From the Principal’s Desk:

FINAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2020:

Due to the forecast of extreme heat for Friday, we will be holding assembly at 9:10 am, rather than the usual time in the afternoon.

OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE:

At our final assembly tomorrow morning, I will be awarding certificates to those students who have had “Outstanding Attendance” throughout 2019:

- Koby C (FW) and Isabella H (1/2M) are the only two students with 100% attendance throughout the whole year, including no late arrivals and/or early departures. What an outstanding effort!
- Emma N (FS), Madi W (FS), Abigail C (1/2F) have had only one day of absence throughout 2019.
- Campbell W (FW), Lauren B (1/2F), Evie B (1/2K), Blake T (3/4M), Grace B (5/6C) – two days of absence.
- Mia N (FS), Declan B (3/4L), Matthew B (5/6H), Claire R (5/6H) – three days of absence.

It is a credit to these children and their families for ensuring they have made the most of their education throughout 2019! I do not need to tell you how strong the evidence is when students attend school and are supported by their families to do so regularly, the more likely it is that they will be successful in their adult lives. Congratulations to the fourteen children listed above!

THANK YOU:

As this is the final newsletter for 2019, I would like to thank you all for a wonderful school year, particularly those parents who have worked tirelessly to support us through PAFA, School Council and as classroom helpers. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful country/rural family school – as yet we have not experienced the urban sprawl which allows us to enjoy small class sizes and a welcoming environment. Coupled with exceptional staff from the office through to our wonderful teachers, Nar Nar Goon offers something very special for our students and their families. From my point of view, it is certainly a pleasure to come to work here each and every day!

FAREWELL:

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday period. To those families who are leaving us at the end of the year and our Grade 6 cohort, I wish you all a very fond farewell and the best of luck as you embark on the next phase in your lives.

Fran Van Lambaart Principal
BUS TRAVELLERS 2020
Don’t forget to reapply and accept your offer if you want your child to travel on the bus next year.

New travellers will need to apply and accept their offer too

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.

BPAY NOT ACCEPTED FOR PAFA OR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

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.

Holidays are a perfect time to check and treat children’s hair.

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

FEBRUARY
Friday 7th Y5/6 Interschool Sport @ away
Friday 14th 5/6 Sport @ away
Monday 17th PAGA AGM
Wednesday 19th District Swimming

SAVE THE DATE
Y5/6 Interschool Sport begins February 7th
Notes will be coming home in the first week of school

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
Queen’s Birthday - June 8th

Term 3
July 13th – September 18th

Term 4
October 5 – December 18th
Melbourne Cup Day – November 3rd

Happy Birthday
Lilly C
Zahli P
Ness T
Noah S
Last weeks’ E for Excellence Award Winners are pictured below (also featured on our website)

Mason T
Bentley R
Ash M
Cooper S
1/M (Isabelle Hay)
Jake D
Declan B

2020 BOOK SALES

Book sales for next year 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

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

Year Books have been handed out today for those families who have ordered them

STUDENT BANKING

Has now finished for this year.

Thank you
A special thank you to Melissa and John for all they have done for us this year.

Melissa is our friendly Spencer Street Lollypop Lady who greets us with her friendly smile and wave each day and keeps us all safe.

John is our wonderful volunteer handyman who comes in everyday to help us out and also keeps an eye on the school on weekends and during the holidays.
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 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 Lambaar 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