

From the **Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are midway through Term 1 already! Each morning I spend some time, when I can, greeting students as they arrive at school and have been impressed with how organised and positive they come for a new learning day. When visiting classrooms, I see highly engaged learners employing critical thinking skills, adhering to the established norms within the classroom. Teachers are delivering content explicitly, cleverly interweaving hands-on learning experiences with plenty of movement breaks. I have observed Daily Reviews in action, where students revisit previously taught content, helping to shift this knowledge from short to long-term memory.

As our staff continue to enhance their already outstanding skill sets I would like to acknowledge the level of individual accountability which is high during such reviews, with teachers regularly checking for understanding and discretely differentiating content along the way.

None of this amazing teaching and learning would be possible without the support of our school community, particularly in relation to recent COVID safety measures. I have been impressed with the overwhelmingly positive response to the changes this term and appreciate your ongoing flexibility. We will continue managing this developing situation in line with WA Health and DoE guidelines and aim to share updates only when necessary, as we are aware of the amount of communication coming your way recently.

May your families stay well and safe during these uncertain times!

Stephen Boon
Principal

From the **School**

Finance

Thank you to all parents that have made payments for voluntary contributions, Soundwave books, Maths books and Interim swimming.

Just a friendly reminder that if you pay your voluntary contributions by the 31/3 you will receive the \$5 discount thus just costing \$40 for the year.

Our Banking details are:

BSB: 066040

Account : 1990 0524

ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you are having any problems with any payments please come and speak to Kim.

We are here to provide the best for our students at Orange Grove Primary School.

Lost property

Please can you check the lost property box outside the staff room. There seems to be a lot of water bottles and lunch boxes.

If these are not collected by end of term they will be disposed of.

Mask Mandate

The Premier has announced Level 2 public health measures which came into effect on Thursday 3 March, details at wa.gov.au. They include the requirement for adults and children in Years 3 and above to wear masks at all indoor public settings.

This means our students in Year 3 and above will now need to wear a mask indoors at school. The usual exemptions apply, such as removing the mask to eat, drink, take medicine or do vigorous exercise.

Close Contacts Update

As you may be aware, WA Health has updated the rules for close contacts of COVID-19 cases linked to schools, based on public health advice.

Effective immediately, household members are no longer required to quarantine with a child who is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case.

We understand that a parent or carer may still need to stay home to care for a child quarantining, but the rest of the household, including siblings who have not been identified as close contacts, are not required to stay home.

It is important that members of the household monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and if symptoms develop, get tested immediately. If a person living in the house tests positive to COVID-19, all household members are close contacts and must self-isolate.

NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit in May each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students do.

Testing starts on the 10th of May and will comprise of 4 tests for the Year 3 & Year 5 students at Orange Grove Primary School.

Please [click here](#) to view the Parent Information flyer.



COVID-19

Information for parents

Q. My child is a close contact. Do I need to quarantine with my child?

A. No. Only close contacts of a positive case need to quarantine. However parents or guardians of close contacts need to take extra precautions and limit interaction with the person who is a close contact where possible. It is important to monitor for symptoms. If you experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, you should get tested immediately.

Q. My child has tested positive for COVID-19. What must I do?

A. If your child tests positive, do not send them to school or day care. Other members of the household become close contacts and must self-isolate.

If you or someone in the household tests positive for COVID-19, then your child becomes a close contact and must not go to school or day care.

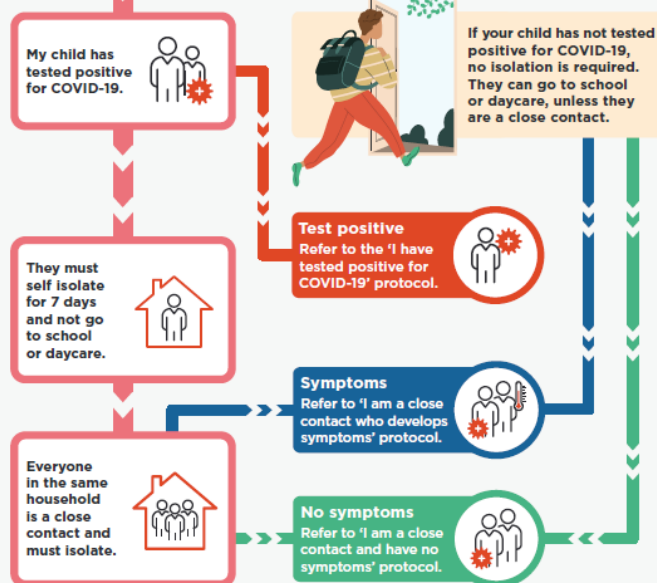
Note, the Omicron strain can present with less typical symptoms such as diarrhoea, particularly in children.

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COVID-19: My child has tested positive

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 they must isolate for 7 days.



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We're all in this *together*.

Event Calendar

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 14 March | Interm Swimming Program begins |
| Thursday 31 March | School Photos |
| Friday 8 April | Last day of Term 1 |
| Monday 25 April | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 26 April | Staff Development Day—No Students at school |
| Wednesday 27 April | First Day Term 2 for Students |



| Week 3 | |
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| | Skye W. |
| | Walter B. |
| Honour | Annabelle S. |
| Certificates | Jake C. |
| | Eleanor B. |
| | Jaxon R. |
| | Stella T. |
| | Abhijot S. |
| | Connor B. |
| | Nathan J. |
| | Braden B. |

