

ORANGE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL



Safe Respectful Learners

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – COVID 19 UPDATE 7 – 9 APRIL 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank You

To close the term I would like to thank all members of the Orange East community. Under the most difficult of circumstances I have watched as students, staff and parents/carers have worked together to find the best possible way through such a challenging situation. From the way staff have adapted and sought new ways to operate, the dedication and ingenuity of our students or the extreme multi-tasking of parents and carers as you juggle working from home while supporting our students' education – I say well done and thank you!

Put Away Computers and Learning from Home Packs

As with all school holidays, everyone needs a break! Please make sure that students do not continue to work through the *Learning from Home* packs. There remains three weeks of work in these packs, with Week 3 of the packs officially commencing when school resumes in Term 2 (28th April). Likewise for students in Stage 3 operating from a Chromebook or other computer device – please ensure computers go away over the holidays and that children do not continue with any work intended for Term 2. You and the students have well and truly earned a break!

Term 2 School Operations

Currently, advice suggests that teaching and learning will continue in much the same way for the duration of Term 2 as it has done this term. Teachers will continue teaching using a combination of on-line and workbook activities. As we have found repeatedly over the past month, a few days is a long time and much can change in a short period. For this reason, during the holidays but particularly in the final week I will look to update the school community via Facebook and SchoolStream with any new developments and the most accurate information explaining the nature of school operations at Orange East starting Term 2. This information will be based upon the most recent advice from the government and Department of Education.

Happy Easter

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter. Though we will not be travelling and for many, Easter will look very different to those of the past, I wish everyone a long weekend of relaxation and quality time with family. Stay safe and I look forward to the day when we can all come together having put the current challenges in the past.

Regards,
Glen Bourke
Principal - OEPS

Thursday, 9th April

