

Newsletter No 8 | June 2021

GOOLLELAL
PRIMARY SCHOOL



As part of the Western Australian public education system, Goollelal Primary School is reviewed regularly to ensure that we are providing your child with the very best education possible. These reviews provide us with an opportunity to reflect on where we are heading, identify opportunities for improvement and, perhaps most importantly, to celebrate our strengths and successes.

We have begun the process of completing a self-assessment against six important domains:

1. Relationships and Partnerships;
2. Learning Environment;
3. Leadership;
4. Use of Resources;
5. Teaching Quality; and
6. Student Achievement and Progress.

A team of external reviewers will visit our school in Term 4 and validate our assessment.

Your voice is important and your feedback will help us on our improvement journey. Whether you wish to acknowledge a staff member, celebrate a success or suggest an improvement, I invite you to provide me with feedback at paul.fuller@education.wa.edu.au or by phone on 6207 2100.

Paul Fuller | **PRINCIPAL**

Staffing

Thank you to Mrs Vanessa Furlong, who did an outstanding job acting as Principal while I was on long service leave. Vanessa will now return to the Deputy Principal role and will continue in this position for Term 3.

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School Development Day

In addition to preparing for the Public School Review, we are also developing our Strategic Plan for 2022-2024. On our recent School Development Day, staff members used the 'Lego Serious Play' method to brainstorm ideas and future directions for the school.

The insights gained through this process were incredibly valuable and will inform future planning by the School Board. Moreover, the innovative process was a fun way of stimulating discussion and ensuring that all voices were heard.



"You can learn more about a person in an hour of play than you can from a lifetime of conversation" Plato



Chaplain's Corner

Hello GPS Community

My name is Tammy Bija and I am the new Chaplain. This is my 3rd year as a School Chaplain and I consider it an immense privilege when a school welcomes me in to their community.

I have a passion and a heart for supporting people through difficult times and my background is in grief and loss. As you get to know me you will hear my heart for children and their needs. I was born in Africa and moved to Perth when I was 5 years old. I have lived in the northern suburbs most of my life and love basketball, running, craft activities and anything that involves fun and a challenge. I am a proud and busy Mum of 3 boys (13, 12 and 9 years old).



My role is to provide safe and trusted support and care. I believe this is by being available and adaptable to understanding the wellbeing of staff, students and families in our community.

Stop, Think, Breathe

One of our biggest challenges as we live our daily lives can be being present and in the moment. This is a skill I myself have had to really master. As I have developed the skill I have realised that “mindfulness” is not just an activity we can do but also a way of reducing our stress in moments and help us to focus on the task at hand. I have found a great app that has supported many children to learn to focus and ground themselves at particular times. It has shown to help kids who do have anxiety or overthinking tendencies to recognise the feelings.

The app is called “Stop, Breathe and Think” and there is also one for adults which I use myself from time to time <https://kidsapp.stopbreathethink.com/parent>

The way I use it is as a shared tool.

1. Sit with your child and ask them to rate how they are feeling. I use numbers as that is what resonates with a lot of children (eg. 1 to 10 scale – I am worried and it is a 10)
2. Pick a mission on the app.
3. Complete the mission with your child. It is only a few minutes.
4. Ask your child to rate how they are feeling now. If it is the same then you could do the activity again. If it is lower you can even ask what they think may have helped.

Pausing and allowing time for this type of activity with your child provides an opportunity for reflection, and helps them identify and recognise how they are feeling. It may also give you a little more insight into your child and very likely during the activity you will also found a way to be mindful. My personal favourite is Shake it Up. Give it a try.

I look forward to meeting each of you over the term and I will be in school on a Wednesday. Please feel free to contact me through the office as a need arises. My door is always open.

Tammy Bija | **Chaplain**

Semester One Reports

Our school distributes student reports to parents via email. Please email jane.quirk@education.wa.edu.au to let us know if you have changed your email address. Semester One Reports will be emailed late in the afternoon on 29 June 2021.

IMPORTANT: You are also advised to either print off this Report or save it to your document files, as soon as received. The report link will be unavailable after 4 weeks and you will not be able to access your children's reports after that.

