



KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION BOOK

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PRIMARY SCHOOL
sharing, caring & learning

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Welcome to the Goollelal Primary Early Childhood Classroom

Dear Parents,

It takes a village to raise a child

Children are the heart of the Goollelal Primary School Community. Staff take great care to educate, nurture and keep our children safe. Welcome to Goollelal Primary School for what I hope is a long and rewarding experience for your child and also your family as you begin a journey of belonging in a new community.

During the early years of education, Goollelal Primary offers your child an eclectic mix of activities and lessons which will all play a part in getting your child ready for the future that lies ahead.

As your child progresses through school, they will experience all the wonders that school life brings, from experiments in Science, Maths, English to assemblies and physical activities. They will learn about the world and how it works. Importantly, they will make lots of friends, some who may last a lifetime.

There may be challenges along the way but nothing that we won't help with in our partnership with you, the parents. Parents play a vital role in the journey that lies ahead. I look forward to getting to know each parent as time goes by.

Kind regards,

Kerry

Kerry Hartmann | **Principal**



Sharing, Caring and Learning

School Vision Statement

Goollelal Primary School works hard to provide all students with a quality education; one that promotes respect for self and others, embraces the pursuit of personal excellence and instils a love for lifelong learning.



About Our School

Goollelal Primary School was the first public school built in the Kingsley area. The school opened in 1981.

At Goollelal Primary School our Kindergarten students love playing in our shaded enchanted garden, fishing boat and cubby house.

We are continuously developing and upgrading our junior play area to create more opportunities for active, play-based learning with links to the classroom program.

This includes developing an outside classroom, where the children enjoy actively role-playing stories and fairy tales they have been learning about in class and become involved in the natural aspect of the outside area.

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Our Kindergarten Program

It is our intention that the best possible opportunities are offered to your child to challenge and extend their learning, allowing your child to reach their full potential. Our goal, at all stages, is to provide the necessary ingredients for success and the laying of foundations for successful practices and knowledge for the future. These goals include the following:

- Development of a positive self-esteem and an understanding of themselves.
- Encouragement to participate as members of a group, learning to share and taking turns.
- Development of the ability to work independently.
- Providing opportunities to initiate and interact positively with peers and adults.
- Every effort will be made to ensure that our program is progressive and that we are in line with current best practice and thinking. As such, as the year goes by the children will have a taste of digital technologies and other contemporary initiatives.
- The content of the program will be developed from the children's own needs and interests as well as aligned to both the Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and the *Early Years Learning Framework for Australia* (EYLF). Portfolios of your child's work and reports will be sent home twice during the school year.



We strongly believe that children need to be given the opportunity to see what they are capable of learning. Just watch them learn!

Please ensure that if you decide to teach your child how to write their name that you model the correct practice where the first letter is upper case and the remainder is lower case (some Kindergarten children will use all capitals). Also take note of starting points when forming letters. Another area in which the children often experience difficulty with is the writing of numbers. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated (please see the laminated handout).

The Kindergarten Day

Kindergarten is a wonderland of painting and story time; of talking and listening; of exploring the world; and of making new friends.



Your child begins to build on what they have learned at home. This includes their understanding of language – that language is made up of words, that written words are made up of letters in the alphabet and that spoken sounds can be written down. They also learn about numbers and shapes and the many different ways we use maths in our lives every day.

These early lessons are precursors to helping your child later with reading, spelling, language and mathematics skills. Your child's teacher takes into account the many different experiences and backgrounds of children in the classroom to make sure the learning program helps each child.

Children learn social skills by playing with other children, sharing equipment and taking turns while developing confidence in social settings. Not all children have this ability naturally so it is here at Kindy where we give children opportunities and the structure for success.

All of the above is vital to their future formal learning. While Kindergarten is pre-compulsory education, parents are encouraged to send their children to give them the opportunity of actively engaging in both the curriculum and becoming an important part of the school community. The skills they learn give them the start they need to embark on their educational journey and head towards their bright future.

