Principal's Report to the P&C Tuesday 3 May 2022

Thank you

Term 1 of 2022 was perhaps the most challenging school term that any of us have experienced. I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful Goollelal community for your flexibility, patience and maturity as we responded to a constantly-changing set of rules and circumstances. I would also like to express my appreciation to Goollelal's dedicated staff, including countless relief staff, who kept the school open and our children learning during the peak of the pandemic.

Easing of Restrictions

Schools have now returned to 'baseline' settings. For Goollelal, this means:

- Staff, students and community members are no longer required to wear masks. Some individuals will choose to continue wearing a mask, and we are supportive of this choice.
- Full-school assemblies can begin again.
- · Parent volunteers are permitted.
- · Students will once again eat together in the undercover area.
- · Art Club and Science Club will re-commence.
- Year 6 camp will proceed.
- Buddy classes can re-commence.

One of the positives to come out of this experience has been the increased independence of our students. While parents are again permitted to enter classrooms, we strongly encourage parents to support the independent routines that have now been established.

Rules for Positive Cases / RAT tests

As before, parents should contact the school if your child tests positive or becomes a household close contact. However, the rules for positive cases have been greatly simplified.

Children who test positive must quarantine for seven full days as before. Children who are household close contacts can come to school, provided that they have no symptoms. They will, however, be required to do a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and receive a negative result each day to attend school.

The government will be providing all families with free RATs and these will be distributed via the school later in the term. Free RATs are available right now for close contacts from the Joondalup vaccination clinic.

Parent-teacher interviews

Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for tomorrow. We are pleased to be able to provide this opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher. As a courtesy to our staff, we are asking that parents wear masks to the interviews. This is not a requirement, but will be greatly appreciated by our staff.

Feedback

As a school, we welcome and act upon feedback. The best way of providing this feedback is to contact the school office directly. Social media and online platforms are far less effective than speaking directly to the school about your concerns.

Long Service Leave

I will be on long service leave from the 5th to the 25th of this month. Vanessa Furlong will be Acting Principal during this time, with Kat Free performing the role of Associate Principal.

Paul Fuller | **Principal**