



Principal's Pen

Welcome back to Term 2! I would like to send a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for the exceptional way that you have all coped with the myriad of changes and disruptions to our normal school operations. Our staff, students and parents have all continued to show care, kindness and compassion for each other as we have adjusted to new ways of working, living and learning. As the restrictions associated with Covid-19 start to ease, we are going back to our normal delivery of news through our fortnightly newsletter. Urgent notices will continue to be sent out through our Skoolbag App and on CONNECT if they are needed.

Home Learning Activities and Webex Conferences



This week we had over 80% of students returning to school. We would like to continue to support those students who are continuing to learn at home but, to avoid overloading our teachers, we will be changing the way home learning is delivered. From Monday the 11th of May we will be asking parents to use the Connected Learning Hub at [Connected Learning Hub](#) to access work packages. Our teachers will still be adding notices and some tailored content to the CONNECT page for each class, but this may not be as frequent or as detailed as it was for the first few weeks. Parents can email classroom teachers for feedback about their child's work or if they have questions about the resources. Please email me at Lynne.Anderson@education.wa.edu.au if you need any help with accessing work packages from home.

Running video conferences has been a steep learning curve for many of us. Thank you for your patience when things have not worked. We particularly liked Shayla's, "Having Technical Problems" sign when the sound wasn't working! Webex conferences will continue to be held once per week at a time advertised by each classroom teacher. If the numbers of children at home is minimal, I have given teachers the option of calling individual children to check on their progress. Your classroom teacher will advise you if that is the case.



Reports

This semester, reports will be significantly different. Because of the prolonged disruption to normal classes and assessments, our teachers will not be using a five point scale or A to E grades. Our teachers will write comments for the learning areas indicated in our Semester 1 Reporting Schedule.

This schedule is used by all our teachers to maintain Department of Education reporting requirements. Our specialist teachers see more than 200 students per week in their classes and we do not expect them to write comments for each and every student. Each semester, our specialist teachers grade every student and write a comment for either the junior classes, or the senior classes. For example, in Science this semester, Mr Rintoul would normally grade all students, but only write comments for his Year 4 to Year 6 classes. Next semester, he will grade all students but only write comments for his Year 1 to Year 3 classes. Because this semester has been disrupted, in Science, there will be no grades and only the Year 4 to Year 6 students will have a comment.

We have recently updated our Assessment, Curriculum and Reporting Policy. This policy has lots of information about school reports, including a new matrix for teachers to assess students' personal and social learning development. The policy will be added to our school website next week.

Kindergarten Carpark - Kiss n Drive

I have been so pleased by the way our Kindergarten Kiss n Drive has been running over the last two weeks. Congratulations to all involved for making it work so safely and smoothly. We will be continuing to trial the use of the Kindergarten carpark as a Kiss n Drive for the foreseeable future. If no major problems occur I am considering converting this carpark into a Kiss n Drive for all parents. This will depend on everyone continuing to drive slowly through the area rather than parking and getting out.

School Board

We are currently looking for parents who may be interested in nominating for membership to our School Board. Our parent members of the board bring their experience as parents at the school, and the views of the wider school community. Members of the Board are appointed for a term not exceeding three years. For more information on the functions and roles of the Board, please read our Terms of Reference in the Board section of our website: <https://www.goollelalps.wa.edu.au/school-board/about-school-board/>

Lynne

Lynne Anderson | **Principal**



Deputy's Desk



Dear Parents and Friends

Mothers Day

Firstly, I would like to wish all our lovely mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mothers' Day for Sunday. Let's hope that you all get to put your feet up and get thoroughly spoiled for the day. Today the children filed through the canteen and Lynne and I enjoyed playing shop keepers as they lovingly picked their little pressies for their mums. The selection was fabulous this year, so you can expect something nice! (there are no tea- towels, rubber gloves or sponges!!) Grateful thanks to Eleanore De Beer who made the displays so beautiful following all the purchasing and Karen Haseldine for all the clerical work who created lists of students who had paid. Also thank you to the P&C for making sure our mums are acknowledged each year.

