



Home Extension Learning Portal (Homework) What is it and how can I access it?

Overview

As a school community values and expectations for homework vary greatly. To accommodate the broad needs of the school community, GPS now has a homework or Home Extension Learning Portal (HELP). Homework now looks different. No grids or weekly homework will now be provided on a fortnightly basis.

Some families enjoy working with their child on 'homework' and you will still be able to do this, whilst other students and families find that activities such as after school sport, music, cooking with a family member are the home activities that best suit them. The Home Extension Learning Portal is designed to aid you no matter what your preferred after school activities are.

As you are aware homework is not compulsory at Garran Primary School, although reading every night, completing a science fair project, mathematics and learning OWL words are some of the tasks that are highly encouraged and will continue. What will look different is the way you access home learning for your child; though an online portal.

The portal is designed to support your child to build their skills in numerous areas. Many of these areas are helping your child to build their social and emotional wellbeing while some are more directed to English, Maths and Science. The portal has resources that support all of these areas. At Garran Primary School we value developing the whole child so the traditional subject such as Maths and English are only part of what we are providing for you. We encourage you to balance Home Learning with exercise and outside experiences.

The Garran Home Extension Learning Portal is designed to be self, or parent directed and for the children to receive immediate feedback either from an adult nearby or the computer itself. There is a great variety of sites for your child to experience, worksheets that you can print and places that contain science investigations, relaxation exercises, exciting reading material and helpful maths tips. Many of the sites are ability based to challenge or support students as needed. All sites have been specifically chosen to aid the children's' leaning and what is happening in the classroom.

How Do I Know What to Focus On?

In the Portal there are several documents that will guide your choice of activity but there are also more teacher directed ways that this can happen.



1. The Australian Curriculum Year Level Achievement Standards are accessible through the Learning Hub. These outline what your child is expected to be learning in the year level that they are in. Teachers are accountable to these and the standards form the basis of our reporting system.
2. Overviews – These are sent to parents via email every term and contain the specific focus elements for the term.
3. Your child’s report – This document will directly inform you of the areas that are strengths of your child and those that might need further consolidation.
4. 3-Way Interviews and Teacher Meetings – In these meetings you can ask questions and gain further clarity on what might be a focus for your child.
5. Seesaw – Teachers posts on Seesaw are designed to encourage you to ask questions about your child’s learning. They are insights into what is going on in the classroom and could become a home learning focus.

We hope that this format will support you and your child / children. If you would like to provide us with any feedback, there is a form in the Home Learning Hub where this can be provided. We are very interested in what you think could be added, taken away or made more user friendly.

Should you require more detail, or some personalised help please contact Sharon Fellows or Lucy Sheppard.

The link for accessing the Portal is <https://www.garranhomelearning.com/>
Your child’s teacher or the front office will be able to provide the password for you.

Kind Regards

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