Gawler East Primary School

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HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

At Gawler East PS, homework is NOT a requirement. As many families have prior commitments and busy schedules, staff understand that it can be challenging to complete. However, there are some recommended tasks for your child to do when it is manageable and suits your family's needs.

Students are encouraged to:

Read
Reading can differ depending on your child's age, abilities or preferences. Independent reading is recommended for proficient readers. Reading with a family member is appropriate for all readers. Reading to your child is also great, regardless of their ability level. Where possible, engage them in dialogue around what has been read. These conversations could be comprehension questions, sharing facts or anecdotes related to the text, or even asking them if they enjoyed the text and why/why not.

Practise mathematical concepts
Great learning in mathematics often is developed through real-life situations. For example, shopping (money), time (reading time, time travelled, schedules), location (mapping) and measurement (cooking, building). These skills could be implemented as much or as little as you see fit in your day-to-day activities. Regarding basic number concepts, the following is recommended for (but not limited to) each year-level group:

Reception: Friendly numbers & rainbow facts
Year 1-2: Addition and subtraction, fact families, arrays
Year 3-6: Multiplication facts (1-10x)

Over the course of the school year, your child's teacher will share the class programme. These updates will give you an indication of potential activities you could engage in at home. Additionally, there will be occasional updates for classroom teachers and specialist teachers with suggestions of activities you could do.
Classroom teachers will not require your child to submit any work as there is only a guideline to homework (and not structured tasks).

Teachers are happy to look at and verbally comment on any work done at home. Additionally, staff are willing to recommend resources and activities but are not required to provide worksheets and concrete materials. They are also not required to provide 'holiday homework'.