I must share a little story which happened yesterday. The year six children and I took all the gifts to all the classes so the children knew what was available. Without telling all, it is probably no secret to assume that one of the gifts is a wine glass. In each class I said, 'who has seen mum with one of these in her hand lately?' I would say it was about a 98% strike rate. One little boy (who shall remain nameless) spontaneously combusted and called out "YES... ABOUT 30 times a day!" – out of the mouth of babes!

Mental health and Well-being (Adults)

Taking care of your own mental health and well-being at this time is important. Remember support is available. For personal crisis and mental health support services you can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636.

Student Update Forms

Next week Student Update Forms will be sent home with those students at school. If your child is learning from home you can either contact jane.quirk@education.wa.edu.au for a copy to be emailed or we will hold onto the forms until your child returns. Please check and return the forms to school with your child as soon as possible, with corrections made. It is very important we have accurate information on our system.

Medical Needs

We take great care to get all medical issues for children correct. We are coming in to winter now so please ensure that in date asthma puffers are either in school bags or the office (with a plan) If you require a form please contact me.

Kerry

Kerry Hartmann | Deputy **Principal**



From the Community

A reminder that, for duty of care reasons, the Department of Education requires us to differentiate between school organized, P&C organised and business/community activities. These are non-school activities.

Before School, After School and Vacation Care



Care for Kids OSHC, Goollelal PS

Before School:	Monday to Friday from 6.30am
After School:	Monday to Friday until 6.00pm
Vacation Care/Pupil Free Days:	Monday to Friday 6.30am to 6.00pm

