Dear Parents and Friends

CURRICULUM DAY TOMORROW
Please remember that tomorrow is a Curriculum Day (Friday 12th February) and children are not required to attend school. All teachers will be working with our Literacy Education Consultant Julie Shepherd throughout the day focussing on the teaching of Writing. As you know last year, we had a very strong focus on the teaching of Reading which saw the implementation of our CAFÉ program and improved reading results across the school. Julie Shepherd’s coaching and modelling support was instrumental in helping all classroom teachers adopt “Best Practice” in the teaching of Reading. As such, we have continued to employ her services throughout 2016 to support staff in the teaching of Writing as an area of focus. We are looking forward to a very productive and engaging day for the benefit of all our students.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Parent / Teacher interviews are scheduled for next Tuesday. This is your opportunity to meet your child/ren’s new teacher/s and provide them with any information you believe the teacher needs to know about your child/ren. Please be aware that this is only the third week of a new school year and teachers are still very busy testing, assessing and getting to know your children and as such, there is limited information they can provide to you at this stage. It is really important that you take this as an opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher to establish a quality home/school relationship. If your scheduled interview is before 3:30, you can collect your child from the Specialists who are looking after the children while the interviews are being held from the following classrooms: Foundation: Art Room, Grades 1/2/3: Library, Grades 4/5/6: Multi Purpose Room.

PAFA AND TWILIGHT CARNIVAL:
I would like to sincerely thank all those parents who attended the PAFA AGM and congratulate the new committee who were elected on Monday: President: Erin Butler, Vice President: Victoria Smith, Secretary: Daniela Teufel-Farrelly, Treasurer: Tracey Brennan and School Council PAFA rep: Karen Damen. I am looking forward to working closely with PAFA again this year and value their contribution to our school immensely. Following the PAFA meeting, we held a Fundraising Meeting to plan for this year’s Twilight Carnival. More information will be going home in regards to this year’s carnival, but as always, we are looking for volunteers to help us out on the night: Friday 18th March from 4-8pm. Please speak to Briony Dore if you are able to help in any way at all.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
I would like to thank in advance all parents and volunteers who are helping out with the Swimming Carnival today. Thankyou also to Steve Laforet and Rob Tolliday for all their organisation. We are looking forward to a great day! Don’t forget to ensure your children have sunscreen, hats and T shirts, because it is at an outdoor pool!

SCHOOL COUNCIL:
The school council AGM is set for the 22nd February. I would like to thank all those who nominated for positions. After the AGM I will be able to inform you of the names of our elected Council members and Office Bearers. This is another very hardworking group of parents who give up their own personal time and efforts to support our school.

Kind Regards
Fran Van Lambaart
**School Uniform**

It is our School’s policy that all students wear school uniform.

Our school uniform is:
- **Summer**  
  Girls: Blue 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.

Our uniform is available from Beleza, John Street, Pakenham 5941 4989.  
As a cheaper alternative we have iron on school logos in blue or white available for purchase ($1.00 each) from the office, if required.

**Denim jeans and other coloured tops are not acceptable.**  
Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times—toeless shoes are not permitted.

**DIARY DATES**

**FEBRUARY**
- Friday 12th CURRICULUM DAY
- Tuesday 16th Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 18th Wheels Day – info attached
- Friday 19th Y5/6 Interschool Sport @ home
- Monday 22nd School Council AGM 7pm
- Wednesday 24th District Swimming
- Friday 26th Y5/6 Interschool Sports @ away

**MARCH**
- Friday 4th Y5/6 Interschool Sports @ home
- Wednesday 9th Division Swimming
- Thursday 10th School Photos
- Friday 11th Y5/6 Interschool Sports
- Monday 14th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 15th-Friday 18th Y6 Rubicon Camp
- Friday 18th Twilight Carnival 4pm-8pm
- Monday 21st School Council 7pm
- Thursday 24th Last Day Term 1
- Friday 25th Good Friday

**CURRICULUM DAY TOMORROW**

(Friday February 12th) Students not required at school

**PAYMENTS DUE**

Year 5/6 Interschool Sport  
Due: Monday 22nd February

Year 6 Rubicon Camp  
Due: Friday 4th March

**STUDENT DETAIL FORMS**

Student Detail forms have been sent home today to every family. These also include important Occupation Code Forms, both of which must be returned to the school whether or not there are any changes. Please check all details carefully and return to the office as soon as possible so that our records can be updated.

PLEASE NOTE—THE PURPLE FORM MUST ALSO BE FILLED IN AND RETURNED
MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL
If a child requires medication at school we need a signed note from parent/guardian. It must state child’s name, the medication name and dose, time to be administered, and the duration it is to be taken (not just the current date). Eg if it is to be taken for a week then all dates must be listed. Medications must be clearly labelled with the child’s name and instructions and handed to the classroom teacher.
A proforma note is available at the office or you can write your own. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

STUDENT ABSENCES
We have recently added a new facility through our website to enable you to report your child’s absence. It is a proforma that prompts you to provide all the required information and then when complete, you are able to press “submit” which will send a notification through to the Nar Nar Goon Primary School email address. This proforma is available from the front page of the website under “Quick Links” - “Report an Absence”. This method of reporting your child’s absence can be used as an alternative to a written note for your child’s teacher, so please free to use this as a more user friendly and efficient method. Of course, if you prefer, a handwritten note is still accepted.

