Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March 2009

Dear Parents,

We are currently reviewing our homework policy and I wish to discover the range of views held by the parents at our school. As a parent you are a stakeholder and play a major role in our approach to homework.

\textit{I therefore invite you to read and respond to the survey overleaf.}

Presently, Grade 3 / 4 & 5 / 6 teachers encourage students to read for at least 30 minutes each day as well as completing a range of Maths and English tasks.

Other tasks may include researching general knowledge or thematic questions. During the year both 3 / 4 and 5 / 6 teachers will ask students to complete a homework project and this will replace regular homework activities for that time.

In the 1 / 2 area students are given home reading each night and spelling words to learn during the week. They are also given either a Maths or English task to complete during the week.

Our Prep classes are given daily home reading and a weekly written task.

If you would like to read the current Education Department Homework Guidelines you can access these at \url{www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/adulibrary/public/curricman/support/3-23.pdf}

You are invited to respond and return this survey to school before Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April.

Thank you for your assistance

Regards

Joe Scarfo
Curriculum Coordinator
1. Do you believe homework is necessary?
   Prep Yes [ ] 1 / 2 Yes [ ] 3 / 4 Yes [ ] 5 / 6 Yes [ ]
   No [ ] 1 / 2 No [ ] 3 / 4 No [ ] 5 / 6 No [ ]

2. What do you think about the amount of homework your children have?
   Prep Too much. [ ] 1 / 2 Too much. [ ] 3 / 4 Too much. [ ] 5 / 6 Too much. [ ]
   About right [ ] About right [ ] About right [ ] About right [ ]
   Too little. [ ] Too little. [ ] Too little. [ ]

3. How much time does / do your children spend on homework each night?
   Prep Less than 15 min [ ] 1 / 2 Less than 15 min [ ]
   About 30 min [ ] About 30 min [ ]
   Between 30 – 60 min [ ] Between 30 – 60 min [ ]
   Other [ ] Other [ ]
   3 / 4 Less than 15 min [ ] 5 / 6 Less than 15 min [ ]
   About 30 min [ ] About 30 min [ ]
   Between 30 – 60 min [ ] Between 30 – 60 min [ ]
   Other [ ] Other [ ]

4. How much time would you like your child / children spend on homework?
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5. Do you think the type of homework is appropriate for your child / children?
   Prep Yes [ ] 1 / 2 Yes [ ] 3 / 4 Yes [ ] 5 / 6 Yes [ ]
   No [ ] 1 / 2 No [ ] 3 / 4 No [ ] 5 / 6 No [ ]
   About Right [ ] About Right [ ] About Right [ ] About Right [ ]
   Comment ______________________________________________________________________
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6. Please comment on any aspect of our homework program.
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Thank you for your input.

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