Getting ready for Kindergarten

Here are some simple things you can do to help your child (and the rest of the family!) get ready to start Kindergarten:

- Read stories with your child about starting school.
- Go past the school and talk to your child about how they will soon be going there, the fun things they will do and the friends they will make.
- Go shopping together to buy a special lunch box and drink bottle, and things they will need such as a school bag and uniform items.
- Label all your child's belongings with their name.
- Introduce yourself to other parents and become part of the school community. Join the Goollelal Primary Playgroup held on Thursday morning in TA1.
- Organise play dates to help your child socialise with the other children in their class.
- Have a routine each morning as you and your child get ready to go to school.
- Make life easier for you and your child by buying clothing with large buttons or Velcro that will allow them to dress themselves. Being able to get themselves ready will also be a confidence boost for your child.
- Once school starts, ensure your child gets enough rest. You will probably find that your child is tired. This is normal as they adjust to their busy days at Kindergarten, learning and playing.
- Provide your child nutritious meals and snacks to keep them energised through the day.
- Talk with your child about their day when they get home. Your enthusiasm is important for them to see and feel, and will show them that school is important.
- Get to know your child's teacher and don't hesitate to talk to them about any issues you may have experienced, and give them feedback – both positive and negative.

Helping your child have a positive first experience of school is important because it can help shape the way they think about school in the future.

Once school starts, please feel welcome to be actively involved yourself. Children love it when their mum or dad comes along to help with reading and other activities.

What to send

Remember to label all items.

- Please send the Booklist requirements in on your child's first day at Kindergarten and ensure the portfolio and glue stick are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Recess food (not to be shared). For example, sultanas, a piece of fruit, cheese, capsicum, tomatoes, cucumber and apricots.
- A healthy lunch for them packed in a lunch box.
- Water in a drink bottle, preferably with a push down spout.
- A navy bucket hat, from Tudor Uniforms, is required from Week 1.
- A change of clothes should be kept in your child's bag, in case of accidents.
- Consumable items such as pencils, only need to be labelled on the box as these will be shared.
- A large bag suitable for carrying their work, lunch box etc.



Arrival and departure of children

Wednesday and Friday 8.30am to 3.10pm

Tuesday 8.30am to 2.30pm
(odd weeks of Term 1, Term 3 and Term 4, even weeks of Term 2 as advised on the Term Planners)

The doors will open at 8.30am for a start time of 8.50am. In Term One, please bring the children to the front door in the mornings. It is best that you arrive as close as possible to 8.50am. For your child's safety we ask that you bring your child inside the classroom at the beginning of each session. On Tuesday afternoon the staff meet to discuss all matters relating to the education of your children. From Term Two, please see the Kiss & Drive Guidelines on the following page.

Arrival and Departure for Kindergarten students will be as follows:

Classroom	Morning	Afternoon
TA1	Back Door	Back Door
TA2	Inside Door	Front Door

If you wish your child to be collected by someone other than yourself, please inform us by email, in writing or phone 6207 2100. We will not release any child to another adult without a written request. If you wish your child to be picked up by a brother or sister attending this school, please discuss this arrangement with the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Term 2 Kiss & Drive Guidelines

2021 Kindergarten parents will be able to use the Kiss and Drive from Term 2, 2021. The Kiss and Drive will not be staffed on non Kindy mornings.

To make sure the system continues to run safely and smoothly, we have developed the rules below. Please do not park in the Kiss n Drive Carpark. We appreciate your patience as these rules are for the safety of all children.

- Kindy students with no siblings at school will be picked up from 3.00pm on Wednesday and Fridays in the Kindy car park or 2.20pm on Tuesdays.
- Kindy children with older siblings can be picked up from 3.15pm on Wednesday and Friday or 2.35pm on Tuesdays (please tell your older children to walk down to the Kindy car park).
- Please display your child's name on the front passenger side window or dashboard, so that teachers can get your child ready and traffic flow is not held up.
- Students can only be dropped off and picked up from the front 2 cars in the queue.
- Please do not allow children to exit the car until you reach the front 2 cars in the queue.
- Please do not overtake cars in the Kiss & Drive.
- 5k speed limit in the Kiss & Drive.
- Children must exit the car on the passenger side (kerb side).
- Please do not exit your car unless your child has trouble unbuckling/buckling seatbelts. If you need to get out to do this, please do so quickly to avoid holding up traffic.
- During rainy weather, children wait in the undercover area of TA1 until their parents/carers arrive and their name is called.
- If your child is not at the pickup area on time, park on McDowell Crescent near the oval and call 6207 2100.



