

# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Home Learning Term One

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Home Learning experiences provide opportunities for students to become more responsible for their own learning and growth. At Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School, we recognise that parents are partners in their children's learning.

**Home learning books:** Magic words and spelling words are to be returned every Monday and will be sent home again on Tuesday.

### **Reading**

This year home readers are being sent home using a new system. Readers will be sent home based on individual students' needs. Students will be borrowing one reader at a time. Please read with your child daily. **When you feel that they are ready for a new book, please send the reader back in their home learning bag, this will then be swapped for a new reader and returned to your child the same day.** To support this process we ask that you consider volunteering half an hour of your time one morning to give our students an extra reading aloud opportunity. If you are able to volunteer some of your time, please join us in the library for our "Let's Chat" parent education and **information session** on Monday 2nd March 9-10am. More information can be found in last week's newsletter.

The links below provide some useful information on reading with your child.

- [http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis\\_prod/w/Teaching\\_Resources/Parents\\_guide.aspx/](http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/)
- <https://ahrc.eq.edu.au/ourservices/Documents/rc-parent-booklet.pdf>
- <https://www.homereadinghelper.org/>

### **Sight Words**

In your child's home learning book (in a clear folder) is a list of sight words. These are words that your child should be starting to (or be able to) read these words automatically, without error or hesitation, even out of context. We ask that you have your child practise these words. Perhaps you could copy the list multiple times and play games such as snap or memory to reinforce the acquisition of these words.

We will then retest the children at school and a new set of words will be sent home. We have pre-tested the children over the past few weeks and the list being sent home with them today is indicative of their results.

### **Spelling**

A list of spelling words and spelling activities will be glued into the students' books. Please use the activities to practise the words over the week. We will then re-test the students every two weeks and send home new lists. Students have been pre-tested on these words and will be working through them at their own pace.

### **Reading Eggs and Mathletics**

Reading Eggs and Mathletics passwords have been provided on your child's home learning bag. Please work through both programs at your child's pace.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year One Team

