



Home Learning and Shine Challenge

Dear Parents

There are two aspects to Home Learning at Stella Maris.

Part 1: Compulsory Weekly Home Learning Activities

These activities need to be completed each week.

- **Daily Reading** – All children are expected to read daily. Year 3-6 children will select their own reading material from the school or public libraries, books at home, newspapers, magazines etc. Details of their reading are to be entered into the reading log in their Home Learning Diaries.
- **Basic Facts** – Daily practice of Basic Facts – this can also be done through Maths Buddy. If your child does not have access to the Internet for Maths Buddy at home please inform your class teacher and they will ensure they have regular access to Maths Buddy in the class. Flashcards, Bingo games are also a good way to support the children in learning their basic facts.
- **RE** – RE activities will be set when required as part of the programme. These need to be returned to school the following day, unless otherwise stated.
- **Information gathering** – the children may be asked to collect information to use as part of their inquiry at school.

Part 2: Shine Challenge (Year 3-6)

The Shine Challenge is an **optional challenge** for Year 3-6 students that provides a variety of endeavours that the children complete throughout the year at their own pace. It also recognises the many activities that they participate in outside of school and encourages participation in new endeavours.

There are 4 categories:

1. Living the Marian Values
2. Physical Activity and the Outdoors
3. Academic Excellence
4. Excellence in the Arts

Each of the categories has a list of suggestions of activities the students might like to complete, or they can design their own challenge. If the students opt into the Shine Challenge they must complete at least 7 challenges. They can complete any 7 they choose. If they complete the Shine Challenge successfully by the end of October they will receive an award at the end of the year.

Throughout the year as the students complete the challenges they will discuss them with their class teacher and they will be checked off on a checklist in the classroom. They will need to be able to discuss the activity and learning they did while completing the activity.

The Shine Challenge booklets are available to download on the school website.

The Shine Challenge is about us (home and school) encouraging and challenging the children to aim for excellence in whatever they do.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Regards

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