Communication

A communication file is kept in all rooms; please note any changes of details to collection (refer to the staff in the classroom for the location of the file). More permanent arrangements, such as day care, can also be noted in this file. These details will be kept on file until we are notified of any changes. If you have any other messages or information regarding your child please convey these to the teacher.

To avoid your child becoming distressed, please ensure punctual pick up times. You are requested to remain outside the classroom when collecting your child. This will assist the teacher when dismissing the children. If you are going to be late please contact Administration on 6207 2100 to ensure that someone is available to wait with your child.

Independent children

We like to promote independence in the children. This includes carrying and unpacking their own bags, bringing in their own communication folders and news.

Parent help roster

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome to attend. Parents and guardians play an important role in assisting the Kindergarten program. The Parent Roster is displayed on the Parent Information Board for each class. Where it is at all possible, we prefer that siblings do not accompany adults when they are on roster, so that it is a special time between you and your child. Please ensure you sign in at Administration before arriving at the classroom. We normally start the parent roster after the children have settled in, approximately Week 5.

Parent-Teacher communication

If you have any concerns during the year regarding your child we would appreciate it if these issues are relayed to your child's teacher as soon as they arise (email addresses are provided below).

Michelle.Smith1@education.wa.edu.au | Rosalyn.Tsolakis@education.wa.edu.au

You will find that there is often a simple solution. If you are in need of a more detailed discussion, please feel free to make an appointment. Please ensure that the communication board at the front of the classroom is read regularly and you check your child's folder on a daily basis.

Voluntary contributions

Contributions and charges have been broken into five sections:

1. Voluntary contributions
2. Charges for extra cost optional components
3. Items for personal use in the educational programs
4. Other funding costs
5. Optional costs – non-educational activities

Contributions

The Department of Education Contributions, Charges and Fee Policy (September 2001) has set the maximum contribution by parents at \$60.00 per child from Kindergarten to Year 6. The Goollelal Primary School Board has approved the voluntary contribution for 2021 as \$60.00 per child.

The total cost for 2021 Kindergarten students will be **\$130.00** to cover the \$60.00 voluntary contribution plus an additional \$70.00 for the expected charges for the year (excursions, Edu-Dance, visiting artists etc).

We prefer parents pay the full amount up front. If this is not possible please contact Marion, our Manager of Corporate Services, at Marion.Coad@education.wa.edu.au or 6207 2100 for alternative options. The money needs to be paid online via direct credit to the school bank account.

We accept online banking transfers only. Please note the school does not have credit card or EFTPOS facilities. Receipts will only be issued upon request. If you have paid upfront you authorise the school to debit your account as activities arise. Online Permission Forms will only be required if the excursion is off-site.

Voluntary Contributions	\$60.00	
Expected Charges	\$70.00	
TOTAL COST	\$130.00	Paid to Goollelal Primary School Account BSB 066 040 Account 1990 1156

Records, information and medical

Please advise Administration and Kindergarten staff of any changes to addresses, phone numbers and medical information.

Please notify staff if your child has any form of medical condition that may affect their wellbeing. Should you require staff to administer or supervise medication, please ensure that you ask for the form to fill out, a Department requirement. This includes ongoing medications such as asthma. The staff will be able to assist you.

School Uniforms

Goollelal Primary School prides itself on our high standards of dress. Our community takes great pride in the way our children are presented at school each day. The uniform is listed below and available from Tudor Uniforms on 9408 2666 or online at www.tudorschooluniforms.com.au. A link can be found on our school website.

Uniform Items

Navy blue shorts	Navy blue check fabric dress
Navy blue polo shirt with logo	Navy blue skort
Navy blue track pants	Navy blue polo shirt with logo
Navy zip jacket or windcheater	Navy blue track pants
Navy blue broad brimmed hat	Navy zip jacket or windcheater
Reversible Bucket Hat (Faction Colour)	Navy blue jazz pants
	Navy blue tights/stockings
	Reversible Bucket Hat (Faction Colour)

The following are NOT PERMITTED: No denim. Leggings may be worn under skirts or dresses. No leggings with patterns or 'cut-out' designs. Scarves must be plain and in a single school colour. Hoodies and beanies are not to be worn in lieu of hats. Hair Ties and bows must be flat and navy blue.

