From the Principal’s Desk:

TRANSITION PROGRAM:

On Tuesday we had our final whole school transition visit where the children were introduced to their 2020 classroom teacher. The tone of the school during this session, with the inclusion of our new Foundation students, was one of quiet and calm. 2020 promises to be a wonderfully settled year and we are looking forward to further success with great academic results and a positive learning environment. Below is the outline of our confirmed class structure:

2 x Foundation classes – Jodie Watt (PLC leader) and Kerri Forster.

Location: Portable classrooms.

3 x 1/2 classes – Kimberly Feher / Kylie Wendt (PLC leaders), Ryan Marsland, Rachael Stephenson.

Location: Where current 1/2 classes are this year.

2 x 3/4 classes – Jackie Hope (PLC leader), Andrea Loulier.

Location: Middle two classrooms where current 5/6 classes are this year.

1 x 5 class – Daniel Mason (PLC leader)

2x 5/6 classes – Jacqui Cutler/Alice Greenaway, Nicola Kingston

Location: Where current 3/4 classes are this year.

Art – Sally Fay and Rod Wyatt

Phys Ed – Sarah Deveny and Rod Wyatt

LOTE / AUSLAN – Alice Greenaway

Reading Recovery/PSD / Intervention – Virginia Meredith.

Learning Specialist/Leading Teacher – Jacqui Cutler

In 2020 we will be introducing Auslan as our Language Other than English to replace Chinese / Mandarin which was proving to be very disengaging for the children.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2020:

Congratulations to our 2020 School and House Captains as follows:

School Captains: Mai V & Rylan B

Byrne House Captains: Grace B & Montana M

Threadgold House Captains: Millie T & Xavier L

Collins House Captains: Ebony H & Joel T

Hughes House Captains: Keisha M & Taylor D

GRADE SIX GRADUATION:

Tuesday night’s Grade Six graduation ceremony was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of Primary Schooling for all our Grade Six students. The following students were the recipients of special awards:

Principals Awards sponsored by VIATEK: Jacob C (5/6H) & Tayla B (5/6C).

Literacy Award: Jackson B (5/6H)

Numeracy Award: Olivia D (5/6 C)

Physical Education: Cody H (5/6H)

Visual Arts: Bella C (5/6C)

Drouin Secondary College Award: Ayden T (5/6H)

Rotary Club Awards: Kyle F (5/6C) and Chilli B (5/6C)

Congratulations to each and every one!

Fran Van Lambaart Principal
**Bus Travel In 2020**

As in previous years, ALL EXISTING bus travellers for 2020 must reapply for travel on the PTV School Bus Program. New travellers will also need to apply online. Bus travellers will not be able to use the bus service unless applications are approved and children present their passes.

https:\\schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au

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**Term Dates 2020**

**Term 1**

January 28th – March 27th  
Australia Day - January 27th  
Labour Day – March 9th

**Term 2**

April 14th – June 26th  
Good Friday - April 10th  
Easter Sunday - April 12th  
Easter Monday – April 13th  
ANZAC Day – April 25th

**Term 3**

July 13th – September 18th

**Term 4**

October 5 – December 18th

**Melbourne Cup Day – November 3rd**

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**Payments Overdue**

2020 Y6 Polo & Jacket  
Tuesday December 3rd

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please start checking at home for overdue and lost books and start returning them to the school.

ALL BOOKS ARE NOW OVERDUE

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**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**

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**HEADLICE**

Please note there are several cases of headlice in the school. Please check your children’s hair and treat if necessary, this may take several treatments.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

**Friday 20th**  LAST DAY OF TERM  
1.30pm finish - Buses will run to this timetable.

**TERM 1 2020**

**JANUARY**

Tuesday 28th Staff Only—book sales 9am-1pm  
Wednesday 29th FIRST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS — INCLUDING FOUNDATION STUDENTS
Last week’s E for Excellence Award Winners are pictured below (also featured on our website)

Bethany S
Sonny B
1/2 F (Jay F)
Lilah W
Levi C
Milly H
Telly C
Caitlin S
Tyler T
Raiden L

FOUNDATION 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

First day 2020
Wednesday January 29th January 9am-3.30pm

Students are NOT required to attend on Wednesdays during February in Term 1

YEAR BOOK ORDERS

Anyone who has placed an order for Year Books will receive them on the final day of the year—Friday 20th December

2020 BOOK SALES

Book sales for next year will began on Tuesday December 10th (Orientation Day) and will continue until Friday December 20th at 1.30pm

After this, the next day for purchasing books will be Tuesday January 28th 9am-1pm or Wednesday January 29th (students first day INCLUDING FOUNDATION STUDENTS)

Please refer to the Parent Payment and Voluntary Contributions for 2020 notice that has been sent home

STUDENT BANKING

Has now finished for this year.

Thank you
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.

Also when signing in please sign in your toddlers too, just in case of emergency.

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.

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.

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.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Often we are asked to administer medication for students at school and if provided with the correct written information and parent signatures, we are more than happy to do so. Students know (and parents need to be aware) that any medication brought to school must be kept in the Sick Bay, not in classrooms or student school bags. In order to administer medication correctly we are seeking parent support to ensure the medication provided to staff does not fall beyond the expiry date provided on medication packets/bottles. The office ladies are very busy and it is quite frustrating for them to have to repeatedly request new medication for students when the medication provided is no longer safe due to expiry dates. They often need to make contact with parents multiple times before parents take action and in the case of serious conditions, this can put student’s health at risk. Please support us in our endeavours to keep your children safe and healthy.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT AT NAR NAR GOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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).

PLEASE REFER TO THE NAR NAR GOON PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY LOCATED ON THE ‘ABOUT US/POLICIES’ TAB ON OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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*)
HAVE A BLAST THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SUPPORTED BY MELBOURNE STARS

Suitable for kids aged 5-10, sessions are action packed and fun for everyone. They’ll develop their skills in batting, bowling, fielding and catching, all while making new friends!

The Coaches:
The coaches will be Melbourne Stars support staff who are skilled in delivering clinics and developing young cricketers.

What to bring:
Hat, Water bottle, snack, sunscreen (All cricket equipment will be provided)

Cricket Blast Pack:
Each participant will receive a Cricket Blast Pack including a water bottle, drawstring bag and ball.

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REGISTER NOW!

PLAY CRICKET