For children in Kindy to Year 6

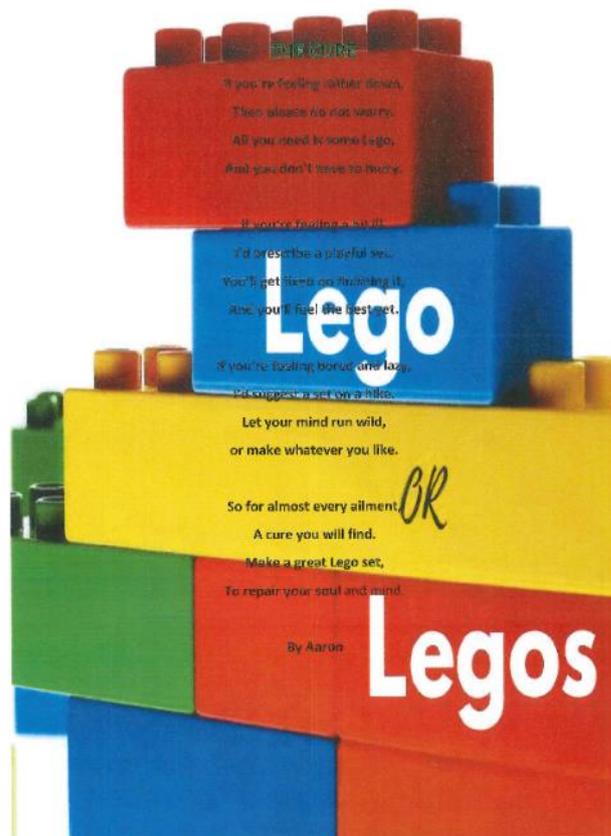
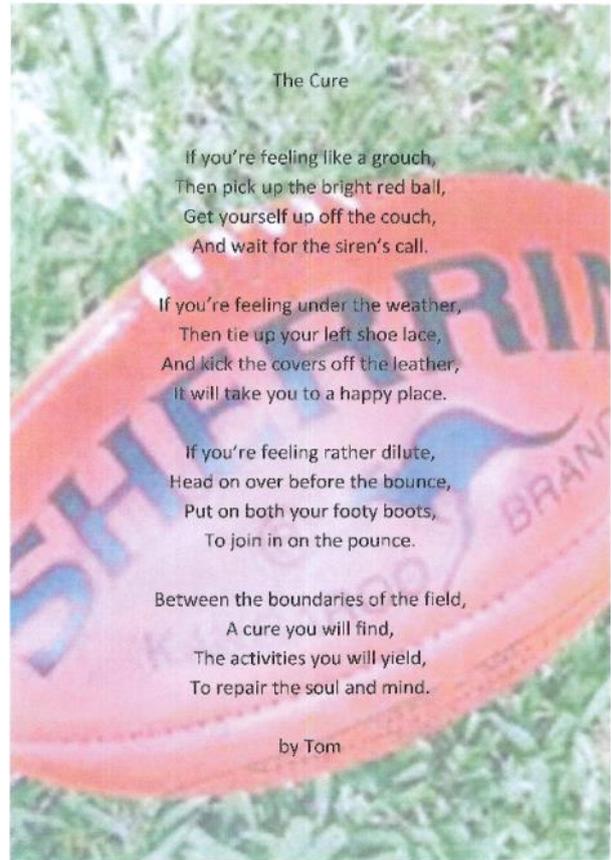
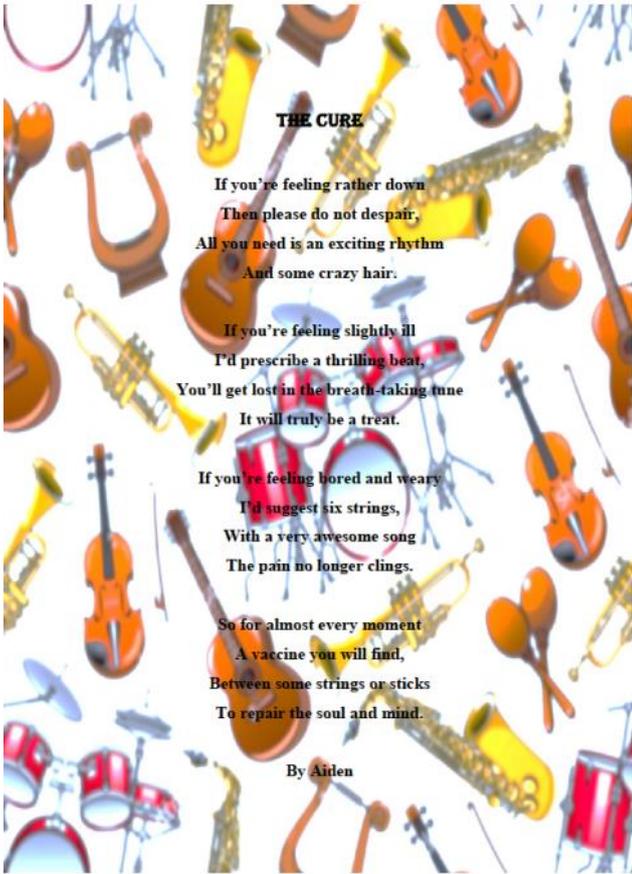
Government Child Care Subsidy applies

Call into our room and say 'hello' or contact us on
goollelalpsoshc@careforkidswa.net.au or 9309 2300

At Care for Kids OSHC, Goollelal Primary School we provide:

- A safe, fun and engaging environment.
- Interesting and challenging activities.
- Professional, experienced, qualified and consistent Educators.
- Weekly activity facilitated by an external coach, e.g. Rhythm Fix percussion, Zumba, Pyjama Drama, multisport, martial arts – at no additional cost.
- An healthy and nutritional afternoon snack from our low in additives/added sugar menus.
- A fully licensed and accredited service.
- Educational projects and programs.
- A wide variety of engaging and exciting play spaces, including pet chickens.
- Fun filled vacation care programs including excursions and incursions.
- Collaboration and working in partnership with the school community.
- Online, secure enrolment process.

Year 6 Poems | The Cure



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The Cure

If you're feeling rather down,
Then please do not despair,
All you need is a charged iPhone,
And a very relaxing chair.

