

## *Initial Parent / Teacher Meeting – Grade 3 and 4*

READING	HOMEWORK	ORGANISATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children are to read each night of the school week – 5 nights minimum per week.</li> <li>▪ Books can be selected from the school’s home readers, library books or other books from home.</li> <li>▪ <b>Reading record sheets are to be completed and signed each night. Readers are to be returned to school each day.</b></li> <li>▪ Ask your child questions about what they have read.</li> <li>▪ Be aware that not all words can be sounded out, e.g. they.</li> <li>▪ Children can help with recipes – reading the ingredients and methods.</li> <li>▪ Join the Sunbury library.</li> <li>▪ Read favourite books to your child and discuss why you like them.</li> <li>▪ DO NOT let books from school become your only reading with your child. Encourage your child to read newspapers, non-fiction books and internet sites for research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Read</b> on a nightly basis</li> <li>▪ <b>Spelling homework</b> should be done nightly as specified in the letter in homework books. DO NOT leave all the activities until the last night.</li> <li>▪ Spelling words are tested on a Friday.</li> <li>▪ Spelling homework requirements should take no longer than 10-15 minutes to complete each night.</li> <li>▪ A maths related task will be assigned each week and may include an activity such as: speedy number facts, counting, times tables, etc</li> <li>▪ Check all homework with your child to ensure all tasks are completed.</li> <li>▪ All work in homework books is to be completed to the highest standard of presentation. Children are expected to take pride in their work. Messy, untidy, incomplete work will not be accepted.</li> <li>▪ <b>MATHLETICS</b> – children can access this at home on the following web address <a href="http://www.mathletics.com.au">www.mathletics.com.au</a> Every child has been issued with their own access code which they can use at school and at home.</li> </ul> <p>A valuable resource with ideas for parents to use when assisting children with literacy and numeracy is: <b>201 Literacy and Maths Tips to Help Your Child.</b> <b>This resource can be found at:</b> <a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/pages/literacynum.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/pages/literacynum.aspx</a></p> <p>Encourage children to take part in incidental activities which involve maths such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Calculating change.</li> <li>▪ Telling the time, analogue as well as digital.</li> <li>▪ Talk about events that happen in relation to the time of day these events happen.</li> <li>▪ Recipes – eg measuring 2tsp, 1tbs etc.</li> <li>▪ Preparation of their own lunch.</li> <li>▪ Learning all the times tables.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have child pack their own bag. They should ensure that their homework is in their bag on Friday.</li> <li>▪ Your child should know what is in their schoolbag so that when asked for notices etc they are aware they have them.</li> <li>▪ School begins at 9:00am – it’s a good idea to be here by at least 5 to 9 so that children can be ready to come straight into class when the bell rings.</li> <li>▪ An Art smock needs to be provided.</li> <li>▪ Asthma plans / medication:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plans <b>MUST</b> be kept up to date.</li> <li>○ Plans and medication <b>MUST</b> be at school.</li> <li>○ Asthma medication <b>MUST</b> be carried by the child during an excursion or the child will not be able to attend - a bumbag is excellent for this purpose.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Anaphylaxis plans / medication:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plans <b>MUST</b> be kept up to date.</li> <li>○ Plans and medication <b>MUST</b> be at school.</li> <li>○ Anaphylaxis medication will be carried by staff during excursions. Parents will be asked to provide a back up pen for excursions / camps. These will be returned to parents at end of excursions / camps.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Excursion notes and money must be received by the due date – numbers need to be confirmed and therefore no late notes / money can be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with class teacher.</li> </ul>