

Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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From the Principal's Desk:

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM:

Following Monday night's School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) I am delighted to inform you of our 2019 School Council as follows:

President: Justin Seddon

Vice President: Karen Thomson

Treasurer: Kath Trotter

Parent Representatives: Gabrielle Mayberry, Michael Norman, Erin Butler, Ally Coombes, Kerry Hall, Mel Charles

DET Representatives: Jacqui Cutler, Jackie Hope, Daniel Mason

Executive Officer: Fran Van Lambaart

I would like to sincerely thank each of the above mentioned people. It is a genuine pleasure to work with such a dedicated and committed team who freely give their own personal time and effort to support our lovely school, from finances to policy development, buildings and grounds maintenance and overall general upkeep of all facilities. I look forward to working throughout 2019 with not only School Council but also PAFA and the wider parents and friends of our school community for the betterment of your children!

SPECIAL BADGE PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY:

We will be having a special assembly this Friday (22nd Feb) at 2.50pm, to present the School, House and SRC captains and SRC representatives with their badges. Special guest: Cardinia Shire Mayor Graeme Moore. Everyone is very welcome!

STUDENT ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES:

I would like to commend the whole school community for attending to our absence procedures by reporting either with a hand written note, phone call or via our online reporting system to explain student absences. **There is a legal requirement on the part of schools to report whether a student absence is "explained" or "unexplained" and also whether the explanation is "authorised" or "unauthorised".** An "authorised absence" is listed as health related or illness, religious/cultural observance, or family holiday where authorisation is sought from the principal and an absence learning plan is provided. Authorised absences may also include: unavoidable cause and/or unforeseen circumstances. This requires the principal's approval based on the explanation given by the parent. **Unauthorised absences include:** Student absent due to participating in leisure or social activities such as shopping, visiting relatives or friends, birthday celebrations, "just a day off" or the conditions of approval have not been met ie: absence learning plan not completed. It is therefore very important that when you notify the school of your child's absence to also clearly articulate why he/she is absent so that it can be "authorised". It goes without saying that parents need to avoid absences wherever possible. Please consider the following graphic from the Department of Education website:

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but				
If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

We also seem to have a culture of quite high numbers of late arrivals and early departures at our school. Please understand that **it is an expectation that students attend school from 9:00am to 3:30pm** and that by consistently arriving late or leaving early sends a message to your child that punctuality and attendance are not important. Messages that they will take with them through to their adult working life.

"SIZZLE AND SOUND" NIGHT:

Don't forget: on Friday 1st March, we are planning to have a "Welcome to 2019" family night from 5:00-7:00pm. 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.

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 22nd	Assembly begins at 2.50pm Badge Presentation
Feb 27th	Growing Great Kids Program commences 9.10am
March 1st	Sizzle and Sound 5pm-7pm
March 8th	Curriculum Day
March 18th	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 22nd 5/6 Sport @ home v Beaconsfield
Upper PS

Assembly 2.50pm - Badge Presentation

Monday 25th PAFA Meeting 2.15pm

Wednesday 27th Foundation Students not required

MARCH

Friday 1st 5/6 Sport @ Bridgewood PS

'Sizzle And Sound' Night 5pm-7pm

Friday 8th Curriculum Day

Monday 11th Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 13th Division Swimming (Squad only)

Friday 15th PAFA Meeting

Monday 18th School Photos (see newsletter)

School Council 4.45pm

Friday 29th 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership

APRIL

Friday 5th School Cross Country (info to follow)

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

**EARLY ASSEMBLY
TOMORROW 2.50pm
Friday 22nd for our Badge
Presentation**

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey

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



Tate S
Rosie B
Kaiden B
Ava B

LATE ARRIVALS



29



EARLY LEAVERS



50



More than
double due to
students leaving
early from
sports
events

A reminder

**that Foundation students do not attend on Wednesdays
for the month of February.**

Their first Wednesday is March 6th

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



*Madi W, Campbell W, Hayley S, Evie B, Rylie C,
Jack N, Abby P, Ruby A, Meekie M, Taylor D*

House Swimming Sports



Cody and Ciara Byrne House Captains with perpetual shield



Taylor and Cody senior and junior swimming champions 2019

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.

