

Dear Parents,

As part of their Mathematics program this year, all students have been given a weekly Maths Mate homework sheet.

The program is now under way. The diagnostic nature of the worksheets helps students monitor their own progress. After they correct their work sheet and complete the record keeping sheet, over time, your child will be able to identify areas of strength and weakness in their mathematical learning.

If your child is having difficulty with a question for consecutive weeks or believes that their understanding is not at the level they would like, then Skill Builder sheets will be made available to develop each of the skills in the Maths Mate program. Each Skill Builder focuses on and explores, one question from the Maths Mate sheets. Your child is encouraged to make full use of these resources by taking home any sheet that will help consolidate their understanding of a particular skill. Or, for your convenience, all worksheets are available on our website. Simply go to **www.mathsmate.net** and follow the prompts to download the appropriate Skill Builder.

As each question in the Maths Mate is generally more difficult than the last, finishing with the problem solving questions, then it would be advised that, if students are concerned with more than one question, they tackle lower numbered questions first.

The Skill Builders may also help to motivate students to make another attempt at mastering skills that they have found too difficult in the past, given that it will become clear to them that they will be confronted by the same type of question on a regular basis.

While we will be monitoring your child's progress and supporting their skill development in the school environment, it would be appreciated if you would complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this page so that we can be sure that you are aware of our expectations regarding both the Maths Mate homework sheets and the availability of Skill Builder work sheets. We ask also that you continue to sign the completed homework sheets each week so that we can ensure each student is working independently and regularly but with your support.

We thank you in anticipation of your involvement and remind you that you are encouraged to call and discuss your child's progress at any time.

Yours sincerely,

Class Teacher

Principal

Maths Mate Homework Program - Skill Builder Return Slip

Student's Name: Class:

As a parent / guardian I have signed this form to indicate that I am aware of the support Maths Mate Skill Builders can give my child in their mathematical development.

Parent's Signature: Date: