

Welcome to Orana Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Early Years Educators

Pre-Kindergarten:

Teacher: Mrs Nadia Lovelle

Education Assistant: Mrs Fabiola Verrecchia

Kindergarten White:

Teacher: Mrs Nadia Lovelle

Education Assistants: Mrs Fabiola Verrecchia and Mrs Deb Kiely

Kindergarten Blue:

Teacher: Mrs Caroline Mavrick

Education Assistant: Mrs Kathy Duncanson and Mrs Kara Vaughan

Kindergarten Times

School commences on Tuesday the 1st February.

Kindergarten: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am – 2:45pm.

Pre-Kindergarten: Friday 9:00am – 2:45pm.

Requirements

1. Named school bag, Orana school hat and water bottle.

- 2. Named morning tea container for fruit and/or vegetables.
- 3. Named lunch box container for lunch. We are an Allergy Aware School. (Please keep morning tea and lunch in **SEPARATE** containers.)
- 4. Pre-Kindy clothing: Comfortable and easy for them to manage when toileting.
- 5. Named spare clothes (children will get wet playing with water and we are available to assist them to change into their spare dry clothes).
- 6. Please apply hand sanitiser and sunscreen on your child every day before 9am. Hand sanitiser and sunscreen is supplied outside the classroom door.
- 7. If your child is in the process of toilet training, please also pack the following: Pull-ups / baby wipes / disposable scented nappy bag.

Please Remember...

- 1. We are an 'Allergy Aware' school; no nuts please.
- 2. No thongs/slippers/ugg boots/gumboots.
- 3. Birthday treats are discouraged as we promote healthy eating; however, it you would really like to send in a treat, it must be wrapped individually and from a commercial kitchen/premises due to COVID-19 procedures.

Student Notes

Kindy students have a blue note folder. Please check your child's blue folder for notes when it is sent home and return it (empty) the following Kindergarten Day.

Pre-Kindy: A note tub with a file for each child will be outside the classroom. Please check your child's file for work and important notes.

Seesaw App Digital Portfolio: Most communication and notes are sent via your child's Seesaw App portfolio.

It is really important to view the notes that are sent home to ensure you are aware of what is happening throughout the year.

Greeting Routine

Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten

Allergy Aware School

- 1. Children hang bags up on their named hook.
- 2. Hand sanitiser and sunscreen is available outside the classroom.
- 3. Children get their hat, fruit and water bottle out of their bag. Lunch stays in their bag. You will therefore need two separate containers, one for morning tea and one for lunch.
- 4.9:00am the classroom doors open.
- 5. Children enter the classroom and put their hat, fruit and water bottle in their named pigeon-hole (educators will assist). Parents/Carers may leave when they're ready. We encourage you to say goodbye to your child before you leave. Children will remain in the classroom with the educators.
- 6. Children play in the classroom until the pack away song is played.
- 7. Children pack away the toys and sit on the mat ready to start the day.

Playground Policy: Children are not permitted to play in the early years playground before 9:00am or after 2:45pm. We appreciate your cooperation with this rule for the safety of your children.

Water Bubblers: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, children are not permitted to use the communal water bubblers. Please bring a water bottle. We will fill up your child's water bottle during the day if required.

Arrival and Departure

For safety reasons please adhere to the following procedures.

- 1. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times until the commencement of Kindergarten at 9:00am.
- 2. If you are running late and dropping your child off after 9:15am, you must sign your child in at the front office.
- 3. If you are picking up your child early, before 2:45pm, you must sign your child out at the front office. A pass will be given to you and you must bring that to the classroom when you collect your child.
- 4. Kindy parent helpers must report to the front office to collect a visitors' badge and sign in at the classroom on the Kindy register.
- 5. When another adult other than the primary caregiver/s is picking up your child. Parents are required to provide written permission and photo ID of the person who is picking up their child. This can be sent to the class teacher via email or the *Seesaw* App.

Kindy Blue: Mrs Mavrick <u>caroline.mavrick@cewa.edu.au</u> Kindy White: Mrs Lovelle <u>nadia.lovelle@cewa.edu.au</u>

Carpark Safety

1. Please enter carpark through the middle gate. The administration gate (first gate) is for ACROD and families with infants only.

- **2.** Parking is also available opposite the green shed.
- **3.** Overflow parking is available on the Western end of the oval (reverse parking along the fence line for safety).
- **4.** Pedestrian safety: Please follow the red bricks around the staff carpark.

Play Pod Equipment Requests

Dolls, tents costumes, vacuum cleaners, wheelie bins, car seats, barrels, suitcases, wheels, headphones, old phones (no glass screens), material, sheets, cushions, whiteboards, ropes, storage containers and cooking pots/pans.

Please send all donations to the front office.

Digital Portfolio: Seesaw



You will need to download the App 'Seesaw Class' on either your iPad, iPhone or android mobile device.

We will be using the app to showcase your child at work and play. It will be a little 'window' into the various activities they experience at school and will act as a digital portfolio of their happy moments and learning experiences. As we add content, you will receive a notification on your device. Seesaw is also an opportunity for your child to start using digital technology as a way of communicating. This is enables you to receive immediate feedback regarding your child's progress, rather than just at the end of term or when a parent meeting is scheduled.

Steps to download the 'Seesaw Class' App

Step 1 – Download the App: Seesaw class

Step 2 – You will receive a *Seesaw* invitation from the class teacher, via email, to gain access.

Additional Information

Teacher's Email Addresses:

Pre-Kindergarten

Mrs Lovelle: nadia.lovelle@cewa.edu.au

Kindergarten White

Mrs Lovelle: nadia.lovelle@cewa.edu.au

Kindergarten Blue

Mrs Mavrick: caroline.mavrick@cewa.edu.au

Orana CPS Website:

http://www.orana.wa.edu.au/
Absentee Online Form
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Early Childhood
Pre-Kindergarten
Kindergarten

Therapy Services:

Occupational Therapy: lil.peeps@hotmail.com

Speech Therapy: jenny.baker@freospeech.com.au



- Be cheerful when you leave your child each morning; don't linger too long.
- Avoid prolonged good-byes. Should you have any concerns about an uneasy separation, you are welcome to phone us to confirm that your child has settled and is happy your feelings are important too!
- Be on time when dropping children to school and picking children up. They get upset if you are late.

- Take a little time at the end of each day to listen to your child talk about their day and admire what they bring home.
- It is a good idea to offer your child a healthy snack at the end of the school day. They are often hungry after school.
- Children are often very tired after school, especially in the first few months, so dinner should be early. Bedtime should be around 7:30 pm.



We look forward to a wonderful year ahead with you and your child.