Homework Policy

Intent

Homework is an important part of a child’s learning and can:
- assist to move understanding from short-term to long-term memory
- provide a bridge between the gap between school work completed in class and a child’s understanding of it
- consolidate and allow the practice of essential, life-long skills

This homework policy was developed in consultation with the school community and outlines the expectations of students at Monogorilby State School. It is important to note that flexibility is exercised in all things done at Monogorilby, including the provision and expected completion timelines of homework due to recognition that families may engage in many different activities outside of school. However students are encouraged to utilise their out-of-school hours effectively, such as completing (some) homework on the bus (or in the car) after school, as many of our students travel long distances to and from.

Recommended guidelines

In the Early Phase of Learning (Prep to Year 3) many activities at home or in play can assist children to develop literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills.

Mandatory homework tasks include:
- daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or other family members
- sight word revision of M800W

Other homework tasks may include (in consultation with parents):
- linking concepts with familiar activities such as shopping, preparation of food, local environment and family outings
- conversations about what is happening at school
- preparation for oral presentations
- opportunities to write for meaningful purposes.

In the Prep Year, generally students will not be set homework but parents are encouraged to read with their child and consolidate sight word knowledge.

In Years 1, 2 and 3, set homework could be up to but generally not more than 1 hour per week.

In the Middle Phase (Years 4-7) some homework can be completed daily or over a weekly period and must include:
- daily independent reading
- consolidation of maths facts

Other homework tasks may include (in consultation with parents):
- revision of content taught across the subject areas
- extension of class work, projects and research.

Homework in Years 4 & 5 could be up to but generally not more than 2-3 hours per week.

Homework in Years 6 & 7 could be up to but generally not more than 3-4 hours per week.