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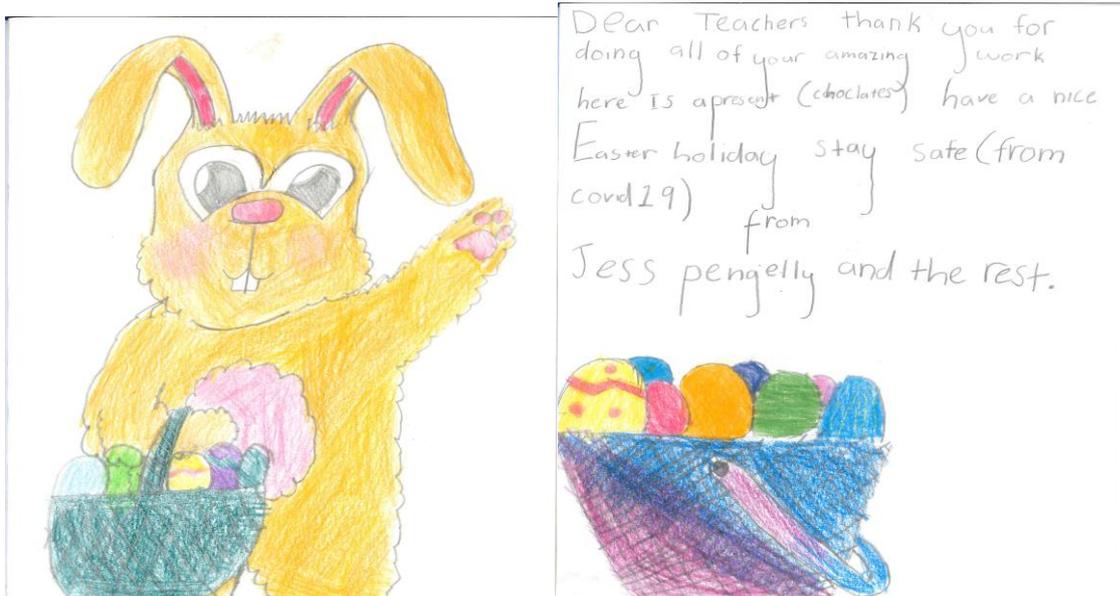
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and happy as our community goes through these uncertain times. Today's update concerns how school will be running in Term 2. While I'm writing this update, I'm keeping the important message, sent by Kerry Hartmann, yesterday, in mind. I loved Kerry's message of optimism and keeping a balanced perspective towards learning as the pandemic continues. Thank you again, to all the parents who have sent lovely messages. While it may seem like teachers are having an easy few weeks, the learning curve and sheer amount of work needed to prepare for a completely new way of lesson delivery, has been huge. I am so proud of all the teachers, assistants and support staff for the positive way they have embraced the challenges thrown up by the "new normal".



Yesterday, our staff met to make planning decisions which will ensure that our students will have the opportunity to stay connected to their teachers and to the learning program in Term 2. Our decisions are based upon advice sent to schools yesterday, from the Director General of Education.

Term Two Update from the Director General of Education Monday 6th April, 2020

- **Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home unless they work in essential services.**
- All public schools will remain open.
- Staff will be present on school sites.
- All students will be taught online or by alternative methods.
- Student wellbeing will remain our priority.

Thank you for supporting the government’s directive to keep your children at home if at all possible. By doing that you are reducing the risks to them, to the school staff and to the wider community. As you all know, the situation can change rapidly. If any of this information changes I will inform you through another update.

Online Learning at Home

This week marked the start of early school holidays for students and you may have noticed our teachers have updated the class CONNECT pages to reflect this. There are still some Easter and fun family activities for everyone to use. Teachers are continuing to work in teams to plan and upload as much work as they can in preparation for Term 2.

a. Device Accessibility

Much of the way that children learn now is taught using multi-modal delivery. We understand that not all homes have internet connection or access to suitable devices for remote learning. We would like to make provisions for anyone unable to access online resources. Please contact the school either by **phoning 6207 2100 or emailing goollelal.ps@education.wa.edu.au today or tomorrow** if you are unable to access the internet.

b. Daily Teacher Check Ins-Term Two

Each class from Pre-primary to Year 6 has been scheduled to have a daily teacher check-in via Webex next term. Our Kindy classes will check in on Tuesdays and Fridays.

These check ins will be a chance for teachers to say hello to all the children in the class, to answer questions and to share news. Parents and children will be asked to contact teachers by CONNECT or email if they have questions. By doing that, we will be able to streamline the check ins and make them an enjoyable part of the learning at home experience. Each class teacher will be sending home more information about how these check-ins will be run via CONNECT.

Webex is the only platform that is fully supported by the Department of Education. Links to the installation guides for Webex can be found at the link here:

<https://www.goollelalps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Accessing-Webex-1.pdf>

Class Webex Check-Ins Timetable

The class check in timetable has been worked out to avoid children in the same family being timetabled at the same time. For this reason, we have timetabled two groups for TA12. Teachers will have more information regarding the check-ins on the class CONNECT pages, including which students are in each group (TA12 only) and how the check ins will run.

Time	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9.00-9.25	TA8 and TA9				
9.30-9.55	TA10 and TA4	TA10, TA4 and TA1	TA10 and TA4	TA10 and TA4	TA10, TA4 and TA1
10.00-10.25	TA12(a)	TA12(a) and TA2	TA12(a)	TA12(a)	TA12(a) and TA2
10.30-10.55	TA12(b), TA14, TA3				
11.00-11.25	TA6 and TA7				

Mulch

While many of you are staying in more often, you might like to do some gardening. If you would like to take some mulch from the pile out the front of our school, please help yourself.

Something to Lighten the Mood

While our staff have been working really hard preparing for Term 2, we thought we would lighten the serious mood by making a fun video for all our students and families. This video is a practice run for our teachers to experiment with some of the technology we will be using next term. We hope you all enjoy our video when it premieres soon.

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