From the Principal’s Desk:

END OF YEAR EVENT:

What a fabulous night it was on Tuesday evening, a wonderful way to celebrate the end of what has been a very busy school year. I would like to particularly thank my staff, especially Alice Greenaway for planning and coordinating the event. Thank you also to the PAFA parents who ran the canteen throughout the night – Rhiannon Forster, Rachelle Cooke, Sarah Hawkins and Ally Seebeck. Considering the weather leading up to the day, we were very fortunate to go ahead with minimal issues apart from the wind. The smiles on the children’s faces were priceless as they performed in front of their friends and families and it was wonderful to see the audience respectfully seated and enjoying the event. By all the feedback that I have received, the consensus is that it was one of the best concerts for a number of years.

Unfortunately the only negative for the evening was that we had some vandalism occur during the night to some of our park benches, the front gate and some playground equipment. I am hoping that someone from the community who was present and witnessed some of this damage could please come forward and let us know who may be responsible. It is such a shame that such behaviour should occur on what was otherwise a wonderful family event.

CHESS COMPETITION:

On Monday, Rosalie and I had the pleasure of accompanying six students to Beaconsfield Primary School to participate in the Master Chess Competition. Congratulations to Ebony H, Giaan M, Mai V, Blake G, Ash Mc and Abbey C for representing our school so well. The competition was ultimately won by students from Beaconsfield PS and Upper Beaconsfield PS however, Ash Mc (1/2F) made it through to the “master challenge” which was an amazing feat considering he was the youngest competitor on the day.
**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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**Payments Overdue**

2020 Y6 Polo & Jacket Tuesday December 3rd

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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
Queen’s Birthday - June 8th

**Term 3**

July 13th – September 18th

**Term 4**

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

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Well done 5/6 H for AGAIN having no Library overdues!

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

**ALL BOOKS ARE DUE BACK TOMORROW**

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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 6th**  Transition 10am-11am
**Monday 9th—Thursday 12th**  Y6 Celebration Week
**Monday 9th**  School Council
**Tuesday 10th**  Statewide Transition (Orientation Day) 9.30am-1.20pm  Y 6 Graduation

**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**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Lachie G
Aleesha H
Noah M
Skylar M
SICK CHILDREN
There are many ‘bugs’ and illnesses around the school at any given time.

If your child is unwell (or if you are in doubt), please don’t send them to school, home is really a much better place for them to be.

Please note there are many coughs, colds and tummy bugs currently in the school.

Last weeks’ E for Excellence Award Winners are pictured below (also featured on our website)

Jaya L
Tiana R
Blake A
Kiara P
McKenna H
Sophie S
Charlotte M
Zaylee F
Zoe V
Xavier L

FOUNDATION 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Transition Sessions
Friday December 6th 10am-11am

Orientation Day
Tuesday December 10th 9.30am-1.20pm

Students have BBQ sausage sizzle lunch with their 2020 buddy and will need a snack and hat.

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

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

2020 BOOK SALES

Book sales for next year will begin on Tuesday December 10th (Orientation Day) 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

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

STUDENT BANKING

Next week will be the final day for Student Banking 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, PAPA 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/)

**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 approved** – illness/medical. Religious/cultural observance. Bereavement. Family holiday (with principal approval). Special circumstances, unavoidable cause, unforeseen circumstances, and family member ill.

**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*)
TAKE $10 OFF USING THE CODE WWCBCASEYCYC10*

*Available for the first 100 participants. Offer only valid for VIC participants

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
We would like to acknowledge the following companies who donated to our Christmas Raffle; without their support we couldn't continue to do fantastic events like this so thank you so much!