



## New Home Reading Routine in Kindergarten for Term 3 and 4

In Kindergarten, we are trialling a new **Home Reading Program**. This will mean that students will need to **bring their home reader back to school every day**.

In Kindergarten, students are being asked to do the following:

### Throughout Terms 3 and 4

- 1. Students keep their Home Reader and their fluency page in a plastic enclosed folder to keep the book always protected in their school bags (free from damage and spills)**
- 2. Read the home reader out aloud each afternoon to a grown up (parent/carer). Revise the fluency page as well with a grown up.**
- 3. Place the Home Reader and the fluency page back into the plastic folder and put back into school bag.**
- 4. Place the Home Reader folder into the classroom each morning ready for reading groups.**

The idea of this new routine is so children gain additional practice of the book that they are reading in reading groups. Sometimes the same book will come home for 2-3 days and that is ok. Remember that they are reading to become confidently fluent and autonomous as well as excellent decoders. The fluency page is to assist with just that, improving fluency.

**Establish a routine** – a certain time and place for reading their book each day. Show interest in what they are doing. Talk about the book, ask questions, and celebrate their achievements in reading.

**Keep homework in perspective:** It is an activity for children to do in the afternoon. Outings, physical activity, talking, listening, playing and sharing interests with other family members are also important forms of homework and learning. Homework can also include working on hobbies, collecting pictures and information from magazines, visiting the local library, internet searches and tasks, doing puzzles and reading for enjoyment.

**Remember** to praise your child's efforts.

If you have any problems with the home reading routine, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

**We do ask that these books are taken care of, as these are the books that we use each day in the classroom and come at a cost if they are damaged or misplaced. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our books in good condition.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN THE HOME READER and FLUENCY PAGE EVERY DAY!**

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