

WILLIAMSTOWN



PRIMARY SCHOOL

• NORTH 

Parent Helpers Booklet

How can you help in the Classroom?

- ✓ Support and encourage students by praising their efforts.
- ✓ Demonstrate and model appropriately.
- ✓ Ask for help when you are not sure.
- ✓ Encourage children to remain on task.



When listening to children read their 'Just Right' books remember to: -

PAUSE

before responding. First wait, giving the child time to work out the word for themselves.

PROMPT

encourage the child to look at the pictures and/or words and ask '*Does it make sense?*' '*What would sound right?*' '*What does it start with?*'

If the word doesn't make sense tell the child the word.



PRAISE

at all times it is important that the child is praised and encouraged for all efforts.

Being a valued member of the school community:

- ✚ Your support in the classroom will ensure that children remain on task while the teacher is working with other groups or individuals.
- ✚ Your willingness to assist with classroom activities shows other parents what can be achieved when partnerships are formed.
- ✚ You may be asked to assist in making resources for the classroom such as posters, books or laminating resources.

Thank You For Offering Your Valuable Time By Assisting in the Classrooms



This brochure is designed to answer some of your questions regarding your role in the classroom.

What does it mean to be a Parent Helper?



Assist students in the classroom under the direction of the classroom teacher by: -



- ✚ Following the direction/s of the classroom teacher.
- ✚ Working with individual or small groups of children as directed by the classroom teacher.
- ✚ Providing a role model for learning for all children.

Student Discipline: -

- ✚ Should a situation arise where a child requires direction with regard to behaviour, attitude or work requirements, this is the responsibility of the classroom teacher.
- ✚ It is not the responsibility of parent helpers to manage this. All aspects relating to student behaviour must be referred to the classroom teacher.



Other Issues



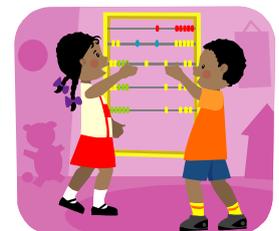
Retain Confidentiality



- The privacy of both parents and children **must** be respected at all times. This is a requirement by legislation under the ‘Privacy Act’.
- Do not mention the names of children or teachers with whom you are working with in front of your own children or to other parents.
- Children can easily be hurt by what seems a ‘harmless remark’ from their peers, or other children.

Assisting with siblings present: -

- Remember that the classroom is a working environment where the children need to **attend to the task presented.**
- If a younger child you bring with you is disrupting the class, just let the teacher know that you will be leaving and arrange another time that may be more suitable.



Remember

- All children can learn.
- Children learn at different rates and have different learning needs.