

Welcome to

Nar Nar Goon Primary School



2017 School Information

On behalf of children, staff and parents I would like to welcome you to Nar Nar Goon Primary School.

We recognise that choosing a school can be a difficult decision to make. At Nar Nar Goon we hope that we can provide you with enough information to make this decision a little easier!

We pride ourselves on having an open, friendly and honest environment. You are welcome to make an appointment to visit us at anytime - to observe our school at work, ask questions or see the types of programs we offer. During the year we will be having a number of information days and special events for kinder children and parents. I would invite you to attend and find out more about our school.

Fran Van Lambaart
Principal

Frequently Asked Questions

How many children are there at Nar Nar Goon?

- There are 241 children at the school this year.
- We have 10 grades operating this year. They are:
 - Prep Jodie Watt
 - Prep Rachael Stephenson
 - Year 1/2 Keira Vukovic
 - Year 1/2 Ken Miller
 - Year 1/2 Kimberly Feher/Kylie Wendt
 - Year 3/4 Alice Greenaway
 - Year 3/4 Daniel Mason
 - Year 5/6 Jacqui Cutler
 - Year 5/6 Jackie Hope
 - Year 5/6 Ryan Marsland

SUPPORT STAFF

- Annette Aarts Business Manager
- Rosalie Elliot Integration Aide / Admin
- Sandra Cooke Integration Aide
- Sharon Lloyd Integration Aide / Library
- Christine Riley Integration Aide / Admin

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What specialist programs does the school have?

- We have a wide range of Specialist Programs. These are:
 - PE / Health Steve Laforet
 - Reading Recovery/Intervention Virginia Meredith
 - Art Sally Fay / Rodney Wyatt
 - Library Sharon Lloyd (Technician)

What type of Student Wellbeing programs does the school have?

Our student wellbeing strategies and programs are all aimed at supporting children to develop positive skills and attitudes based on the school values of **RESPECT, HONESTY, RESPONSIBILITY, PERSISTENCE and EXCELLENCE**. We believe a major strength of our school is the support and relationships we can develop with each child.



We are very proud of our student behaviour and wellbeing programs at Nar Nar Goon. We devote a great deal of time developing children's understanding of the importance of the values and how they can be demonstrated. We aim to uphold these values in whatever we do at school and in the wider community. We also have some great programs that help support and nurture children. These include:

Values

Teaching and reinforcing our school values is a major learning and student wellbeing program. Work and discussions focus on teaching children skills and attitudes that will support their learning and social and personal skill development. Each week we have a special values theme that helps us focus on a particular message.

Prep/6 Buddies

All Prep children are given a Year 6 buddy at the beginning of the year. The older buddies help support their younger children in their new environment. Once a week the buddies spend time together on a variety of activities including games and art activities.

Play is the Way Program

This is our designated Wellbeing program that focuses on the school rule to: *"Treat others as you would like to be treated"*. All classes work through a number of games and activities designed to create whole class discussions around social challenges they may encounter out in the playground.

Great Mate Awards

Children are given a "Great Mate" badge when they display positive social attitudes, such as sharing, cooperating and supporting. At assembly on Fridays the children who receive these badges stand up and explain to the rest of the school why they received this prestigious award.

Awards and Certificates

Friday afternoon assembly is an important event where children are presented with a variety of awards in recognition of their efforts in the previous week. An *E for Excellence* award is presented to one child from each grade for an outstanding week's work.

Peer Mediation Program

During Recess and Lunch, we have Grade 5 and 6 students rostered on duty wearing high visibility vests to help students solve minor problems that may arise in the yard. This wonderful program promotes the leadership skills of our senior students and develops great relationships among our students.

Student Leadership and SRC

At Nar Nar Goon Primary School, we take pride in developing the leadership skills of all our students. Our senior students have a variety of leadership roles including School and House Captains that the younger students aspire to. Our Student Representative Council (SRC) is very active in both fundraising activities and in making decisions for the betterment of our school and playground.

