

Principal's Report to the P&C
Tuesday 28 November 2023

School Timetable

In Term 1 of 2024, Goollelal will trial a change in the school schedule. This will involve an earlier lunch break, with students playing first before sitting down to eat. Also, children will have an afternoon break in place of morning recess. Students may continue to 'crunch and sip' as needed throughout the school day.

These changes will **not** affect drop-off times, pick-up times or early close on Tuesdays. The proposed timetable is as follows:

8:20	Staff available to supervise students in undercover area
8:40	Classroom doors open
8:50	School starts / Daily Fitness
9:00	Learning block 1
10:00	Learning block 2
11:00	Play
11:25	Early lunch
11:40	Learning block 3
12:40	Learning block 4
1:40	Afternoon recess
2:00	Learning block 5
3:00	Pack away
3:10	End of school day

The goals of the trial are:

- to encourage students to eat their entire lunch;
- to help students return from their lunch break settled and ready to learn;
- to reduce the number of transitions during the school day;
- to support collaboration between teachers; and
- to increase the amount of uninterrupted time in mornings (when students are most receptive to learning).

We recognise that these changes will have an impact on canteen operations, and are hopeful that the earlier lunch break will make it easier for parents to volunteer.

We will review the effectiveness of these changes at the end of Term 1 based on feedback from staff, students and parents.



Class Structure

Several parents have asked for further information about the proposed class structure for 2024. I have shared a video with the school community outlining the thinking behind the structure, specifically:

- The goal of keeping class sizes small, especially in the early years.
- Ensuring at least eight students from each year level in any multi-age class.
- Teaching to student need, not biological age.
- Full-time teachers in any multi-age class.
- Creating multiple placement options for students.

I encourage parents to contact me if they still have further questions.

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