



**Principal's Report to the P&C  
Tuesday 25 July 2023**

**Centre for Excellence**

Goollelal Primary School is one of 20 schools across the state that has been selected to be a part of the *Centre for Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy*. This is recognition of the work that has been done in this area by our teachers over the past two years, and our involvement will support Goollelal to lift our students' level of achievement from good to great.

We are fortunate to be partnering with 2019 WA Primary School of the Year, Caladenia Primary School. The Centre for Excellence involves professional learning, coaching, school visits, model lessons, leadership advice and lesson feedback. We look forward to seeing the positive impact of this program on your child's learning.

**Athletics Carnival**

This year's faction athletics carnival will be held on Friday 8 September, with the interschool carnival on Friday 20 October (Term 4). Our Phys Ed teacher, Ms Retallack, is employed at Weld Square Primary School on Fridays, so Mrs Furlong has kindly agreed to coordinate this year's carnival.

The format of Goollelal's faction athletics carnival will change slightly this year. The day will start with sprint races (including an opportunity for all Kindergarten students to participate) and conclude with relay races and presentations. In between, we will be adopting a circuit format for team games, including passball, leaderball and tunnelball. The new format will mean that all children will participate in more events, minimising the amount of time spent sitting in the faction bays.

Parent volunteers are the key to a successful carnival. The new format will allow volunteers to stay with a single year group, allowing parents to observe their child close-up, while also helping with the carnival.

**Book Week: 21 – 25 August**

This year's Book Week theme is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. The annual book fair, coordinated by Ali Hegan, will once again be held in the school library before and after school. This is Ali's last year at Goollelal so we will be looking for a new coordinator next year. The week will culminate in an author visit by Rachael Robertson on Thursday and our Book Week dress up day on Friday 25 August.

**Community Fundraiser**

I would like to sincerely thank the Goollelal community for the very generous donations to last term's fundraiser for a family in need. We raised over \$3,000 which is a record for the school.

This term's fundraiser is Pyjama Day on 11 August, with all proceeds to Fostering Hope.

**Paul Fuller | PRINCIPAL**