



15 July 2021

Parent Information - Oakhurst Campus

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to welcome back to Oakhurst Primary, Mrs Lyndall Orr, who re-joins us after her maternity leave to replace Mrs Frakes on KR alongside Mrs Fiore. A special welcome to new families joining us this term at RJ.

We commence Term 3 under 'Stay at Home' orders from our Government and under the Distance Learning mode of providing education; not how we were hoping to start an exciting new school term. However, we know that God is in control of this current outbreak and we put our faith and trust in Him for a timely return to our normal daily routines. The safety and well-being of all members of our School community remain paramount at this time. Subsequently, parents should seek to support their child/children's learning from home where possible.

Earlier today, Mr Dawson sent a COVID update to parents. Please ensure you read this document carefully. Additional information below will further assist our Primary families.

DISTANCE LEARNING PLATFORMS AND LEARNING MATERIALS

For 2020 RJ families, the journey into Distance Learning is not a new one. For some families new to RJ or those whose children have commenced school for the first time this year, this will be a new 'adventure' as parents engage much more actively in the practical day-to-day education of their child/ren with learning materials provided by your child's teacher. As always, our staff remain dedicated to providing quality learning experiences for students across Kindergarten to Year 6 at each student's individual learning ability and supporting students as required.

The attached '**Primary Parent Distance Learning Plan 2021**' outlines important information about Distance Learning at RJ. Teachers will provide pre-recorded videos and teaching materials via Seesaw. Separate emails will be sent by Mr Reed with login details for Seesaw and other learning platforms such as Mathletics (Yrs 1-6) and Wushka (Yrs K-3). This year, parents will be emailed weekly '**e-Bundles**' (online Learning Bundles - worksheets) to print at home rather than having to attend the School to collect printed 'Learning Bundles'. Printed Bundles will be available for parents without printers. Please email Mr Reed prior to 10:00am on Monday 19 July if you require a printed bundle. Only those requested will be printed. Bundles can be collected on Monday 19 July from the Secondary turn-around drive in area. As per Government guidelines, parents are to remain in their vehicle and bundles will be handed to you by staff. Times as follows-

2:00pm – Eagles
2:20pm – Lions
2:40pm – Rams
3:00pm - Sharks

LIVE ZOOM PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Teachers will be hosting live Zoom meetings for parents during the next 2 weeks. These sessions are not compulsory but provide opportunity for the teacher to explain the week's learning and answer any questions parents may have. Each session will be 15 minutes only. If you are a new family to RJ, students may like to join their parents to see their new teacher. Zoom session times are:

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| 8.45am | KR | KJ | KS | 1J |
| 9.00am | 1R | 2R | 5J | |
| 9.15am | 1S | 3J | 4J | |
| 9.30am | 3R | | | |
| 9.45am | 4R | | | |
| 10am | 5R | 6R | 6J | |
| 10.15am | 2J | | | |

STUDENT SUPERVISION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

RJ will provide supervision to students to complete Distance Learning onsite to support parents who are essential workers on the days they are required to work and where they are unable to provide supervision to their child/ren to perform this essential work on these days. Please follow the link in the Principal's communication if you require this supervision, noting that only pre-registered students are able to attend School each day. Staff will predominately be working from home, with only minimal staff on Campus each day to supervise students of essential workers.

Student drop off is between 8:30-8:45am and is **'Kiss and Drop'** at Dryden Ave gate. Parents are not permitted to exit their vehicle (unless required to assist with seatbelts) or enter the School beyond the gate..

After School pick up is at 3:20pm. This will be from Dryden Ave or the Church carpark. Again, parents remain in their vehicles unless their child needs assistance with their seatbelt. Teachers will supervise until 3:40pm.

Parents on foot, please exercise social distancing from Staff and other parents.

EXCURSIONS, INCURSIONS

All excursions and incursions planned for Weeks 1-4 of Term 3 have been cancelled and staff are in the process of rebooking these exciting events for later in Term 3 or early Term 4.

Both the Principal and I will continue to provide further emails based on Government guidelines for Schools over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work together with the children through these challenging times. Do not hesitate to contact me via email kshannonduhigg@rjas.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns during the Distance Learning period.

Yours sincerely,

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