From the Principal’s Desk:

PAFA

We are so fortunate to have the most amazing group of dedicated parents who make up our PAFA committee. Thanks to their efforts, the children have enjoyed so many benefits including fresh fruit every Friday, Meal Deals and special lunches, the School Disco, Mother’s Day special events and our Father’s Day Breakfast which will take place tomorrow morning – the list goes on! Recently we were able to purchase a further set of 20 ipads, ipad covers and a docking station to add to our ICT devices for use in our classrooms with funds provided by PAFA and during the upcoming September school holidays, their fundraising will enable the re-surfacing and re-painting of our basketball courts. I am sure the children will be very excited to see the fresh new courts when they return to school in Term 4!

Our staff and all the children are indebted to this committee (and those of past years) and all that they do for our small school. I am looking forward to attending the Trivia Night which has been organised by PAFA in order to raise further funds on 14th September at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The tickets are only $20 each and the amount of prizes and added extras that have been sourced by PAFA will ensure a fantastic night for everyone who attends. Please consider attending this terrific community fundraising event with our staff – it should be great fun and all funds raised will continue to benefit your children!

PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT IT IS NOT A PRE REQUISITE TO COME IN OUR THEMED GANGSTER FANCY DRESS – JUST COME ALONG IN WHATEVER YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN!

DEBATING TEAM:

Our senior debating team had their second debate at St James PS on Tuesday and whilst they did not win this round on the affirmative side of the topic “Primary Schools Should Teach Cooking”, they once again represented our school with pride and confidence. Thank you to Alice Greenaway for transporting the girls and preparing them for their speeches and well done Abbie M, Chilli C, Bella C, Lilly P, and Tayla B for your terrific efforts!

PLAY IS THE WAY - whole school welfare program:

As part of our school welfare program our house and school captains have been given the task of organising and implementing regular whole school Play is the Way meetings and activities throughout this term. These activities involve the whole school (Foundation – 6) in their houses participating in cooperative and engaging games and discussions to build team work and leadership skills, with the added benefit of nurturing strong relationships across the school. As a staff we are really proud of the cooperation shown between all students during these activities – rarely do the teachers need to step in or intervene, which demonstrates further what a lovely cohesive and calm environment we have across the whole school. This calm environment is directly linked to our Play is the Way program where every teacher is consistently reinforcing our school values and expectations at age appropriate intervals. If you’d like to find out more about Play is the Way, feel free to speak to one of the teachers or alternatively, go to our website for further information and links to resources.

At a recent School Council meeting, one of the agenda items raised was that of student leadership and how well our senior school are taking the responsibility of showing strong leadership in their behaviour both in the playground and at whole school events such as attending to “jobs” and leading our school assembly weekly. Along with school council, all staff extend our congratulations to our dedicated student school leaders.

GOON STUDENT VOICE NEWSLETTER:

Look out for our next edition of the “Goon Student Voice” newsletter which the SRC have almost completed ready for publication – another example of an outstanding student leadership initiative at NNG PS!

Fran Van Lambaart, Principal
Last week’s **E4 Excellence Award Winners**

are pictured below *(also featured on our website)*

![Image of E4 Excellence Award Winners](image_url)

Madi W
Arahia W
Abigail C
Jai W
Elliot V
Tanika B
Dakota H
Eden H
Giaan V
56H

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

**Friday 30th**  Father’s Day Breakfast
Father’s Day Stall

**SEPTEMBER**

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

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

**Wednesday 11th**  Prep-2 Swimming

**Thursday 12th**  Prep-2 Swimming

RUOK? Day  see today’s newsletter for more info

**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
School Council 4.45pm

**Monday 14th**  Prep 2020 Info Session 6pm-7pm
**Thursday 17th**  Y2 Sleepover (info to follow)
**Thursday 24th**  Friday 25th Y5 Camp

**NOVEMBER**

**Monday 4th**  School Council 4.45pm
**Tuesday 5th**  MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAY
Library News

Congratulations to 5/6H for having no overdue books this week.