**It is the Department and our School’s policy that when a child is absent we must receive an explanation either verbal, a note or a phone call either on their return or at the time of absence.**

We hope this new option is helpful to you

BUS TRAVELLERS
If your child is not travelling home on the bus please remember to sign the bus book OR let us know in the office. This will save us valuable time looking for children at the end of the day.

Please note: It is mandatory that where a bus is fitted with seat belts that children must wear them or fines could be incurred.

CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA
A reminder that it is now a requirement that if children need the use of a spacer when using asthma medications that it must be supplied from home.

Please supply us with your child’s named spacer if you have not done so.

SUNSMART POLICY
Our School’s Sunsmart Policy for wearing hats was amended to be in line with the Cancer Council’s regulations.
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.
Baseball caps are not permitted.

MONEY AND NOTES TO THE OFFICE
When returning money to the office please make sure that it is securely enclosed in an envelope that is clearly marked with name, grade and what it is for.
Please try to include correct money wherever possible. If you have a large note and require change you may come directly to the office to make your payment.

ALL VISITORS including toddlers need to be signed in at the office. This is particularly important in case of an emergency.

LOST PROPERTY
The Lost Property stand will be located outside the Canteen each day for you and the children to check. Please make sure ALL belongings (including lunch boxes and drink bottles) are clearly named and WE WILL RETURN them to your children.
Please note that we only keep lost property for one month.

NO STANDING ZONE
Please note that Longwarry Road is a “NO PARKING” zone. This also applies to selected areas of Spencer Street during drop of and pick up times, both AM and PM. Signs to that effect have been erected.
Please be aware that police do patrol these areas and fines will be incurred.
Wheels Day

Thursday 18 February

Bring your wheels and have some fun!

Bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, rip sticks!

Remember to bring your helmet!

This is a Streets Ahead initiative. For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787624.

All school speed zone limits across the state are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for our children.
Welcome back everyone for 2016. We are going to be running Learning Numeracy sessions on Tuesday mornings again this year, but at the earlier time of 9:05am. This program provides personalised maths instruction to students at their own individual level. As a result, our students are scattered throughout the classrooms, working on the place value concept they need the most in order to progress. All classrooms, from Foundation to the Year 6 class are involved, as are all teaching and support staff. We need many volunteers to make this program run effectively. If you can lend a hand on Tuesday mornings for an hour, have a WWC and a desire to support your school and its students, please let Jacqui Cutler, Fran Van Lambaart or your child’s teacher know.

Sessions begin Tuesday 23rd February.

Thanks for your support Jacqui

Scholastic Book Club

Parents please be aware that as of March 2016, Book Club will only be done through the Loop Program.

We will only allow orders to be done online, as we will no longer be accepting cash.
If you have any questions please contact Jackie Neville.

Limited supplies of Library Satchels are available at the office for $10.
Introducing our Committee for 2016:

President: Erin Butler
Vice President: Victoria Smith
Treasurer: Tracey Brennan
Secretary: Daniela Teufel
School Council PAFA Rep: Karen Damen
Bingo Organisers: Jan Ennis (am set up)
Daniela Teufel (pm duty)

Mother’s/Father’s Day Stall Organiser: Victoria Smith
Book Week & Disco Organiser: Alison Walker
Meal Deal Organiser: Rachel Cramer
Fresh Fruit Friday Organiser: Janine Marshall (Term 1&2),
Rhiannon Foster (Term 3&4)

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CANTEEN & FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY will commence on
Friday 19th February!
Please contact Janine or Alison if you can help on the day.
Thank you
Personal property is often brought to school by Students and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Please read the below details to ensure you are fully aware of the department’s policy:

Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

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School banking resumed last week, so please get the kids to bring their books and money in. As preps have Wednesday’s off for the first term books and deposits will be accepted up to Thursday morning.

Thanks Kerry
Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within your Primary school.

I have been teaching students for over 25 years also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so.

These lessons are on offer to all grade levels in your school.

LESSONS ARE;
$10.00 PER 15 MIN LESSON one lesson per week of term.
$ 20.00 PER MUSIC BOOK supplied by myself if required.

LESSON MONEY SHOULD BE PAID TO MYSELF ON THE DAY OR CASH OR CHEQUE CAN BE MADE OUT TO COVER THE FULL TERM AMOUNT IF PREFERED.
CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO (KAREN THOMSON) THANK YOU.

TO BOOK IN YOUR LESSONS WITH ME PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 56 299 268. NOT THE SCHOOL ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE.

THANKYOU
Yours sincerely Karen Thomson.
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