

26/04/2021



Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you are all well and keeping safe. As Premier, Mark McGowan, announced this afternoon, pending no further cases, the current lockdown will end at midnight tonight. The Perth and Peel Regions will move to Interim Restrictions until at least 12.01am Saturday, May 1.

We are delighted that Orana Catholic Primary School will be welcoming our students back to school on Monday 27th April. OSHC will also be open. Please contact OSHC for any booking amendments.

Scheduled School Events

Restrictions on the number of visitors entering school grounds are in place. All scheduled school events for the week commencing Tuesday 27th April to Friday 30th April inclusive have been postponed.

The following events are postponed until further notice.

- **School photos will be rescheduled.**
- **There will be no parent help this week.**
- **All external extracurricular programs have been put on hold for this week.** These include callisthenics, karate and sporting team training. One-to-one tutoring and therapy can continue.
- **School banking will not take place this week.**
- **Senior assembly has been postponed.**

We will look at re-introducing these from Week 3 if the COVID situation continues to improve.

To uphold current government and CEWA guidelines, parents and carers must follow the protocols below to safely accommodate our community. Whilst at school all adults must:

- Wear a mask.
- Sign in using the SafeWA App if entering a building, waiting on verandas or in the quadrangle.
- Apply hand sanitiser as you enter a building.
- Adhere to the 1.5m physical distancing rule.

Masks

- The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members, parents/carers and essential visitors to wear a mask. There is no requirement for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to wear a mask; however, they may choose to if they wish.

Pick up and Drop off

The following information about school drop-off applies to the week commencing Tuesday 27th April to Friday 30th April.

- 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. We encourage all parents/carers to use their designated drive through area or back gate for both drop off and pick up from 8.30am and 3.10pm respectively. If you feel you need to walk your child to their classroom, one parent/carer may drop them to their classroom door. **Adults standing under verandas or in the quadrangle must sign in on the SafeWA app.**

- Physical distancing must be adhered to, so please consider this particularly when in high traffic areas, such as outside classroom doors and at peak times such as pick up and drop off.
- Parents and carers from **Pre-Kindy to Year 1** are welcome to attend classrooms in limited numbers if you feel you need to. Drop off at the classroom door is preferred and if necessary, staggered classroom access is restricted to **one parent/carer per child**. A maximum of **5 adults including Orana staff members** are permitted into a classroom at any one time. **Adults entering rooms or standing under verandas or in the quadrangle must sign in on the SafeWA app.**
- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms will be accessible from 8:45am – 9:30am to allow more time and physical distancing. Official Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten start time is 9:00am and will be in place from Week 3 if the COVID situation continues to improve.
- Year 1 classrooms will be accessible from 8:30am – 9:00am to allow more time for adhering to physical distancing.
- Please 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.

The following protocols will continue to ensure the safety of our students, parents and carers.

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.

Sickness

If your child is unwell, for their health and everyone's safety, please do not send them to school and seek medical advice. Please also keep your child home if they or a close contact are awaiting a COVID test result. 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.

Assemblies

Following this week, we anticipate that assemblies will continue to take place in the school hall with attendance by invitation, based on the assembly type. Sign-in processes, hygiene requirements and the 1.5m physical distancing rule will apply to assemblies.

Celebrating Student Birthdays

Birthdays are acknowledged at assemblies and in classrooms. It is not necessary for your child to bring in food items to share for their birthday. If you choose to send something in, please ensure items are individually wrapped and are not homemade, considering healthy eating guidelines. These will be handed out at the end of the school day.

I appreciate that parents and students will have many questions about the restricted arrangements and assure you that I will continue to provide information about the requirements as soon as it becomes available.

Information about the Government's announcement is available on the wa.gov.au site. The latest health information is available through [WA Health Department](#).

Our school staff will continue to work closely with you to ensure that all children can be welcomed back to school on Tuesday 27th April, in a safe manner. Your child's health and well-being remain our first priority. We will continue to focus on providing a calm and safe environment. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries. Hopefully this will only be for the short term and we can look forward to welcoming families back in the very near future.

The School's Leadership Team will continue to monitor the situation closely and will be in contact with parents and carers if any changes need to be made.

Take care and God bless.

Dee Johnston

Principal

Orana Catholic Primary School