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“Achieving Excellence Together”

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Dear Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Families,

Welcome to the ‘Reading at Home’ Program. Our aim is for Chapman students to develop a love of reading and enjoy this time sharing and talking about stories with their families.

The goal of our ‘Reading at Home’ Program is:

- Enhance student engagement in reading by giving students choice
- Develop confidence in reading
- Develop reading skills through repetition

To achieve these goals, your child will be provided with a range of books within the ‘Reading at Home’ Program to foster their reading development.

Each week, your child will bring home:

A book that they have selected from the library with the guidance of our school librarian.	Your child may not be able to read this book independently. If so, please read this book TO your child. This shows how reading works, you are demonstrating what to do when you read and showing that reading is an enjoyable activity.
A ‘Quality Text’ chosen from their class library.	Your child may not be able to read this book independently. If so, please read this book WITH your child by taking turns or asking your child to repeat certain sections. This helps the child sound and feel like a fluent reader. It is also a fantastic opportunity to develop vocabulary - please talk about the interesting words or pictures in the book with your child.
A guided reader <i>(This will be from Term 2 for our Kindergarten children)</i>	Your child will be able to read this book to you. This is a levelled book which your child has already read at school. Your child will read this book to you to practise their reading skills. You may need to support them with the occasional prompt.

All of the above books must be returned and swapped once a week as a minimum. Your child’s class teacher will communicate the day / procedures for when this occurs. Please support your child with ensuring they return their books on the appropriate day.

Please note that books must be contained in a reading pouch or library bag to and from school. As a school we pride ourselves on ensuring students have access to quality literature. Therefore, a \$10 replacement fee will be charged for any book not returned. We thank you for supporting us in ensuring children are developing their self management skills by taking responsibility for their belongings.

Michelle Lord (Year 1 & 2 Executive Team Leader) and Olivia Maidment (Preschool & Kindergarten Executive Team Leader) will be conducting two workshops outlining how to support your child with reading on Thursday 11th March at 9:00am (Week 6) and Wednesday 24th March at 5:30pm (Week 8). A separate note with this information will be sent home.

Yours faithfully,
Michelle Lord and Olivia Maidment
Executive Team Leaders