

Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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From the Principal's Desk:

PAFA: (PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION):

I would like to thank everyone who attended the PAFA Annual General Meeting on Friday afternoon and to warmly welcome all new parents who joined us for the first time on the committee. I am delighted to announce that we have filled all executive positions on PAFA for 2019, as well as all the event coordinators jobs for the year. Your 2019 PAFA executive committee members are as follows:

PRESIDENT: Rhiannon Foster
TREASURER: Tracey Brennan

VICE PRESIDENT: Sarah Mc Gilp
SECRETARY: Allie Seebeck

We also have a terrific team of volunteers who will be taking on canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Father's/Mother's Day stall, Disco, Book Fair, raffles and a myriad of other important fundraising events that all the children look forward to throughout the year. I would like to congratulate and thank you all for your willingness to help and support our school. PAFA is instrumental in helping to fundraise for those "extras" that ordinarily we would not be able to afford. For example, it was PAFA that ensured we had the funds to develop the beautiful space that is now known as the Fortune Garden. In the past PAFA fundraised and paid for the pirate ship playground, the Gazebo in the Fortune Garden, books and ipads, resources in the classrooms and air conditioners in every classroom. It is not too late to be a part of PAFA – no matter how small or large your contribution can be – everyone is welcome on this wonderful organisation. It is a great way to be involved in your child's school and to make new friends along the way.

LATE PICK UPS:

Could all parents please note that if you are running late for end of school pick up, it is an expectation that you call the office to advise. They will pass on a message to your child/ren to wait in the Multi-Purpose Room where they will be supervised by staff members along with the children waiting for buses. It is neither appropriate nor safe for children to wait at the school gate/outside the school grounds or at the milk bar for you to arrive.

Students should not be playing on the play units without parental supervision

"SIZZLE AND SOUND" NIGHT.

On Friday 1st March, we are planning to have a "Welcome to 2019" family night from 5:00pm-7:00pm. There will be food for sale and activities planned by our staff for the children to be involved in. We hope you can all attend to make this a great family night for the start of the 2019 school year. More details are to follow. ALL WELCOME

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Don't forget – Parent Teacher interviews are taking place next Tuesday, 19th February.

Please note: As this is very early in the school year and teachers are still testing and assessing, they will not be able to provide you with a great deal of information apart from how well your child has settled in. **The purpose of this interview is for you to share your concerns and/or to provide confidential information pertinent to your child's wellbeing or academic progress this year.**

CURRICULUM DAY:

This year we have scheduled an early Curriculum Day to coincide with the Labour Day long weekend Friday 8th March – **children will not be required on this day.**



TERM ONE

IMPORTANT DATES TO

REMEMBER

Feb 18th	School Council AGM 4.45pm
Feb 19th	Parent Teacher Interviews 1.30pm-7.30pm
Feb 27th	Growing Great Kids Program commences 9.10am
March 1st	Sizzle and Sound 5pm-7pm
8th March	Curriculum Day
18th March	School Photos

**FOR A FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS SEE THIS NEWSLETTER
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

www.narnargoonps.vic.edu.au

Mrs Fran Van Lambaart—Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Friday 15th 5/6 Sport @ home v Chairo Christian School

Monday 18th School Council AGM 4.45pm

Tuesday 19th Parent Teacher Interviews
1.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 20th District Swimming (Squad only)
Foundation Students not required

Friday 22nd 5/6 Sport @ home v Beaconsfield Upper PS

Monday 25th PAFA Meeting 2.15pm

Wednesday 27th Foundation Students not required

Monday 11th Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 13th Division Swimming (Squad only)

Friday 15th PAFA Meeting

Monday 18th School Photos (info to follow)
School Council 4.45pm

Friday 29th 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership

APRIL

Friday 5th LAST DAY TERM 1 2.30pm finish

Monday 22nd Easter Monday Holiday

Tuesday 23rd First Day Term 2

Thursday 25th ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Monday 29th School Council 4.45pm

MARCH

Friday 1st 5/6 Sport @ Bridgewood PS

'Sizzle And Sound' Night 5pm-7pm info to follow

Friday 8th Curriculum Day

The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence. — Amos Bronson Alcott

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.

