



**Principal's Report to the P&C
Tuesday 18 October 2022**

Around the School

It has been a very positive start to the term, with Edu-Dance lessons commencing plus excursions to the zoo, the museum and Radio 89.7. We are also looking forward to our Pre-Primary assembly this Friday.

Our charity fundraiser for the term will take place next Friday, when students will be able to wear a bright shirt for Loud Shirt Day. All donations will support children with hearing loss.

World Teachers Day

Next Friday 28 October is also World Teachers Day. We would encourage all community members to express their appreciation to a teacher who has made a big difference in the life of their child.

Nature Playground

We are pleased to announce that Stage 1 of the Nature Playground will start next week in the covered area outside TA3. A masterplan has been developed which will enable the playground to be extended in at least two more stages. Many thanks to P&C representative Caitlin Merritt, who has been instrumental in working with the school to make these plans a reality.

Other Improvements

There have also been several other upgrades around the school. The kindergarten has been painted and will shortly receive new furniture, the area outside TA9 has been landscaped (thank you Mr Knight), we have installed two new flagpoles to fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.

Strive Reading

Building on the success of our early intervention program for literacy, Earlybirds, Goollelal is now offering 'Strive Reading' to around 30 students in Years 3 to 6. This intensive program is offered four days a week to students who might otherwise risk falling behind with literacy. Strive Reading forms part of the MultiLit platform of programs and, like all programs at Goollelal, is based on high-quality research. We anticipate that Strive Literacy will be of enormous benefit to the children involved.

Class Placement Process

Parents will shortly be given the opportunity to provide requests about class placements for 2023. These should be based on a child's academic and social needs; requests for specific teachers cannot be considered.



Oxford Maths

From 2023, all Goollelal classes will use Oxford Maths as a consistent whole-school approach to mathematics. Staff are currently being trained in this program and we are confident that our students will benefit from learning mathematics the same way in every classroom.

Oxford Maths is supported by a textbook which will be placed on the Personal Use Items list. Please note that the program is designed around the concept of 'differentiation' so parents should not expect that their child will necessarily complete every page of the book.

Out of School Hours Care

After considering submissions from six care providers, the selection panel has chosen Care for Kids as Goollelal's OSH provider for 2023 and 2024. We are very pleased that Bryanne and her team will continue to be a part of our Goollelal community.

From next year, Care for Kids will be located in the old Therapy Focus area (next to TA10). Our plan is that the current Care for Kids room will be used for literacy and numeracy intervention in 2023.

As part of their ongoing partnership with the school, Care for Kids has offered to sponsor up to six P&C events per year, with amounts of between \$100 to \$200 for each event.

Thank you

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the P&C, and especially the departing members of the committee, for the enormous contribution that you have all made to our school in 2022. I am very excited for the years ahead, and look forward to building on the great work that has already been done.