

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Toukley

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## All Students Return in Week 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so wonderful to see all of the smiling faces as your children resume face-to-face learning with us. The *Phase 1* transition back to school has gone very smoothly. Thank you for your role in this.

Late yesterday, the Catholic Schools Office directed all schools to implement *Phase 3* (all students attending 5 days per week) from **Week 5**. For us, this means our students will return to us 5 days a week from **Monday 25 May**. We are excited and ready for their return. From this date, lessons will return to 'normal' and Home-based Learning will cease. Library, PE, Music and Italian lessons will recommence.

Until we are advised otherwise, there will be a number of operational adjustments that will remain in place for Term 2. Firstly, there will be no Canteen, this includes lunch orders. Our playground equipment will remain closed. We request that parents and carers continue to not enter the school grounds unless visiting the school office, uniform shop or to attend an arranged meeting. Excursions, Masses and carnivals will not begin until we are directed. As health advice continues to impact how we operate, we will keep you updated on how this affects our school.

Drop off and pick-up arrangements will continue to be altered. The current 'Walk-up' and 'Drive-Up' options for collecting your child are likely to remain for the term. Thank you for the ease in which you have adapted to these changes. We appreciate your efforts to create a sign for your car window indicating who you are collecting - they are invaluable (and some, quite funny!). There may be small changes to these routines as more children return to school. If this happens, we will let you know.

Next week, Week 4, we will expect children to attend school on their designated day, as they have done this week.

I would like to once again thank all of our families for your continuous support, calmness, flexibility, humour and understanding. We are blessed to have such a wonderful school community. Thank you!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emma Sellars'.

Emma Sellars  
*Assistant Principal*