focus phoneme) – words sent home Mondays
- ✓ 3 activities from the Homework Grid (one spelling, one maths, one other)
- ✓ Practise focus timetable
- ✓ 5/6 In addition to the grid there will be another homework sheet each week