From the Principal’s Desk:
Welcome back every one to our final term for 2019! During the school holidays we had quite a lot of activity happening around the school to enhance and improve our facilities. In week two, the oval was finally dry enough for the asphalt trucks to come on site and repair/fill the cracks in our basketball court and apply fresh new line marking. It is now much safer for the children as the cracks were progressively widening and lifting which was creating a tripping hazard. Thankfully that has now been rectified. The children were very excited to see the refreshed basketball court and it has certainly been a very crowded space throughout the week with everyone wanting to play on it! Once again we are indebted to PAFA and their fundraising efforts who made available funds for these repair works to take place.

The Fortune Garden also had a refresher with Paul Bigotto and his team returning to Nar Nar Goon to plant new shrubs and fruit trees, apply fresh wood chips, improve the walking spaces with a small wooden path between the garden areas and complete an overall sprucing up. It is truly a beautiful space now – very peaceful and calming which gives our students an alternative to the busy playground environment. I would very much encourage you to walk over to the garden next time you visit the school to enjoy this lovely space.

Also during the holidays we had the spouting and gutters cleaned in readiness for the summer fire season, tree inspection, playground inspection, testing and tagging of all electrical equipment and a raft of further gardening, maintenance and cleaning jobs. The school looks refreshed thanks to all of this activity making our school a very pleasant place to work and learn.

Of course, we had all the teachers in over the school holidays preparing their classroom programs in readiness for Term Four. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff who are more than willing to go above and beyond their regular hours of duty to ensure our students receive the best educational experiences possible. Not only do the teachers come in during the school holiday breaks, they also do a huge amount of work remotely from home.

NAPLAN REPORT:
It was a great pleasure to present the results of our school’s NAPLAN testing and our overall School Performance Report for 2019 at our School Council meeting on Monday night. Once again, we were delighted with our outstanding results in NAPLAN. Our students performed exceptionally well, with the Year 5 cohort in particular, performing above State levels in all testing areas. An important aspect of these reports is the information we receive about how well those students who completed Naplan in Year 3 have grown in their skills and abilities compared to their performance in Year 5. The number of students who experienced High and Medium Growth compared to previous years improved vastly, and those experiencing Low Growth declined, demonstrating that we are really building on our work with students from year to year. I would like to congratulate all our Year 3 and 5 students for their wonderful results and all teachers who have taught these children over the years. It is a combined effort beginning with strong foundations in the junior school.

ATHLETICS:
We have a team of eight students attending Southern Metro Zone Athletics on 17th October at Casey Fields- Georgia C, Eden V, Milly H, Jai H, Taylor D, Cody H, Xavier L and Lily M – we wish them all the very best of luck and congratulate them for achieving to such a high level! We will look forward to hearing the final results.

Fran Van Lambaart, Principal
Last week’s **E4 Excellence Award Winners**
are pictured below *(also featured on our website)*

Levi K
Gemma C
Noah J
Tyler B
Jax F
Abbey R
Bailey V
Zaylee F
Tate S
Tahlia B

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**
- **Monday 14th** Prep 2020 Info Session 6pm-7pm
- **Thursday 17th** Y2 Sleepover
- **Wednesday 23rd** Foundation - Warrook Farm Exc
- **Thursday 24th - Friday 25th** Y5 Camp
- **Wednesday 30th - Friday 1st** Life Education Van

**NOVEMBER**
- **Monday 4th** School Council 4.45pm
- **Tuesday 5th** MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAY
- **Monday 11th** School Council 4.45pm
- **Friday 15th** Transition 10am-11am
- **Friday 22nd** CURRICULUM DAY
- **Tuesday 26th** Kelly Sports Day—F-2 (info to follow)
- **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 (info to follow)
- **Monday 9th** School Council
- **Tuesday 10th** Statewide Transition
- **Y6 Graduation (info to follow)**
SUNSMART POLICY

Our School’s Sunsmart Policy for wearing hats was amended to be in line with the Cancer Council’s regulations.

Navy blue broad brimmed hats must now be worn from September 1st until May 1st.

Sunscreen is also available for children who request it.

Hats must be either wide brimmed or the ‘bucket’ type for proper protection.

Hats must be dark or navy blue in line with our uniform policy.

Baseball caps are not permitted.

PAYMENTS DUE

- Foundation Warrock Farm: Wednesday October 16th
- Y5 Camp: Thursday October 17th
- Life Education Van Visit: Tuesday October 29th

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Our Medications Policy states that for any child requiring medication at school, a Medication Form needs to be filled in. This form is for when your child requires ‘incidental’ and short term medication at school—eg. antibiotics, pain relief etc.

These forms are available at the office to fill in and hand to your child’s teacher.

No child is to keep medication in their school bag.

A friendly reminder to,
Come and play at Crocs Playcentre
Pakenham!