School dresses are available to order. Please contact Debby Lovatt at fido@iinet.net.au or 0401 676 384 for further information if you are interested, at a cost of \$35.00.

Hats

It is school policy that **all** children are to wear navy blue (with faction colour inside) bucket style hats for all organised physical education activities and while playing outside at recess and lunchtime. This hat policy is fully supported by the Cancer Foundation as an effective means of protecting students from the harmful effects of over exposure to UV rays. We have a 'no hat no play' policy throughout the year. We are a Sun Smart School! On Fridays the hat can be reversed to reveal the faction colour for Faction Friday.

Hair

Students must ensure their hair does not create a health or safety risk. Students with long hair are required to tie their hair back as a preventative measure in avoiding/containing the spread of head lice (nits). Hair ties and headbands must be plain and flat (no embellishments). No brightly coloured hair dye to be used, except on sports days and assembly items.

Jewellery

Children who have their ears pierced are required to wear only sleepers or studs whilst at school. Facial piercings are not permitted at school. This includes the displaying of temporary tattoos. If nail polish is worn, it must be clear. No coloured polish is allowed.

Cultural Dress

Cultural dress can be incorporated into Goollelal Primary School's Dress Code by negotiation with the Principal.

Footwear

Students are required to wear sensible, closed-in footwear to school, or sandals with back straps.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club is available to children attending Kindergarten. If you would like to purchase, orders must be completed online. A link can be found on our School Website.



Health

We require notification if your child is to be absent, particularly if it is due to an infectious disease (chicken pox, mumps, measles etc). Please use the school app to notify the school of short and extended absences.

The school phone number is **6207 2100** and the school email address is **Goollelal.PS@education.wa.edu.au**.

During the Kindergarten year your child will be assessed for sight, speech and hearing by the school nurse, with your written approval. Health forms will be given out at the beginning of the year regarding basic screening by the school nurse. Please return these forms promptly.

All children from Pre-Primary to Year 12 are eligible for free dental treatment. The Dental Therapy Clinic is located at Halidon Primary School. For an appointment please contact them direct on 9409 6362. Parents of new children to Goollelal Primary School will be issued with enrolment forms by the clinic. Please return these forms to Administration.



Communications and Assemblies

Newsletters are added fortnightly to our app and website. Parents are also asked to download our School App and visit our website www.goollelalps.wa.edu.au for further information. In addition, notes from the P&C and class notes may also be sent home intermittently.

The Department of Education provides CONNECT, a secure system that allows teachers to share student work, send class notes and post updates. An invitation will be emailed to you early in 2021.

Designed for the community of Goollelal Primary School, the Skoolbag app provides easy access to sought after information such as our newsletter, canteen menu and updates to our Term Planner. A great way to stay informed! Instructions on how to use our app can also be downloaded from our website.

School assembly dates and the classes running them are noted on the Term Planner. We love seeing parents at assemblies!

Parents and Citizens Association

Goollelal Primary School has an active P&C Association. All parents are welcome to attend meetings and are encouraged to support the school. Dates for these meetings will be advertised in the Term Planners. The P&C also request a \$40.00 levy per family (voluntary) which can be paid to the Goollelal P&C Bank Account below:

Goollelal P&C Account Number: BSB: 306 106 Account: 417 5001

Term Dates 2021

Semester 1

Term 1	Monday 1 February – Thursday 1 April
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Break	Friday 2 April – Sunday 18 April
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Term 2	Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July
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Break	Saturday 3 July - Sunday 18 July
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Semester 2

Term 3	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
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Break	Saturday 25 September - Sunday 10 October
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Term 4	Monday 11 October - Thursday 16 December
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Please refer to the 2021 Term Planners or speak to your teacher for our school-specific dates for School Development ('student free') days.

Attendance

Kindergarten students commence on Tuesday 2 February 2021

And finally:

We very much look forward to getting to know you and your family over the many years to come at Goollelal Primary. We know that your child will enjoy their education and we welcome you to the Goollelal Primary School community.

- 2021 Kindergarten Staff and Administration -



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