Mr Ruthven's BLOG
What has happened to Homework?
I’d like to make three points about homework at Walloon:
1. Last year our school survey indicated that 70% of our students’ parents felt that homework caused conflict in their home.
   As we all work hard during the day and when we get home there is barely time to be had, showers to be had and bedtime books to be read...Having to deal with homework expectations from a school is sometimes not a good recipe for a happy house.
   As children grow so fast, we need to treasure the time we have with them and create happy environments when we can.
2. Research has proven that the learning that is done during homework time is not as productive as the learning done during class time.
   The tasks focused on for homework are done during class. Our teachers are now incorporating spelling and maths facts etc during their lessons.
3. We need to focus on “Reading with the kids”.
   Each child should already have outlined what homework expectations they have in their class, but our homework will be mainly focused on the students at Walloon during school time at night reading!
   Please either read to them or enjoy a book together everyday.

LibRary News
I would encourage all students to have a library bag for their books.
The best and most successful bags are the ones for sale in the Uniform Shop. These are waterproof and stop any type of damage to books in schoolbags.
Julie Langlands
Teacher/Librarian
P & C News
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Julie Webster/Fiona Barlow
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Absentee line
If your child is absent from school for any reason please phone this number stating child’s name, date, reason and expected duration of absence.

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