

Learning at Home

Hello to all the school community. Even though we have all had our lives interrupted it is so wonderful to see so many families making the most of it. The teaching staff have been very busy planning for the coming weeks in a delivery that no one could have foreseen. Thank you for being patient as we make every attempt to support you at home.

Something else that is wonderful is the '*natural learning*' that is taking place. There's value in spending time together, dragging out the monopoly game and digging in the garden. Learning and discovery takes place in so many ways and in so many places. While we as teachers plan for the incremental building of knowledge, being at home and learning another way, a *different curriculum*, has merit as well. The last thing that anyone from Goollelal wants is stressed families. Do what works for you as a family. Take breaks, sing songs, read books and play games. Soon enough you will be back 'home' with us and in a more formalized learning environment.

As an early childhood teacher I used to give out a lovely poem and it reminds me of this situation that we find ourselves in. Remember there is not always something to show when we are learning....

There's Nothing in My Bag Today

Today I did my math and science;
I toasted bread,
I halved and quartered.
I counted, measured,
Used my eyes and ears and head.
I added and subtracted on the way,
I used a magnet, blocks, and memory tray.
I learned about a rainbow and how to weigh,
So please don't say, "*Is there anything in your bag today?*"

You see, I'm sharing as I play.
I learned to listen,
And speak clearly when I talk,
To wait my turn, and when inside to walk,
To put my thoughts into a phrase,
To guide a crayon through a maze,
To find my name and write it down,
To work with a smile and not a frown,
To put my pasting brush away,
So please don't say, "*Is there anything in your bag today?*"

I've learned about a snail and a worm,
Remembering how to take my turn,
Helped my brother learn when he was stuck,
Learned that water runs off a duck.
I looked at words from left to right,
Agreed to differ, not to fight.
So please don't say, "*Did you only play today?*"



Rainbows of Hope



If you are driving along Cadogan Street past the school, you will see our *Rainbows of Hope*. The definition of a rainbow is an arch of colours visible in the sky, caused by the refraction and dispersion of the sun's light by rain or other water droplets in the atmosphere. The colours of the rainbow are generally said to be red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. We send each family beautiful sprinkles of rainbow colours full of good health and well-being and hope for our future together.

Sad News

Over the weekend I learned that our dear friend Andrea Mitchell has passed away. Andrea served as the member for Kingsley from 2008 -2017. However, it was long before that that we were so fortunate to meet Andrea, who would attend P&C meetings as an interested member of the public and very soon she became a loyal advocate for our wonderful school. I must tell you that she was such a humble, kind, genuine and considered lady who had 'community' in her heart, at all times. She wanted only the best for us and fought hard for us. I remember having several meetings with her about the value of having maximum Education Assistant time in our classrooms to support our most vulnerable children. She showed up one day and said, 'put me to work - I need to understand' She spent the day working as an Education Assistant in one of our busy classrooms.

Andrea was special; quietly spoken, dedicated and gracious and I will always be grateful to have known her. She worked across a variety of domains in Perth from Tennis West, to being a trustee of Telethon and others. She has left a gaping hole in the community that she loved so much. It is with much sadness that we say goodbye and send our condolences to her family from the Goollelal Primary School community with our grateful thanks.

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