From the Principal’s Desk:

TRANSITION:

Our formal transition program began last week with a visit from our 2020 Foundation students and their families. This is a very exciting time for us as we welcome our newest students to Nar Nar Goon Primary School. While the Kindergarten students spent time in the Foundation classrooms, the rest of the school spent time in their next year level as a whole cohort. We have a further three transition sessions over a three week period, where teachers observe the children as they interact with each other and note how well they work, to make informed decisions about possible class structures for the new year. Confirmed classes and staffing are announced on the State Wide Transition Day on Tuesday 10th December.

I am looking forward to letting you know our class structures for 2020 shortly. However, I can inform you at this stage that we are very fortunate to have all current staff returning next year which is a terrific outcome for Nar Nar Goon Primary School. We have a wonderfully collegiate team of teachers and support staff and this stability in staffing will ensure a consistency of approach in all teaching and learning programs next year and it will allow us to continue to enjoy excellent academic results.

TOMORROW’S CURRICULUM DAY:

All staff are looking forward to a full day of learning during our planned curriculum day tomorrow. We have a very full program covering the following topics:

Respectful Relationships – our school has been nominated as a “Lead School” in this program which will be rolled out in 2020. Staff will be briefed as to the theory behind the program and the expectations that come with being a lead school in our network.

Numeracy- an introduction to the Numeracy Toolkit (a resource available on the Education Department website).

Reading Comprehension Strategies – Working in groups, we will be developing a continuum from Foundation to Year 6 in reading comprehension for teachers to use as a planning tool in 2020 and beyond.

PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL TOMORROW.

END OF YEAR EVENT:

Students and teachers are in the process of preparing for our End of Year Event which is scheduled for 3rd December, commencing at 6:00pm. Please mark this important date in your diaries. It is on this evening that we farewells families who are leaving NNG at the end of the year and announce our school and house captains for 2020. It is a wonderful celebration to mark the end of the year. The theme for this year’s EOYE is “We are Australian”.

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

Lily B
Arahia W
Lauren B
Bonnie L
Hannah A
Lachie G
Georgia C
Chelsea B
Ebony H
Lily P

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Friday 22nd  CURRICULUM DAY
Tuesday 26th  Junior Sports Day—F-2
Friday 29th  Transition 10am-11am

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd  End Of Year Event  6pm (info to follow)
Wednesday 4th  Helper’s Morning Tea  10.45am-11.45am (info to follow)
Friday 6th  Transition 10am-11am
Monday 9th—Thursday 12th  
Y6 Celebration Week
Monday 9th  School Council
Tuesday 10th  Statewide Transition (Orientation Day)
Y6 Graduation
Friday 20th  LAST DAY OF TERM
1.30pm finish - Buses will run to this timetable.

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
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

FOUNDATION 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Transition Sessions
Friday November 15th 10am-11am
Friday November 29th 10am-11am
Friday December 6th 10am-11am

Junior Sports Day
Tuesday November 26th 11.45am-1.20pm
Students meet at school and will need a packed lunch to eat alongside the Junior School and Nar Nar Goon Kinder students

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

Riddle: I only increase and never decrease. What am I?
Growing older or growing up?

Growing up requires effort and sometimes courage, but generally results in increased trust, responsibilities and freedoms.
In this time of transition and change, now is a great opportunity to discuss with your child how the level of trust, responsibility and freedom change as you grow up. In Kindergarten for example, it may be that if you show grown up behaviour you may get the responsibility of getting the paints out of the cupboard (a very exciting job!). In Grade 6, it may be the responsibility of talking in front of the entire school at Assembly.

What responsibilities does your child want to earn next year?

Answer: Your age!
Payments Due

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Please note that payments for Book Club cannot be accepted at the school. All orders and payments must be done online.

Library News

Well done 5/6 H and 3/4K for having no Library overdues!

Bus Travel in 2020

As in previous years, ALL bus travellers for 2020 must renew their applications 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

More information will follow.

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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SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

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Nar Nar Goon FC

The Goon Registation Night

Players wanted 2020

Under 8’s, 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s, 13’s & 14’s

Friday 22nd November 2019

5pm - 7pm

Have a kick Meet the coach Free sausage sizzle

Where? Nar Nar Goon recreation reserve

Contact - NNGFCREGISTRAR@MAIL.COM

Phone - Shane Tyler 0409 429 080

*subject to team numbers
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 a 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**)
14th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Our teachers are currently in the process of creating our annual Nar Nar Goon Primary School Year Book. As you are all aware, this is a beautiful memento of our school year and captures the events and activities that have occurred throughout 2019.

The cost of the Year Book for 2019 is $20:00 each

If you wish to purchase the 2019 Year Book, please fill out the order form below and return it to your child’s teacher with the money no later than Friday 29th November. Late orders will not be accepted as we are required to provide the publisher with final numbers by this date.

Year Books will be sent home with your eldest child by the last day of Term 4

Kind Regards
Fran Van Lambaart
Principal-Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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Family Name: _____________________________

Eldest Child: _____________________________ Home Group: ______________

Number of copies of 2019 Year Book ordered: ___________________________ @ $20.00 ea.

I have enclosed: $ ______________________ Cash / Chq / Eftpos

Signed: ________________________________ Date: _________ / _______ / _______

27 Spencer Street Nar Nar Goon 3812

Telephone: 5942 5311 Facsimile: 5942 5014

SCHOOL No. 2248
Santa will be handing a present to each child on the night. Please have presents delivered to the NNG Post Office by Friday, November 29th close of business. Presents need to be wrapped and clearly labelled with child’s first & last name.

NNG
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Saturday 30th November at 4:30pm
Nar Nar Goon Recreation Reserve

- Great raffle prizes
- Silent auction
- Live entertainment
- Face Painting
- Kids games
- Complimentary tea, coffee and cordial
- Sausages, burgers, soft drinks & zooper doopers available for purchase

AND
FIREWORKS