Meeting Free Week

Our teachers are currently burning the midnight oil, writing student reports until late at night. As part of Goollelal's commitment to staff wellbeing, we have therefore nominated next week as a 'meeting-free week'. The idea is to allow teachers time to focus on their core business of teaching and learning, while also having some time to spend with their families and recharge.

Can we please request that you avoid booking any non-essential meetings until after the 21st of June? Of course, for any urgent matters, you should feel free to contact Paul or Vanessa directly.



14 June

Meeting Free Week (14 June to 18 June)

16 June

TA10 High School Enrichment Program

18 June

Interschool Sport v Glendale PS at Halidon PS

21 June

Greenwood College Music Tour

25 June

Lightning Carnival at Halidon PS

29 June

Reports emailed to parents

2 July

TA12 Assembly



Honour Certificates



Pre-Primary	Tom B Harriet D Jack G
Year 1	William Q Mason L Madeline W
Year 2	Harper C Lucy P
Year 3	Levi K Xavier W Jake W
Year 4	Sasha W Blake S Phoebe D
Year 5	Caleb G Tabitha S
Year 6	Harry W Freia S
Art	Wilson C Ivy P



First Aid Focus

On Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June we were fortunate to have St John Ambulance come to our school to give us some training. We know that accidents can happen at any time and sometimes the only person available to help is a young person. St John WA came to give first aid training to students, so they know what to do if they are ever faced with a first aid emergency.

The First Aid Focus program aims to train and equip students with the skills to assess and respond to first aid situations, while developing strategies to seek help for themselves or others.

The senior students were given training in DRSAB:

- **D**anger – always check the danger to you, any bystanders and then the injured or ill person. Make sure you do not put yourself in danger when going to the assistance of another person.
- **R**esponse – is the person conscious? Do they respond when you talk to them, touch their hands or squeeze their shoulder?
- **S**end for help – call triple zero (000). Don't forget to answer the questions asked by the operator.
- **A**irway – Is the person's airway clear? Is the person breathing?
- **B**reathing – check for breathing.

The junior students were given training in sending for help – call triple zero (000). The children sang a 000 song and did a role play of dialing 000 and answering the questions asked by the operator.

At our whole school assembly the students were taught the procedure for giving first aid for burns and scalds. Well done to our brave volunteers!

This incursion tied in with some of our important Health curriculum objectives around safety, and we thank St John Ambulance for providing this valuable service for schools.

Diane Harvey | **Teacher**



Lights! Camera! Action!

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On Wednesday 9th June, students in TA12 had the incredible opportunity to present live on the radio on 89.7 FM. This is broadcast from the ECU Joondalup campus as part of the School of Thought, a radio show run completely by students.

This was an exciting and memorable process as 89.7 FM boasts over 70, 000 listeners in an average week. Students were responsible for choosing their own topics, which ranged from:

- A list of adventurous things to do before you die.
- Interesting and unusual animal adaptations
- All the amazing elements of Goollelal Primary School
- Minecraft
- The history of cars

Students were organised and well prepared. As a result, the day ran smoothly and the feedback from students was sensational. If you would like to listen to TA12's broadcast you can find it at the following link.

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnLoganSchoolOfThought>

Camille Pallett | **Teacher**





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Shaping the future

Is your child starting Kindergarten next year?

You can apply to enrol your child if they are turning four years old by 30 June 2022. Contact your local public kindergarten or community kindergarten for more information. Apply by 23 July 2021.

Every day of a child's education matters.

To find a public school in your area visit [education.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline](https://www.education.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline)



Goollelal P&C

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HOT CHOCOLATE TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday in Terms 2 and 3
(from 1 June 2021)

A big thanks to Em Yeatman for organising!

Get yours from the canteen for \$1!

*BYO reusable cup

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.

From the Community



PLAYGROUP WA
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
AT THE

GOOLLELAL PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP



- WHEN:** Thursdays
TIME: 9:00am to 11:00am
WHERE: The Kindy Room, Goollelal Primary School
30 Cadogan St, Kingsley
BRING: A hat, a piece of fruit to be shared, and a gold coin donation

At playgroup you can have fun playing with your child, meet other parents and familiarise your child with the school environment ready for future school years.

For enrolment, fees, or general enquiries please contact
Lisa D'Uva on: 0407 216 929, or email: gps_playgroup@hotmail.com

