From the Principal’s Desk:

PARENT OPINION SURVEY:

The parent opinion survey closes on Sunday evening. We have been informed that to date we have only had 15 responses returned out of our sample number which is super low – please if you have not already done so, could you fill in the survey asap. Your feedback really helps us to shape future directions for our school.

SCHOOL DISCO:

Well, our School Disco last Thursday evening was a roaring success. The DJ was excellent and got the students up and moving. The Year 6 helpers were responsible and efficient at the Junior Disco, as they sold slushies and snacks, and danced with the smaller kids. A very special mention must go to Rhiannon Foster for all her hard work with the preparation, and the other PAFA mums for their help during the disco. Here are some photos of the evening.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK (Incorporating Book Week)

Next week we have a range of fun and exciting activities designed to help celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. Students will be participating in literacy and numeracy activities across the school in their classes, in their cohorts, and as a whole school. The MOST POPULAR activity is always BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY, which will be on Wednesday morning from 9.15am. There will be a parade in the Multi-Purpose Room and of course, all parents are most welcome to attend.

Fran Van Lambaart, Principal
Last week’s **E4 Excellence Award Winners**
are pictured below *(also featured on our website)*

Isabella H  
Bethany F  
Sadie S  
Cooper S  
Piper B  
Bella C  
Jesse H

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

**Thursday 15th** Family Health Sessions  
6.30pm – 7.15pm Y3/4 & Parents  
7.30pm-8.30pm Y5/6 & Parents  

**Friday 16th** PAFA Meeting 9am

**Monday 19th—Friday 23rd**  
Literacy And Numeracy Week (incorporating Book Week)

**Wednesday 21st** Book Character Dress Up Day  
9.15am-10.15am approx

**Monday 26th** School Council 4.45pm

**Thursday 29th** District Athletics (info to follow)

**Friday 30th** Father’s Day Breakfast (info to follow)  
Father’s Day Stall (info to follow)

**SEPTEMBER**

**Wednesday 4th—Friday 6th** Y4 Allambee Camp

**Monday 9th** Prep-2 Swimming begins

**Wednesday 11th** Prep-2 Swimming

**Thursday 12th** Prep-2 Swimming

**Saturday 14th** TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm

**Monday 16th** Prep-2 Swimming

**Wednesday 18th** Prep-2 Swimming

**Thursday 19th** Prep-2 Swimming

**Friday 20th** Last Day Term 3 2.30pm finish

*Buses run to this timetable*

**OCTOBER**

**Monday 7th** First Day Term 4

**Monday 14th** Prep 2020 Info Session 6pm-7pm
Library News

Congratulations to 3/4K for not having overdue books this week.

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FAMILY HEALTH SESSIONS

****FREE****

****Thursday August 15th****

6.30pm (45 minutes)
Year 3/4 Parents and Students

7.30pm (1 hour)
Year 5/6 Parents and Students

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS

A reminder that if you were one of our families who received the survey, these are due back by August 18th.
We really appreciate you taking the time to do these.
All information is confidential and we will not know who submitted what answers
Thank you

Lunch Orders

When filling in your lunch orders please remember to clearly mark the envelope with the child’s name and their class.
Also, please make sure orders are sealed securely, and wherever possible include the correct money.
Thank you from the Shop

Year 3-6 ATHLETICS

The Year 3-6 Athletics will be held at the school and on the oval across the road next Tuesday August 13th from 10am.

This event is taking the place of the Whole School Athletics and children will be chosen from these results to represent our school at the District Athletics on August 29th.

Children may wear their house colours.

Anyone who would like to help out with timing and measuring and as a current Working With Children’s Check are more than welcome. Please contact Sarah D if you can help out for more information.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECKS—A GOVERNMENT REGULATION

A reminder that EVERY HELPER in our school must wear their Working With Children Card on one of our visitor lanyards, or a visitors badge when helping in our school. This could be for reading helpers, sport helpers, classroom helpers, PAFA friends etc.

