Dear Parents and Friends,

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL:
It is with great pleasure that following our nomination period and Annual General Meeting on Monday night I can confirm our School Council membership for 2016 as follows:
President: Wayne Tymensen
Vice President: Andrew Chatfield
Treasurer: Kathryn Trotter
Secretary: Annette Aarts
Minutes Secretary: Jacqui Cutler
PAFA Representative: Karen Damen
General Committee: Scott Webster, Peta Green, Kerry Hall, Simon Spicer, Alice Greenaway, Jackie Neville.
Congratulations to all elected members – I look forward to working with each of you throughout 2016! Your willingness to give up your personal time and effort for the benefit of our whole school community is very much appreciated!

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS:
We had over 30 students attend the District Swimming Sports on Wednesday morning. Overall our school came third in the competition with many children receiving ribbons for places. Our relay teams in particular did very well. I would like to congratulate Cheyenne S from Grade 6 who will be going through to Zones. Good luck Cheyenne and well done!

NAR NAR GOON WEBSITE:
Please take a moment to have a look at our website, particularly our Class News pages, E for Excellence and Leadership tabs where lots of new photos and news from around the school are regularly posted.

PARKING IN SPENCER STREET:
Please be aware that there are NO PARKING zones in Spencer Street. Please also refrain from parking on neighbours’ nature strips including the Tennis Club. There is ample parking at the Recreation Reserve across the road to accommodate everyone.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY:
On days of above 35 degrees School Council has approved the cancellation of Friday afternoon assembly for the health and safety of both our students and the wider school community who attend. On those days of extreme heat, E for Excellence awards and other announcements will take place over the PA.

Kind Regards
Fran Van Lambaart

A reminder that Foundation students attend on Wednesdays as of next week.
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

****CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY**

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

We are also looking for helpers to cut up & distribute the fruit platters on Friday mornings - straight after school drop offs. Please contact Janine Marshall if you can stay and help.

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**DIARY DATES**

**FEBRUARY**

Friday 26th Y5/6 Interschool Sports @ home
Monday 29th Twilight Carnival meeting 9am

**MARCH**

Friday 4th Y5/6 Interschool Sports @ away
Monday 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 2.30pm finish
Friday 25th Good Friday

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**LATE ARRIVALS**

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**Payments Overdue**

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

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**Payments Due**

Year 6 Rubicon Camp  Due: Friday 4th March

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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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**Happy Birthday**

Ava B
Mason R
Abbey R
Connor L

**Due back Monday 29th February**
Congratulations to these children for receiving this week’s awards.

E4 EXCELLENCE

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, ensuring that they have an opportunity to learn about the world works and sports, boost self-worth, discipline and leadership. A part of a healthy curriculum, CSEF will be 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 autism, seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the schools or towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $80 for primary school students
- $125 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/ceef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ceef

SWIMMING SPORT NEWS

A beautiful day was on the cards for the Nar Nar Goon PS Swimming Carnival held on the last Thursday before the long weekend! A new venue at the outdoor pool in Pakenham hosted the races with district on the student’s minds, swimming in the BIG 50m pool or maybe a play in the splash pool next to it cheering on their friends! With years 3-6 students participating in events such as 50m Freestyle, 50M Backstroke, 50M Breaststroke or the kick board and Cork scramble races, the children were loving splashing in the water and keeping cool!

Nar Nar Goon Swimming Champions
Cheyenne S– U13 Girls
Sam H– U13 Boys
Jessica C– U11 Girls
Cameron J– U11 Boys

ABSENCES

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. Why not try our online option for notifying us!

Our records show that there are already a large number of unexplained absences.
We would appreciate your cooperation with this.
TWILIGHT CARNIVAL NEWS

Save the date: Friday 18th March
4pm-8pm

By now all students should have received their Twilight Info Pack.
This year we are pre-ordering our veggie boxes, all produce will be fresh and seasonal. Simply fill out your order form and we will have it ready for you at the Carnival.
Pre-purchased wristband forms have also gone home. Please return forms back to school by Thursday 17th March. From Friday 18th March a single wristband will cost $30.00 and a family of up to 4 will be $80.00. Please try and take advantage of the special offer.

We are now looking for Sponsors for our Twilight Carnival. If you would like more information on sponsoring our carnival please call Briony Dore 0400 047 729.

We are also asking for your help on the day of the carnival. Please take the time to look at the roster, we have one hour time slots for all of our stalls. It’s a great way to meet new people and get involved in the carnival.

We are very excited about having a Nar Nar Goon Talent Show this year and there will be more information on this event coming up very soon.

There will be a meeting on Monday 29th February in the Staff Room at 9am. Please feel free to come along and help with organising this great event for our children and the community. Hope to see you there.

Thanks,
Briony and the Fundraising Team
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY MARCH 4
2016

Join more than 500,000 students across the nation, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school!
For more information, visit ride2school.com.au

Girl Guides Cardinia

Looking for a new adventure?
Fun and educational after school activity?
Opportunities to develop life skills?

Girl Guides provides a safe and supportive ‘girls only’ space to learn through new experiences, exploring the outdoors and having fun.

Girl Guides are encouraged to challenge themselves to develop:
• Social skills and new friendships
• Leadership and team work
• Organisation and time management skills
• Independence, confidence and self-esteem
• Outdoor and life skills

Girl Guides participate in weekly meetings and have the opportunity to attend day activities and camps as well as take part in community events.

Join the adventure now!

♀️ Pakenham Girl Guides
♀️ Emerald Girl Guides

We are looking for new girls and leaders.

Come along for a free trial!

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