When: Friday 18th October
Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm
Cost: $5 entry at the door (CASH ONLY)

All entry costs are kindly being donated back to our school, so please come along and invite your friends too 😊

(No outside food allowed.)

Ayden B          Hannah A
Mila P           Isabelle H
Hayley C         Macey H
Blake T          Eden V
Isabella H       Kalarni B
Sally S          Tahlia B
Chevy W          Xavier L
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.

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 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*)
Walk to School 2019

Get involved in Walk to School month this October and go in the draw to win some great prizes!

We have two prizes up for grabs for students to win!

FIRST PRIZE: $250 gift voucher from the Life of Bikes
SECOND PRIZE: $100 gift voucher from 'Sports Power Fakenham'

Family Selfie
Families are encouraged to take a selfie as they make their way actively to school during October and go in the draw to win weekly prizes.

Participating Schools can go in the draw to win

- Skateboard lessons delivered by the YMCA for up to 150 students
- A sports day delivered by Aligned Leisure

For more information contact the Healthy Children's Facilitator, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624.

Walk to School 2019

Take a family selfie this October!

Take a selfie of your family actively getting to school during the month and go in the draw to win a gift voucher from the Life of Bikes!

To enter, email your photo to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au and include your name, contact details and location of where the picture was taken.

Weekly prizes:
Best selfie of the week receives $100
Best selfie overall receives $250

Photos submitted may be shared on Council’s Facebook page facebook.com/CardiniaShireCouncil.

Entries close Friday 2 November, 2019

For more information contact the Healthy Children's Facilitator, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624.

Rewards Program update

In Term 4, two new reward items from our Polar Savers range – Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers – become available to redeem!

There are also previous rewards available. You can download and print the 'Past School Banking rewards insert' at https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank-assets/banking/school-banking/2019-04/past_school_banking_rewards_slip_colour.pdf

Treat others as you would like them to treat you

PLAY IS THE WAY

Great Mate

This term, we will be re-introducing the Great Mate badge, they will be given out by the SRC Captains when they see outstanding kindness.

Here are a few tips on being friendly that might just get you a Great Mate award!

⇒ Manners, don’t forget that manners go a long way. A simple please and thank you is always appreciated.
⇒ Helpfulness, everyone needs a hand once in a while.
⇒ Kindness, kindness can be shown in all different ways, just taking someone to sickbay could make you one of the special 3 that will get the award!
PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Afternoon Tea

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TO CELEBRATE

NAR NAR GOON KINDERGARTEN’S

60th Birthday

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER
2pm - 4pm
Nar Nar Goon Kindergarten
13 Main St, Nar Nar Goon

Enjoy a slideshow of photos, flip through class group photos throughout the past 60 years, read memories from the first teachers at NNG and share your own stories and memories. Feel free to bring your own memorabilia, or if you wish to have it included in the slideshow/display, email Sharon Park at narnargoonkinder60@gmail.com

Wanted for years 1959 - 2019:
• Photos
• Newspaper Articles
• Memories

This year, Nar Nar Goon Kindergarten celebrates 60 years of education service in the community.

To celebrate, we are collating a history of the Kindergarten which will be presented at an Anniversary Celebration later this year.

If you have any photos, newspaper articles, anecdotes, memories, videos or any other relevant historical information, we would love to hear from you!

Email us at: narnargoonkinder60@gmail.com
Submissions due by Friday 20th September, 2019

Photos and newspaper articles would ideally be scanned in high resolution, or photographed and emailed in .jpg or .bmp formats.

Anecdotes, memories (both big and small) to be emailed with your full name and the year you attended/participated. Examples could include what your favourite activity at Kinder was, something specific you remember about a teacher, names or classmates or how you felt being part of the Nar Nar Goon Kinder community.

Any original photos, articles or hand written memories can be sent to Nar Nar Goon Kinder, attention Sharon Park, 13 Main Street, Nar Nar Goon, Victoria 3812. If you wish items to be returned, please ensure you include return details.
22\textsuperscript{th} August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} of October we are holding an information night for Parents/Guardians of 2020 Year 7 students in the Year 7 building from 5 - 6pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet and greet with the staff that will be teaching your Son/Daughter next year, and also to find out some very important information that will help your child settle into the college. Some of the important items to be covered will be:

- An introduction from the school Principal Felix Patton.
- A demonstration on how to use Compass for Parents and also distribution of passwords.
- Booklist and equipment information.
- Where and how you find out crucial information regarding your child.
- Camp dates & information.
- Important information regarding our device policy.
- Information regarding buses and fees.

Several staff involved in supporting the year 7 students at Koo Wee Rup Secondary College will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have.

There will be a light supper, tea and coffee provided.


Sam Scott

Year 7 Learning Community Leader