

## Activity 2

### Developing parent prompts

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#### Purpose

- To develop home learning worksheets – called Parent Prompts – linked to various areas of the curriculum for parents to use at home with their children
- To provide information to parents on what is being taught in school and suggest activities to support this at home

#### Who will be involved

- Teachers
  - Students
  - Parents
  - Principal
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### What is a Parent Prompt?

The two questions that parents ask most frequently are:

- What is my child learning at school?
- How can I help at home?

Each Parent Prompt outlines the topic areas being covered in school, the skills that are being developed, what the child is doing at school and how the parent can support this with activities at home using everyday objects and activities.

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**Step 1:** Teachers identify the learning topics that will be covered in a term/year. Activities are identified that parents can undertake at home with their child that links with and extends the learning taking place in the classroom. The activities should be fairly short but encourage dialogue and discussion between parents and children.

**Step 2:** Teachers discuss with parents (possibly through the Parent Advisory Council) what prompts are most appropriate and develop a range of parent prompt activities to be issued throughout the term /year as a shared activity for children and parents. It is important that parent prompts avoid jargon.

**Step 3:** Parents and children undertake activities at home and discuss what is being learned and how it connects to what is being taught in school.

**Step 4:** Parent and children give feedback on the parent prompt activity to the class teacher.

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