



**Associate Principal's Report to the P&C  
Tuesday 26 July 2022**

**School Board Election**

We were very pleased to have four parents nominate for the role of parent representative on the Goollelal Primary School Board. This is indicative of the very high level of parent engagement and connection at our school. Thank you to all nominees.

I am pleased to announce that the new parent representative for the School Board is Caitlin Merritt.

**Flagpoles**

Our graduating class recently wrote a persuasive text arguing that Goollelal should install two additional flagpoles so that we can fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. This would also allow flexibility to allow different flags, such as the New Zealand flag on ANZAC Day or the Western Australian flag on WA Day.

We found our students' arguments very persuasive and have committed to installing these flagpoles by the end of the year. The Year 6 students have indicated that they would like to contribute towards the cost of the project as their parting gift to the school. The remainder of the funding will be covered by the school.


**Solar Panels**

Goollelal will be one of the first schools to receive solar panels from the Schools Clean Energy Technology Fund. These will be installed between September and February on the roof of the assembly hall. The new solar panels will reduce our school's energy bills, freeing up valuable resources for learning, while also reducing our carbon footprint.

**Targeted Literacy Intervention**

Many students require additional support to become fluent readers. I am pleased to report that the before-school Earlybirds program is having a significant positive impact on the reading skills of many of our youngest learners.

We will shortly begin a reading intervention program for selected older students who did not had the benefit of such programs in their younger years. This will be a more intensive program, delivered by Education Assistants during school time in small groups. We are confident that this program will have a significant impact on the reading skills, and therefore the life opportunities, of these children.



### **School Photographer --- community consultation**

The P&C has nominated Katey O'Donovan as its representative on the committee that will select the school's photography provider for 2023 – 2025. We value parent feedback will ensure that the views of the parent community are reflected in our decision making. All feedback should be sent to the P&C email address [pandc@goollelalps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandc@goollelalps.wa.edu.au) by Friday 29 July.

### **COVID Update**

We are continuing to access funding from the Department for daily COVID cleaning. This will continue for the foreseeable future. We have responded to advice and encouraged all staff members to wear masks, but this remains a personal decision.

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