Happy Birthday



Bodhi R
Alister M
Piper B
Kade C
Lily M

LATE ARRIVALS



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EARLY LEAVERS



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Last week's E4 Excellence Award Winners are pictured below (*also featured on our website*):



*Isabella H, Lena M, Amelia M, Ayla H, Piper B,
Jai H, Georgia C, Trevor M, Abbie M, Jacob C*

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*)

A reminder
that Foundation students do not
attend on Wednesdays for the
month of February.
Their first Wednesday is
March 6th

STUDENT ABSENCES

****It is the Department and our School's policy that when a child is absent we must receive an explanation either by email, verbal, a note or a phone call on the day of absence. ****

You can do this in several ways—via our website (in Quick Links) which is a proforma on the front page of our website. Please fill in and submit and we will get notification. Or if you prefer, a phone call, or a note to the school via a sibling.

Unexplained absences will appear as unapproved absences until an explanation is received.

If we do not receive notification on the morning of the absence we are required to make a follow up phone call.



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

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. Thank you

OPEN LEARNING

(whole school ability based maths groups)

Begins on Tuesday 19th February with game based activities with teachers covering the progression points.

Parent Helpers WON'T BE NEEDED UNTIL Term 2 in all levels. Please let Ryan know if you have a current Working With Children Check and are available to help out from 9.10am-10am

PLAY IS THE WAY

Is a practical method for teaching social and emotional skills using guided play, classroom activities and an empowering language.

It is a process that gives primary schools a way to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students.

*For new families to the school (or old ones that need a refresh-er), if you would like to learn/explore how the *Play Is The Way* program can be integrated at home, check out the website below or talk to your child's teacher:*

<https://playistheway.com.au/content/9-for-parents>



SCHOLASTIC Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

AVAILABLE AS AN APP!



LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs **L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment 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!

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENTS FOR BOOK CLUB CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLINE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECKS—A GOVT 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.

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.



GROWING GREAT KIDS PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

ARE YOU TIRED OF YELLING?

How to get kids to listen, without having to yell

DEALING WITH ANGER

Deal with our own anger and the anger of our children

STRATEGIES

Discuss and share skills that work

TECHNOLOGY & OUR CHILDREN

When to limit it and how?

SELF CARE

How to cope with stress & emotions

DATES:

Wednesdays 27 Feb, 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April 2019

TIME:

9.10am - 12.00pm

WHERE:

Nar Nar Goon Primary School
27-35 Spencer St, Nar Nar Goon

COST:

FREE: Bookings essential

BOOKINGS:

For bookings and enquiries contact:
Virginia Meredith - 5942 5311 or
Email: nar.nar.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Jasbir Singh Suropada
Call or TEXT 0431 203 177 to register
jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au

Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade

Join the CFA team

Nar Nar Goon Fire Brigade are looking for community minded residents who would like to join an exciting team of volunteers who protect the Nar Nar Goon and surrounding communities in a range of different ways. Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They have diverse backgrounds, interests and skills.

Skills and Experience:



You don't need to have any experience to join the Brigade. We will provide you with the skills you need depending on the role you choose. CFA volunteers attend nationally recognised and accredited training courses.

These could include:

- Leadership Skills
- First Aid
- Basic Fire Ground Practices
- Pump Operation
- Radio Communication
- CFA Community Education Program



Time Commitment:

Your level of commitment will depend on your personal availability. Commitment to the Brigade simply requires your time and skills that you can afford to give.

"Don't Just Live Here – Help protect it"

The best way to find out all you need to know about volunteering with CFA is to come and meet current members and ask questions.

We are holding an Open Day on:

Sunday 3rd March 2019

At the Fire Station

10am– 12noon

Bring the whole family along – the children will be entertained while we have a chat and show you around.



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN – NAR NAR GOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

