



# Home Learning @ Walloon State School



At **Walloon State School**, the only daily, on-going responsibility given to students outside school hours is to READ. Reading is an activity that can be done alone for enjoyment, being read to by an adult or older sibling or even, taking turns reading with an adult. Reading (and pre-reading) is the **ONLY** necessary home learning that we strongly encourage.

**We provide reading incentives** through our free online literacy class subscriptions such as Studyladder, Read Theory, Reading A-Z as well as parade awards in recognition of - reading improvement, voracious readers, consistent borrowing and reading encouragement awards. It is **ALL** about reading at **Walloon State School**. We want our students to read...because they love it!


**Reading is valued** through our participation in Book Week, our school Book Fair, Readers' Cup and Premier's Reading challenge each year.

**We value school-parent relationships and above all else, respect the need for family time.** All our lives are very busy and we recognise and understand the modern-day pressures placed on families, therefore we do not set regular home learning. We encourage our students to help out at home by being part of a family, and to take on extra-curricular pursuits in sport and/or cultural activities that promote an active and healthy, well-rounded lifestyle.

**Year 6** will be asked to work on various upcoming assessments or work due. They will be expected to complete work that may require finishing off that night ready for the next day. This expectation is in preparation for high school and is simply about learning to plan and manage their time efficiently, not about burdening with extra, unnecessary work. These expectations will vary from class to class.


However, if you wish for your child/ren to complete some learning tasks whilst at home then we suggest the following...

- **Home readers** – some teachers may send home readers or decodable word lists as needed.
- **Library Book Borrowing** – we strongly encourage and promote library borrowing and each student will require a library bag to care for their books. Reading at home is what we love to see and hear about!
- **Speak to your class teacher** – teachers may provide some ideas for you to work which may prove beneficial to your child specifically e.g. via a *Home Learning Note*
- **Number Facts practice** – students can be doing number fact practice set by parents or the teacher may choose to provide activity sheets for students to take *by choice*.
- **Handwriting practice** – open a book and ask your child to practice their letter formations and handwriting on red and blue lines to ensure correct size and formation. Teachers can also provide a handwriting sheet for students to refer to, to ensure they are forming letters and numbers correctly.



### Home Learning Note

Dear Parent/Carer      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



I have noticed that \_\_\_\_\_

is experiencing difficulty with the below concept/skill

would benefit from further enrichment with the below concept/skill

Learning area/concept: \_\_\_\_\_

You can help by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Focussed work will be done with your child to assist them in this area during class time as much as possible. However, in the meantime it would be beneficial to your child to do some home learning in this area to help consolidate their understanding. This should help bridge gaps/extend and allow your child to gain confidence in this curriculum area. Of course, this is NOT mandatory and is your decision as to whether you support the learning of your child at home. It is not deemed as homework and as such is not marked.

Feel free to ask any questions or gain further support from us.

Regards

Class Teacher

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