



DEAR @ Sarasas Ektra School – Primary Department

Dear Parents,

For semester two, the Primary Department will introduce DEAR time in our school week. DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read. This will be for all students from Year 1 to 6.

Students will be asked to read a book of their choice (in English) for a minimum of two 15-minute sessions a week. The session will be determined by the homeroom class teacher (for years 1 to 4) and before flag ceremony for Years 5 and 6. Students will be asked to read independently for a minimum of 15 minutes.

We hope that the DEAR time will encourage students to fall in love with the practice and ultimately enjoy reading for pleasure. Our teachers love reading too, and will be reading a book of their choice in this time too.

It is hoped that by having DEAR time at school, students will improve their comprehension skills, learn different ways vocabulary can be used and learn about different styles of writing. Ultimately, DEAR is meant to be fun! Teachers might wish to design some activities around the scheme, but it will not be assessed or tested.

School does have books in the libraries and some classrooms have books, but for this time school kindly requests, that for the start of the second semester all students bring one reading book to school. All students should have their own book week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

The book can be fiction or non-fiction. It is important the students choose the book themselves. Parents may wish to screen for objectionable/in-appropriate content, but please do not pressure your child when they choose their book. School wishes to create a sense of personal ownership of their book. The book should be in English.

Please have the students write their name and class inside the front cover. Please do not buy expensive books, as sometimes things get lost. The homeroom teacher will try to arrange a system, where the books can be shared in the classroom with their peers.

Thanks in advance for your attention and cooperation.

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