

# Homework Help





## **Tuesday Group**

The NSW Department of Education and Communities funds two homework centres which are both based at Drummond Memorial Public School. The Tuesday group caters for up to ten students, year 3-6, from any of the public schools in Armidale. It is specifically for students for whom English is their second language. (ESL students)



## **Volunteer Tutors**

The homework centre relies on volunteers from the community to help the children with their homework. This has often been students from the university, retirees or folk who are have a little bit of time on their hands and are willing to help others. We appreciate their assistance very much. The homework centres are coordinated by Mrs Fay Paris, ESL teacher at Drummond Memorial Public School.



## **All Nationalities**

There are four schools in Armidale with ESL children. The school principals and ESL teachers nominate the students, from year 3-6 who they think will benefit most from some homework assistance. All nationalities are welcome and the children find it fun to get to know students from other schools and countries.





## Source of Homework

It should be pointed out that the homework centres are not designed as private tuition. The children are helped with homework that they bring from their class teacher. In the absence of class homework children are given English or maths homework suitable for their age and ability to make the most of the time together. Dictionaries, atlases and computer access is available if required.



## End Game

In the last 10-15 minutes of homework centre we play a game of some form. It is often a language based game to reinforce English skills but sometimes is just for fun to encourage mingling between the children. The students look forward to the game and there is often much laughter.



## Transport Home

At the conclusion of the homework centre time, the children are taken home by taxi, free of charge. We are very thankful to Dept. of Education and Communities –Equity for funding this initiative.



## **Wednesday Group**

The Wednesday homework centre is especially for students who have a refugee background. It is run on the same principles with a great volunteer to student ratio and a game at the end.





## End of term party

The students often don't have homework in the last week of term so we take the opportunity to celebrate a successful term and to thank the volunteers, without whom the centres could not operate. On this occasion we had a 'high tea' with the children polishing the silver teapot and making scones before hand.



## **Enquire now!**

The Homework Centres are very grateful to Drummond Memorial Public School for making the space available to run them. Maybe your child could join the ESL homework centre on arrival in Australia for individual assistance with their homework.