

WAGGA WAGGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOME READING ROOM POLICY

Philosophy –

Language is central to student's intellectual, social and emotional development and has an essential role in all key areas. Through the active use of the Home Reading Room students will consolidate knowledge, skills and understandings about the reading process that have been taught in the class reading program. It will enable students to develop their own enjoyment, confidence and independence as readers and learners.

Implementation -

1. Home Reading Room is available for all classes but Kindergarten to Year 4 are encouraged to access it on a daily basis.
2. Children can only borrow if they have returned their previous book or a note has been received by the class teacher indicating the book has been lost or damaged.
3. Only children with Home Readers can go into the Home Reading Room.
4. If a child has not borrowed for a week the child's teacher will complete and send a letter home indicating the child has not borrowed and asking for the return of the book as soon as possible. If it is a chapter book one week may not be enough and so the decision will be left to the discretion of the class teacher.
5. Only the class teacher Reading Recovery Teacher or STLD may raise or lower the reading levels of the students.
6. If a student has not returned a book and the letter of notification has not been responded to by the parent/s or guardian the class teacher needs to notify the Assistant Principal – Infants for further follow up.
7. It is the responsibility of the class teacher to regularly review their students reading progress and amend the Home Reading sheets as necessary.
8. Teachers will operate the Home Reading Room each morning, except Fridays, so as to stay within the guidelines of confidentiality.
9. The class teacher has the option to access the Home Reading Room on a Friday, so as to undertake their own class borrowing.
10. Parent volunteers can be involved in the sorting and maintenance of the books.

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HOME READING PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

The teachers of Wagga Wagga Public School believe that all children should read daily. Young children who are learning to read or who are still developing their reading skills benefit most by regularly reading to an adult. It is for this reason the Home Reading Program was started. We are in the process of acquiring approximately \$2000 worth of new readers to go into the Home Reading Room. This money has kindly been donated by the P&C.

The Home Reading Program involves children borrowing books from the Home Reading Room and reading to someone at home each night. The book is returned when it has been completed and can then be exchanged for another book.

We ask that the children involved in the program take care of the books they borrow and we ask for parental support in ensuring their care and regular return. The greatest benefit to the children is from regular reading of books geared to their reading level. As these books are a valuable resource and we need to keep all book boxes adequately filled, it is important that no book is lost or damaged. We do understand that accidents can happen, however we also cannot afford to constantly replace books. So, we are asking that if your child is responsible for a book that is lost or damaged, that you contribute a small monetary donation of \$5 towards the replacement of the book. This will allow us to purchase another book and keep the program continuing.

To enable this to happen a note will be sent home indicating that your child has not been borrowing lately and asking for the return of the reader they have at present. If the book has been lost or damaged the slip at the bottom of the note needs to be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Once this has happened your child will be able to borrow again.

Thanking you for your support

Sally Davidson

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HOME READING ROOM



Dear _____

Your child _____ has not been using the Home Reading Room for the last couple of weeks. At present your child has a reader at home and it would be most appreciated if it could be returned as soon as possible so that other children may be able to read it at home.

The name of the Reader is: _____.

If you are unable to return the book please complete the tear off slop at the bottom of the page and return it to the class teacher.

Thanking you.



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Name : _____

The reader appears to be: (please circle) lost / damaged.

We would like to contribute a \$5.00 donation towards the cost of a new one. (Circle)
Yes / No.

We would like our child to continue using the Home Reading Room. (Circle) Yes / No.

Signed : _____

Date : _____