Principal's Report to the P&C Tuesday 4 May 2021

Staffing Update

As some of you may be aware, Goollelal was over-staffed with Special Needs Education Assistants at the start of this year. This issue has been resolved as a result of Michelle Newbury and Caroline Boldra winning positions at other schools. Despite the reduction in staff numbers, funding for special needs students remains well above the amount received from the Department of Education.

Other recent changes include:

- Appointment of Chris Hemsley as Manager Corporate Services
- Vanessa Furlong to continue as Deputy Principal for Term 2, with possible extension
- Ros Tsolakis to take one day per week long service leave from next term. Alexis Poczwa (returning from maternity leave) to teach on this day.
- Geoff Rintoul to take long service leave each Monday for the remainder of the year. Jen Cornish to teach on this day.

I plan to take long service leave from 17 - 28 May. Vanessa Furlong will take on the role of Principal, with Kat Free acting as Deputy Principal.

40th Anniversary

Plans are underway for a 40th anniversary event on Friday 29 October. Tentative plans include:

- Friday afternoon assembly 2-3pm. Invited special guests
- 3 5pm classrooms open / library with displays from the past
- Potential P&C involvement coffee van/bouncy castle/stalls
- Potential for picnic / food trucks on the oval
- 5pm Sundowner with past staff

Next meeting of 40th anniversary committee: Tomorrow (Wednesday 5 April) at 3:20 pm.

Undercover Area

Approval has been granted to extend the ceiling and carpet for the undercover area. The planned handover date is 7 June.

The Year 6 assembly scheduled for 21 May will go ahead. However, it will now be held in the undercover area adjacent to the kindergarten.

Our plan is that parents will be permitted to attend assemblies this year. However, like all things at the moment, this will depend upon the health advice at the time.

Flu Vaccinations

Parents and students are able to register for free flu vaccinations on the school site on 25 May 2021. Registrations are available on https://tinyurl.com/GPSflu

P&C Wish List

- Literacy Planet subscription AU\$ 2,901.78 per annum
- Additional outdoor play equipment for the early years up to \$5,000.
- Replacement iPads --- total cost \$28,000 but some funds available.

Dogs

We are having increasing problems with dog owners not taking responsibility for their pets. This issue will be considered by the School Board in Term 3 with one option being to no longer permit dogs on the school site.

Sports Carnival Dates

Faction Carnivals:

Jumps, throws and long distance: Tuesday 7 September

Main carnival: Friday 10 September

Interschool Carnivals (at Glendale Primary)

Jumps, throws and long distance: Monday 20 September

Main carnival: Wednesday 22 September

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