Dear Parents and Friends

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all Grades 3-6 on a wonderful day at the Swimming Carnival last Thursday. I am sure that all parents who attended agree that the Pakenham Outdoor Pool proved to be a terrific venue, with life guards on duty and very attentive to our students as they swam in the 50 metre pool. I would like to thank the large number of parents who attended on the day and helped with timing, marshalling and generally supervising the children throughout the day. Once again, the staff were congratulated at the pool for the respectful behaviour of our children - a wonderful reflection of you as parents! Congratulations to all those who stepped out of their comfort zone and participated and special congratulations to those that won places to go to the District Swimming next week. Our Junior and Senior champions for the day and the winning house will be announced at Friday’s assembly.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

Already at such an early stage of the year, I need to remind all parents who drop off and pick up their children in vehicles on Spencer Street to PLEASE be careful and look out for our precious children. I have had two separate reports of incidents where drivers have exhibited unsafe behaviours whilst driving. I cannot stress strongly enough that you are the adults in this school community and it is your example that children will take note of. Please be patient in our traffic and if it takes an extra five minutes to get to where you need to be, surely that is a small compromise to ensure our children are safe as they move in and around traffic. Following is an explanation of our Traffic Management Plan which was in my first newsletter of the year:

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 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. 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.

Kind Regards
Fran Van Lambaart

SCHOOL AND HOUSE CAPTAIN BADGE PRESENTATION

Tomorrow at our whole school assembly we will be welcoming both Councillor Graham Moore and our School Council President Wayne Tymensen to present all our School, House and SRC Captains and representatives their badges for 2016. This is an exciting achievement for each of these students and I would encourage as many parents as possible to come along to assembly for this prestigious occasion.

A reminder that Foundation children do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.
**PAYMENTS DUE**

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**DIARY DATES**

**FEBRUARY**

- 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
- Tuesday 7th: PAFA Meeting
- Wednesday 9th: Division Swimming
- Thursday 10th: School Photos
- Friday 11th: Y5/6 Interschool Sports @away
- 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

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**STUDENT DETAIL FORMS**

Student Detail forms have been sent home 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

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**LATE ARRIVALS**

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

****CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY**

Icy Poles and Zooper Doopers  
50 cents each  
Please contact Alison Walker if you can help during recess. Thank you!

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**Walk, Ride, Scoot, Skate: burn your own fuel to get to school!**
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.

NO STANDING ZONE
40 kph

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 hand written 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

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.

Introducing

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!

Limited supplies of Library Satchels are available at the office for $10.
PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

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 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.
PIANO/KEYBOARD TUITION

Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keybord 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.

An Arty thought……
An artist cannot fail. It is a success to be one.  Charles Horton Cooley