Dear Stage 1 families,

As you may have noticed, the ‘Time to Talk’ component is no longer a set task on your child’s homework sheet. This task will now be incorporated into weekly programs during class time. Students are provided with many opportunities to take part in speaking and listening activities with their peers and classroom teacher throughout the year. This will be discussed further at your child’s ‘Meet the Teacher’ night.

**Stage 1 Weekly Homework FAQs**

**What is in a Stage 1 Homework sheet?**
Each homework sheet will give students the opportunity to practise their weekly spelling list, home reading and Mathletics tasks.

**What activities are most important?**
Please listen to your child read aloud for 10-15 minutes each night. This is the most important aspect of homework and if you and your child are busy and can only manage one element of the given homework, please make this a priority.

**Where do we find the maths homework?**
Our maths homework involves set tasks on www.mathletics.com.au that complement the mathematics content taught in class. Please inform your child’s teacher if your child does not have access to the internet so we can make other arrangements.

**Can my child do alternative or additional activities?**
Additional online learning tools include www.spellingcity.com, www.readingeggs.com.au and Literacy Pro which is the new version of the Lexile Reading Program www.bit.ly/frslpro (Literacy Pro log-in details will remain the same as their Lexile details). The ‘Tools for Learning’ packs include a licence to use Reading Eggs and Mathletics for one year. Encouraging reading at home is an invaluable tool for improving students’ vocabulary and reading skills. Our library has an excellent range of books that your child can borrow during library lessons.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to write a note or contact the office to leave a message.

Thank you for your support,

**Stage 1 Teachers**