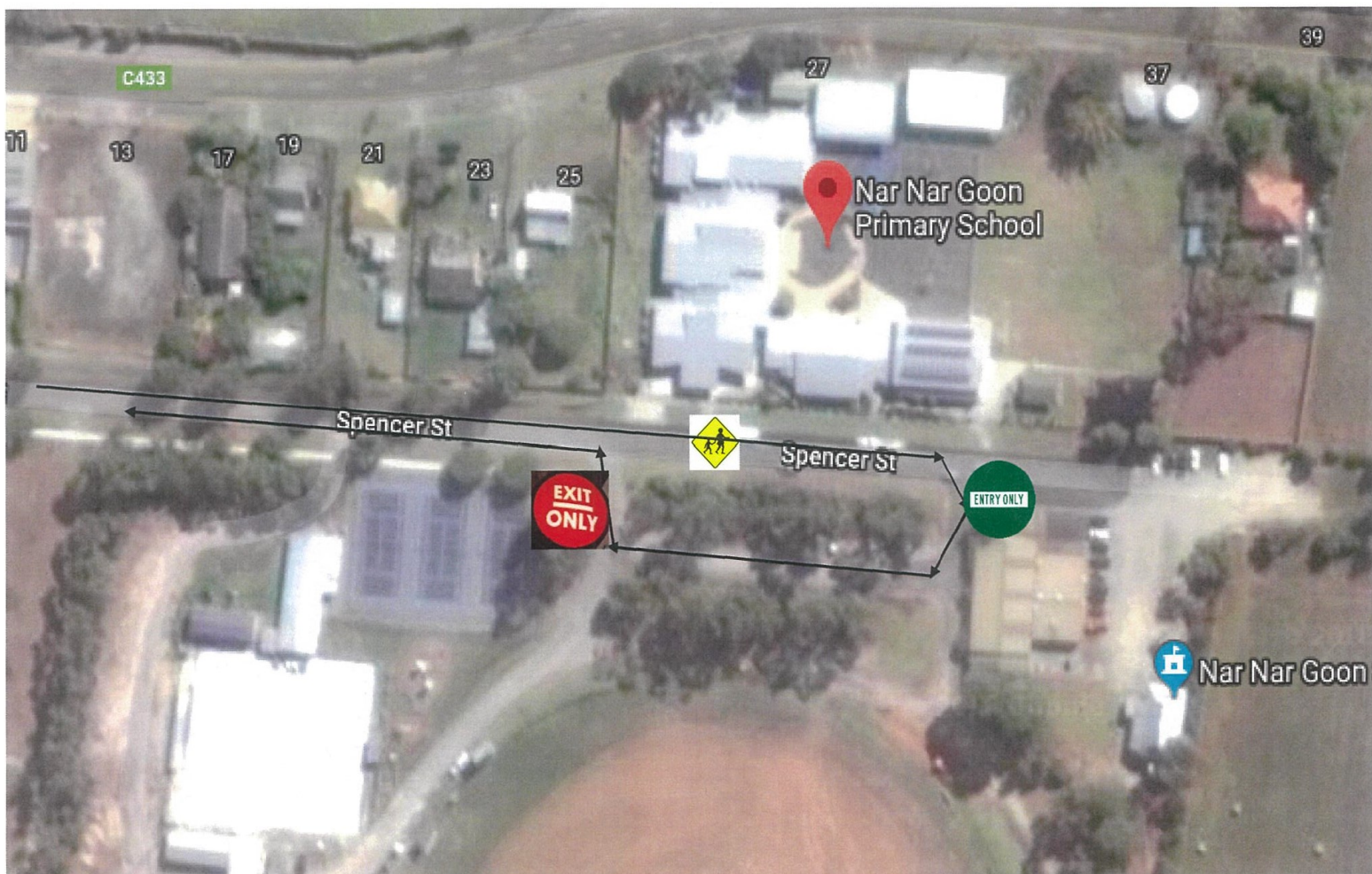
The procedure in place when collecting your children from school, is to drive and park in Spencer Street (keeping in mind there are designated “No Standing” Zones in specific areas and that there are **NO STANDING clearways either side of the school crossing**) and to then **drive to the second driveway that leads to the football ground, turn right into this carpark and exit from the top driveway back into Spencer Street.** If everyone follows this plan, the traffic (including buses) will move smoothly in a loop. Please do not proceed into the bowl of the court-this slows the traffic flow and is frustrating for every driver. The carpark across the road at the football ground is a designated parent parking space which you are welcome to use, as all staff park in the Scout Hall carpark. **Please be patient and remember to look out for all children as they move in and around traffic.**

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A CAR DRIVE INTO THE FIRST DRIVEWAY EVEN IF IT IS CLEAR. WE WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO NOT PARK NEAR THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT DRIVEWAYS AS BUSES ARE FINDING IT HARD TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE DRIVEWAYS. THE COUNCIL BYLAWS OFFICER WILL BE ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL AS SCHOOL COUNCIL IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT STUDENT SAFETY OUT ON SPENCER STREET. PLEASE BE PATIENT AS THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN ARE FAR TOO PRECIOUS.

Please Note: The bowl of the court should not be used for pick up and drop off – please enter and exit via the recreation reserve carpark.

PLEASE REFER TO THE GOOGLE MAP ATTACHED FOR A CLEAR VISUAL IMAGE OF OUR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
SCHOOL COUNCIL.**



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2019 closes on 28 June, 2019.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

2019 CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

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