Payments Due

Y4 Allambee Camp Balance  Friday August 30th

Payments Overdue

F-2 Swimming Balance  Monday August 26th

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

Happy Birthday

Archie S
Claire R
Bentley R

Foundation–2 Swimming Lessons Term 3 2019

Dates

Monday 9th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th,
Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th September

Group 1

Leave school 9.30am for lesson at 10am - 10.45am
(back at school at approximately 11.30am)

FW, all 1/2 K, Y2’s from 1/2M

Group 2

Leave school 10.15am for lesson at 10.45am -11.30am
(back at school approximately 12.15pm)

FS, 1/2F, and 1’s from 1/2M

BPAY

Thank you to families who have already used the additional payment option of BPAY. We hope you find this alternative method a convenient way to make student payments.

Please note BPAY is for student school charges only. PAFA or Fundraising activities must still be paid for by Cash, Cheque or Eftpos

We have had another confirmed case of Influenza B within the school. For more information go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Special Needs & Medically Fragile Children

NEED you to KEEP your Sick Child Home

A Very Special Needs Resource

When Your Child is Sick:  Do Not Intentionally Expose Them to Others
LOST PROPERTY
The Lost Property stand is located outside the Canteen each day for you and the children to check.

Please make sure ALL belongings (including lunch boxes and drink bottles) are clearly named and WE WILL RETURN them to your children.

Please note that we only keep lost property for one month.

Unclaimed items will be sent to charity.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Friday 30th August
Gifts range from $1 to $5
Students will visit the Stall with their classes throughout the morning to purchase gifts

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE
Tickets $1ea Please return by 30th August. Drawn at assembly Friday 30th 3pm
Prizes include: MECHPRO tool set (value $160); Patio Heater (value $99); LED light bar, Golf Passes; $100 Helloworld voucher; Big 4 Holiday park membership; Kennards Hire Vouchers; Freelec multi-function mobile power kit; & more

Play is the Way
The Pathway to Empathy - Part 6

Empathy = Good Manners + Friendliness + Courage + Persistence/Resilience + Tolerance/Acceptance + Compassion

Compassion
• Use our words and actions to help people and not hurt them
• Help people in difficulty
• Tell a teacher if we see or hear something that might be dangerous to others or us
• Listen beyond what is said to how it is said

What actions do you think shows that someone is compassionate?

Please note that payments for Book Club cannot be accepted at the School.
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 visitor's 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*)
You are invited to bring along your Dad or Special Male Friend to Nar Nar Goon Primary School’s

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

In the Multi-Purpose Room

On

Friday 30th August
7.30am - 9.00am
Bacon & Egg Sandwiches

$2 each

Tea, Coffee & Cereal provided

Special Father’s Day Raffle

$1 per ticket - to be drawn at Assembly

To assist with catering, please return the below slip

________________________________________

Yes! We will be joining in the fun

Number of Adults: ______  Number of Children: ______

Child’s Name: ________________________________  Class: ____________
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, Warook 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:
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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.
Thursday 12 September is R U OK Day—a day when we’re reminded to ask, “Are you OK?” and to remember every day of the year to support people who may be struggling with life’s ups and downs. At Nar Nar Goon Primary School, we know that regular meaningful conversations can make a difference. And you don’t have to be an expert to ask how someone’s going. Just a great mate and a good listener.

This year in the build-up to R U OK Day we’re shining a light on the times we should be asking our friends and loved ones this important question. We want everyone in our school community to know that if something’s up with someone you know – there’s something going on in their life or you notice a change in what they’re doing or saying – it’s time to trust that gut instinct and ask them “Are you OK?”

To spread this message, we’ll be:

Holding a Free Dress Day on Thursday 12th September where we are encouraging all students to wear some yellow in solidarity of those who are feeling down. Bring a gold coin that we will donate to RUOK?

RUOK? is a national charity dedicated to inspiring all of us to have regular, meaningful conversations to support anyone struggling with life.

You can learn more about the signs and how to ask R U OK at www.ruok.org.au

We make time to ask R U OK™