

29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. It is with much anticipation that the students, staff and parents/carers await the beginning of the school year. In particular, we warmly welcome all new families to our Orana community.

This year we welcome Mrs Melissa Vinci, Mrs Chantel Wieman and Ms Sarah Draper who return from extended leave. We wish them all the very best in their return. We also welcome a new leadership team; our Assistant Principals Mrs Kirsty Byrne and Mrs Kathryn Alp, alongside myself. We look forward to serving the Orana community. Many thanks to the staff and members of the community who have warmly welcomed all of us. We look forward to meeting the students next week.

Our first assembly is the Year 6 Leadership Assembly on Friday 5th February at 9:00am. Year 6 students will be presented with their leadership badges. The parents/carers of the Year 6 students are invited to attend (Maximum of 2 guests per student). We look forward to our new team of Year 6 leaders being inducted into the leadership program.

Best wishes for a successful Term 1. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

Take care and God bless.

Dee Johnston
Principal

Covid Update – 1st February 2021

We start the school year in a safe situation in regard to COVID-19 in Western Australia. Our vigilance in following the advice of Catholic Education WA and the WA Health regulations remains vitally important to continue to keep our community safe and to be prepared for situations that may arise. The following will be in place until further updates are received.

Hygiene

Staff will continue to remind your children to wash and/or sanitise their hands regularly, especially when entering and exiting their classroom; after going to the bathroom and before eating. Please also encourage your children to wash their hands when leaving and returning home. There are supplies of sanitiser around the school and good hand hygiene is encouraged.

Parents and Carers

- Parents and carers entering school grounds can utilise the current drop off and collection points or may come into the school grounds to drop off and collect their children. Physical distancing must be adhered to, so please consider this particularly when in high traffic areas such as outside classroom doors.

- Parents and carers are welcome to attend classrooms in limited numbers at any one time.
- Pre-Primary to Year 6 classrooms will be accessible from 8:30am – 9:00am (Week 1).
- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms will be accessible from 8:45am – 9:30am (Week 1). Official Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten start time is 9:00am and will be in place from Week 2.
- To uphold current CEWA guidelines, parents and carers must follow the protocols below to safely accommodate our community:
 - A maximum of 10 adults including Orana staff members are permitted into a classroom at any one time.
 - Classroom access is restricted to one parent/carer per child.
 - Sign in using the SafeWA app at the classroom door.
 - On entry, apply hand sanitiser.
 - Adhere to the 1.5m physical distancing rule.
 - Be mindful of other parents/carers; time limits may apply at peak times.
 - The directions of Orana Catholic Primary School staff must be followed at all times.
- Pre-arranged, individual parent/carers meetings can proceed whilst adhering to physical distancing and hygiene protocols.
- Sign in processes must be in place for events where adults gather in one location.

Sickness

Students who are unwell should stay at home. Parents/carers are asked to seek medical advice if their child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19. Normal processes for advising the school of a child's absence will apply.

Water Bottles

Students are required to bring a water bottle as the water fountain bubblers are not in use. Students will be able to fill up their water bottles during the day as required.

Cleaning

Heightened cleaning procedures will continue, including regular cleaning of student desks and shared areas.

Assemblies

Assemblies will continue to take place in the school hall with attendance by invitation, based on the assembly type. Sign in process, hygiene requirements and the 1.5m physical distancing rule will apply to assemblies.

If you have any queries, please email admin@orana.wa.edu.au