This is policy in our school and we will be monitoring this diligently. Remember, it is not only for the safety of our children, but protection for yourself. Our students have also been instructed to look for these.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Please be aware that staff are on yard duty in the playground from 8:45 am before school and until 3:45 pm after school. Students travelling on late buses are supervised in the Multi Purpose Room after school until the final bus leaves. For your own child’s safety it is recommended that children do not arrive at school before 8:45 am.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Please be aware that the Education Department does not cover students for accidents in the school grounds, nor does it cover for Ambulance costs should the need to call an ambulance be necessary. I would therefore encourage all families, to please consider making personal insurance and ambulance cover arrangements for all their children.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

We would respectfully ask that every person who comes onto the school grounds between the hours of 9:15am and 3:15pm does so through the main office to ensure that we know who is on the school grounds at all times. We would ask for your cooperation as parents to ensure that if you have a message for your child or an item that needs to be delivered to the classroom that you ask the office staff to pass it on rather than interrupt the class and/or the teacher during instruction time. Anyone without a WWCC lanyard or Visitors badge will be redirected to the front office.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

Nar Nar Goon Primary School is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. If you would like more information please go to the ‘Wellbeing’ or ‘Policies’ tab on our website where you will find our Child Safe Policy and/or further information and resources go to: www.education.vic.gov.au/protect

FEEDBACK

Your feedback is important to us. If you have a concern or would like to raise a complaint as a parent, please speak to the classroom teacher in the first instance, Team leader in the second instance (ie: Foundation: Jodie Watt, Years 1-2: Kimberly Feher, Years 3-4 Ryan Marsland, Years 5/6: Jackie Hope).

Otherwise, please contact the Principal Mrs Fran Van Lambaart or Assistant Principal Jacqui Cutler, by calling the office to arrange an appointment.

ABSENCE REASONS

When submitting online absence forms please ensure you provide us with details to enable us to determine whether or not they will be school approved absences or not.

Parent Choice


School unapproved- No explanation provided by parent. Student absent due to participating in leisure or social activities such as shopping, a child’s birthday, visiting relatives or friends. A day off for no valid reason. No approval given by principal to attend family holiday (requires an absence learning plan with Principal’s signature).

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Join the Nar Nar Goon Primary School – Parents & Friends Group as another way to stay informed and up to date with the activities and events happening within the School.

(*this is a closed group only available to parents/carers) with current students at the school*)
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FUNDRAISING EVENT

NAR NAR GOON PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

The Feel of the 1920’s
TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION
Gangsters and Flappers

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 7PM
In the school multi-purpose room
100 TICKETS ONLY - so first in first served

Items up for grabs in the silent auction include:

Weekend Admission Tickets to the Royal Melbourne Golf Course hosting the Presidents Cup, Two Night’s accommodation in Phillip Island, Tickets for Stakes Day at Flemington Racecourse, Caroline Flake Photography Package, Kelly Mini Sports one term voucher, Jetts Gym 3 month membership, Warrook Farm Family Pass, In Fine Fettle Massage voucher, Wonderland Theatre Family Pass for spring school holiday production, Atelier Pakenham junior term pass, Kinderballet class passes, Luv-A Duck Cooking Classes, Puffing Billy Railway Family Pass, Blissful Soul gift voucher and pamper pack, Melbourne Zoo Family Pass, and many more fabulous items

** DOOR PRIZE ** BEST DRESSED MALE AND FEMALE ** $1 RAFFLE TICKETS **

** GOLD COIN TO PLAY GAMES BETWEEN ROUNDS TO WIN LOADS OF FANTASTIC PRIZES **

** $15 BLIND RAFFLE, Every Ticket Wins! **

Please return your ticket request and money no later than Friday 23rd August

Parent Name: ........................................................................................................................................

Student Name: .................................................................................................................................... Class: .....................................

Number of Tickets:
...................................................................................... @ $20.00 each TOTAL COST ENCLOSED: ..........................................................................

At this event seating will be allocated in tables of 8, please list if there are specific people you would like to sit with. We will do our best to accommodate everyone the best we can. In the event the tickets are sold out when we receive your request you will be notified and your money refunded.