If you're feeling kinda off,
I'd prescribe some headphones to block out noise,
You'll get lost in an awesome song,
Without listening to little girls and boys.

If you're feeling bored and tired,
I'd suggest some time on Spotify,
A song happy a song joyful,
Trust me through tough times it'll get you by.

So for almost every ailment,
A relaxing time you will find,
Between the covers of your iPad,
To relax your soul and mind.

By: Annika

The Cure

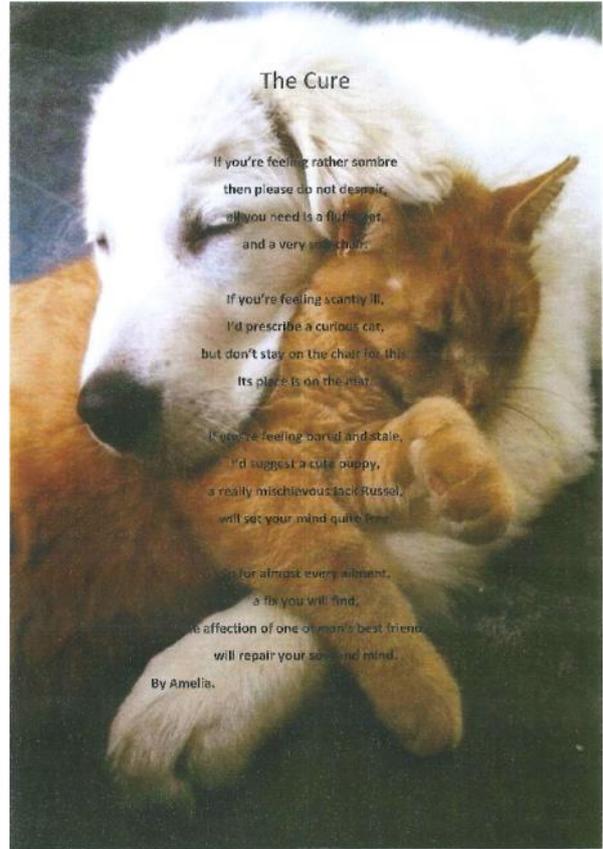
If you're feeling rather sombre
then please do not despair,
all you need is a fluffy pet
and a very soft chair.

If you're feeling scantily ill,
I'd prescribe a curious cat,
but don't stay on the chair for this
its place is on the mat.

If you're feeling bored and stale,
I'd suggest a cute puppy,
a really mischievous Jack Russell,
will set your mind quite free.

So for almost every ailment,
a fix you will find,
The affection of one of man's best friend
will repair your soul and mind.

By Amelia



From the Community



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For more information
<https://joondalup.spydus.com>
or call 9400 4751



OverDrive Kids

Over 5,000 eBooks and audiobooks in fiction and nonfiction titles in a child friendly collection.

Download the Libby app to get started.



Story Box Library

Short story telling videos from Australia's favourite authors, illustrators and storytellers.

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Storytime.Anytime



Busy Things

Fun and educational activities to play online. Numbers, alphabet, colours, shapes and problem solving.

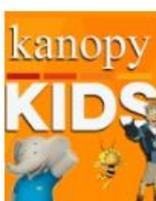
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Britannica Library

All questions answered in the language and detail a child can understand. Interactive games and learning.

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Kanopy Kids

Stream the best of Australian and international movies, TV, story time and education.

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KidSpeak

Explore, play and learn French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin, or English in a fun and vibrant way.

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Anyone can join online. Anytime.

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Be fitter, healthier and happier!

The Better Health Program is a free 10-week healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year old children who are above a healthy weight, and their families. The program is available face-to-face or online in selected areas throughout Australia.

Get in touch to find out if the program is available near you!



Online or
face to face activity
sessions and resources



Free fitness tracker*,
freebie packs and
rewards

*Online program only



One-on-one
phone-based or face to
face health coaching

To register or find out more:

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to find out if the program is available in your area.