What is the Playground like?

Children mix positively in the playground. Younger children are encouraged to get to know the older children, while the older children are expected to support and lead their younger peers in a positive and helpful manner. There are few major problems in the playground!

Recess play is from **11:00 to 11:30** and lunch play is from **1:20 to 2:00**. There are always at least 2 teachers on duty while the children are in the playground.

What About Bullying?

Bullying can take many forms, including name-calling, teasing, exclusion and fighting. We have a proactive approach to bullying that starts with a school philosophy that encourages respect and responsibility toward each other.

The many student wellbeing strategies and programs we have, teach children about getting along with others and handling difficult situations.

We encourage children to talk about their problems with other children. This is really important as potential problems can be managed with less difficulty if tackled at an early stage.

More difficult situations can involve closer and regular observation, daily communication and specific teaching of strategies to individual and groups of children.

We are justifiably proud of the positive environment that exists at the school.



How Can I Become Involved in the School?

We encourage parent involvement in the school. This can take many forms, including helping:

- In the classroom,
- At sporting events,
- At working bees, etc.

We also have three major groups where parent support is of major importance to the effective running of the school. These groups are:

School Council

This group is made up of elected parents and staff that have a major responsibility for finance and policy matters. They meet once per month. School Council has four sub-committees (Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Fundraising and Policy) that parents are welcome to join. These sub-committees provide support and recommendations to School Council.

Fundraising

The fundraising committee is responsible for our major fundraising activities – the Twilight Carnival and Entertainment Night. They meet regularly during the year to organise these two events.



PAFA (Parents and Friends Association)

PAFA is a formally organised group of parents that meets monthly to organise a variety of fundraising events and activities for the children.

Parents play a major role in all aspects of school life. We would encourage you to become involved wherever and whenever you can!

When Do I Enrol?

- Nar Nar Goon has a designated neighbourhood boundary so we can manage enrolments within the limited size and capacity of our classroom and buildings. Our enrolment policy allows families and siblings of children already in the school to enrol from March of the year proceeding their Prep year. Families from outside the designated boundary can usually enrol from June of the preceding year providing there are enrolment places available.
- The School Office is open 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays during the school term. Our office staff are Annette, Christine and Rosalie.
- Information will be in our newsletter during from Term 2 to remind parents of the need to enrol their children.

What Do I Need When Enrolling My Child?

- As well as completing an enrolment form, the school will need to be provided with a copy of:
 - Your child's birth certificate
 - An Immunisation Status Certificate from *The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register* (1800 653 809) or Medicare Australia Office Online at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

Can My Child Use The School Bus Service?

- Students living 4.8km or more from, and attending their nearest appropriate school/campus, are eligible to travel on a school bus service at no cost. Students not attending their nearest school/campus may access a school bus subject to seating capacity and upon payment of a fare.
- 5 buses service the school:
 - Nar Nar Goon Nth 1
 - Maryknoll
 - Tynong Nth
 - Garfield
 - Cora Lynn



For more information on bus travel go to <https://schoolbusapplication.ptv.vic.gov.au/>

What about school uniform?

It is policy that children wear school uniform.

The Nar Nar Goon Primary School uniform is:

Summer **Girls:** Blue and white check frock, navy blue shorts, pale blue or navy blue polo shirt
Boys: Navy blue shorts, pale blue or navy blue polo shirt

Winter **Girls:** Navy blue track suits, navy blue windcheater with pale blue or navy blue polo shirt or skivvy
Boys: Navy blue track suits, navy blue windcheater with pale blue or navy blue polo shirt or skivvy

Grade 6 students have a special jacket that is chosen and ordered at the end of the previous year

In line with the Cancer Council Regulations and to ensure our school meets to requirements of a Sunsmart School, wide brimmed school hats MUST be worn September 1st until April 30th.