Library News

Congratulations to 5/6H and 34K, who have no overdue books this week this week!!

Unfortunately some classes also have no overdues for this year BUT still have books owing from last year

Head Lice

Please note there are confirmed cases of head lice 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

Treat others as you would like them to treat you

This is what we refer to as 'The Golden Rule' and guides us when making decisions when talking/playing/working with others. Being able to implement the orange poster successfully requires that you try and understand how others may feel depending on the situation and acting accordingly.

*We try our hardest **not** to follow the **Broken Rule**: 'Treat others as they treat you' at Nar Nar Goon Primary because we are striving to make strong choices and set good examples to others.*



SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

AVAILABLE AS AN APP!



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!

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

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLINE

Student's envelopes may be returned to school at any time prior to the day and we will keep them in the safe and return them to the student on Photo Day

Family envelopes and additional envelopes are available from the office

School Photographs for 2019

will be by our School Photographers,

Spargo Photography.

Monday, 18 March 2019.

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

Please write clearly on your child's envelope (Block letters preferred)

Please don't use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope, if this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.

For online orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the "online Order#" section on the envelope.

All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.

Do not use one envelope for multiple children.

Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.

For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.

Do not place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.

Only family/siblings with a completed family envelope will be photographed.

ONLINE PRE-ORDER

We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child's photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include in your child's envelope.

To order click on the following links;

[Individual Photograph Packs](#)

[Family Photograph Orders](#)

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234



Spargo Photography
230 Bessie Creek Road, Nar Nar Goon
0412 707 107

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.

Student School Banking Rewards

ART EXTENSION



The Year Three Art Extension group is has made a great start on their Venetian style of mask. We look forward to adding the plaster next week .



2019 Polar Savers Rewards

We're excited to announce the new Polar Savers reward items for 2019:



Term 1: Scented Stackable Highlighter, Snowy Origami Set

Term 2: Yeti Fluffy Notebook, Icicle Slapband Ruler

Term 3: Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring, Scratch Art Cards

Term 4: Water Skimming Bounce Ball, Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers

Students can redeem 10 silver Dollarmites tokens for a Polar Savers reward by completing a redemption slip and returning the whole slip with the students name and banker ID on their School Banking day.

Mobile March



During March be as active as you can!

- **Walk, ride, scoot or skate to school**
- **Remember to wear your helmet**
- **Meet friends and actively come to school**



Make sure your school is
in the running for the
most active school in
Cardinia Shire to win the

The winning school will be announced in Term 2.

'Streets Ahead Cup'.



For more information contact Council's Healthy Children's Facilitator on 1300 787 624 or email k.beveridge@cardinia.vic.gov.au



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SECONDARY
COLLEGE

**Proud to be your Community College
valuing Achievement, Respect,
Commitment & Community**

You are invited to bring along your family and friends to our
Welcoming

Sizzle and Sound Night

Friday 1st March 2019 5-7pm

Come along and explore your child's classroom

Enjoy some outdoor games

And listen to some music

All while getting to meet other students and families



Don't worry about dinner as we will have available for purchase:

Sausages, Baked potatoes, ice creams, icy poles, Slushies and soft drinks.

There will also be a raffle on the night \$1 per ticket and a Raffle tree \$20 per ticket where your lucky pluck from the tree rewards you with a prize voucher worth \$20 or more from a local business.

All money raised from the night goes back into the school to purchase equipment for the Fortune Garden or classroom items.

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*)



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.suropada@anglicarevic.org.au



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BETTER
TOMORROWS



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.

For more information call
Brigade Support Officer
Lisa Hicks on 0409401437



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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