HOMEWORK

1. Understanding of the nature of Homework:

   Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

2. Chilwell aims:

   - To support and extend classroom learning – eg. visible learning (Hattie)
   - To develop positive study habits.
   - To develop a responsibility for self learning.
   - To involve parents in their child’s education.

3. Implementation:

   - The school’s homework policy will be part of the Parent Handbook and placed in the newsletter.
   - Classroom teachers will set homework appropriate to each child’s skill level and age.
   - Homework activities should be interesting, known, build on confidence and where appropriate, open ended.
   - Each set task must be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum.
   - All homework activities must be assessed with feedback and support provided by teachers.

4. Homework in (Prep – Year 4):

   In the Early Years (Prep to year 4), homework should not be seen as a chore. Homework will:
   - enable the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering extra information or materials in an enjoyable way.
   - mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/caregivers or older siblings.
   This will generally not exceed 30 minutes every day and not be set on weekends or during holidays.

5. Homework in (Years 5 – 6)

   In the Middle Years Years (Years 5 to 9), homework:
   - Should include daily independent reading
   - Should be co-ordinated across teachers to avoid unreasonable workloads for students
   - May include extension of class work, projects and assignments, essays and research.
   This will generally range from 30 - 45 minutes a day at year 5, to 45 - 90 minutes a day in year 6.

6. Ratified:

   This policy has been ratified by School Council – December 2012. Review: Annually
HOLIDAY TASKS

Dear Parents,

You have decided to take your holiday during Term time; you’re looking for a relaxing and enjoyable time with your family and a break from the norm. You are probably concerned that your child will ‘miss out’ on work while you are away. Holidays provide children with a wealth of new experiences and learning opportunities that enrich their lives.

Our curriculum follows Early and Middle Year programs so it is not possible to just send an accumulation of worksheets for students to complete while away. Worksheets need supporting teaching and learning. While you are on holiday the following tasks are suggested for your child.

READ- Promote a variety of reading text
A novel, picture story.
A newspaper, cartoon selections.
Pamphlets collected
Maps
Signs
Information brochures related to places visited.
Magazines

WRITE – A Holiday Diary
Your child will be given an exercise book (appropriate to grade level).
TASK is to
Record your holiday by writing a recount or add to class blog where possible
Write about what you did each day. Special places visited. Collect pamphlets related to places of interest and stick into diary. Keep things like tickets to stick into your diary. Write about what you thought. Illustrate your writing. Label items stuck in.

Possible uses of ICT.
Email school to forward to class
Blog in class if available
Take photos and create a photostory
Movie maker.

SKILLS TO WORK ON
Correct letter formation- making writing neat and legible.
Punctuation – Capital letters, full stops, commas, question/quotation/exclamation marks.
Good Grammar
Making sentences interesting – Describing words, adding details.
Varying sentence beginnings, especially how you begin each day.
Check spelling
Journal is to be shared at school on your return.

MATHS
Mental Maths practice is an essential part of maths learning. Cards and dice provide many opportunities to use all the four processes and playing quick maths addition, subtraction, multiplication or division promotes quick thinking.
Use 2 packs of cards. Take out picture cards. Decide on multiplication or addition. Turn cards from each deck. Say the answer quickly.
Teach your child some card games or take a chessboard. Builds strategies and reasoning skills.
Students can print from TIMES TABLES program (school) a selection of quick maths quizzes to take away.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY