From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Friends;
Welcome back to 2015 and a brand new school year! I hope you all managed to have a restful holiday and that you were able to spend lots of time with family and friends over Christmas and New Year. The children have all settled back into school today very smoothly including our two classes of Foundation students. It was lovely to see their eager faces, all dressed up in their brand new school uniforms. Our wonderful teaching and support staff have all been into school at various times throughout the holidays and have planned a fabulous program for the term, and the year ahead. I am sure we are all going to have a fabulous year!

LIBRARY/GRADE 5/6N CLASSROOM SPACE:
You will have noticed that we have changed the library back to its original place (where Jodie’s P/1 class was last year) and we have grade 5/6 (Jackie Neville’s class) located in the top section where the library used to be. As such, this space is now a designated classroom and we would ask everyone to please respect this space and not walk through it (as we have been able to in the past) to get from one end of the building to the other. The children have all been instructed to use the exit doors at each end of their building and not walk through Jackie’s classroom and it is important that parents also adhere to this protocol out of respect for Jackie’s classroom. I know this will take some getting used to but it is only a minor inconvenience. As our numbers are growing we will need to continue to make allowances due to our limited teaching spaces.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:
I would like to remind everyone that we have a traffic management plan in place when dropping and picking up children at the beginning and end of the day. Please adhere to the No Standing Zones where our buses park and those No Standing Zones directly opposite the school. Parent parking is available along Spencer Street before the No Standing Zones and in the recreation reserve nature strip/car park. For the new families – our buses, when moving from their designated parking area turn right into the recreation reserve carpark and then exit at the other end of the carpark back into Spencer Street towards Nar Nar Goon. This is to ensure that traffic can flow smoothly in a cyclic manner. Having said that, last year we had some parents who parked extremely close to the edge of the carpark exit which meant the buses did not have a wide enough turning space, resulting in grid lock for all cars using Spencer Street until the parked cars moved. Please be very mindful of the safety of our children as they walk in and around the traffic and adhere to the 40kmh speed restriction. The area is frequently patrolled by police and a number of parents were booked last year.

A separate notice has gone home with your child this afternoon which has a map and further details about our Traffic Management Procedures. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with this plan.

HEALTHY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM:
As you are aware our school is part of the Healthy Achievement Program and as such we encourage healthy lunches and snacks. We would really encourage and appreciate parental support in this area, by packing healthy lunches- ensuring our children get the best out of their education.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:
Don’t forget to subscribe to our newsletter through the Nar Nar Goon Primary School website to ensure you are kept up to date with all activities and information regarding our school:
www.narnargoons.vic.edu.au

Kind Regards
Mrs Fran Van Lambaart

Please note that all classroom and school volunteers must have and show their current Working With Children's Check cards when signing in at the office before attending the classroom.
SAFETY OF CHILDREN

Please be aware that teachers are not actually in the yard on duty until 8:45 am in the morning.

Supervision of students at the end of the day in the multipurpose room concludes when the last bus leaves the school.

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY
Friday 13th Y5/6 Sport @ Beac Upper
Monday 16th School Council 7pm
Friday 20th CURRICULUM DAY
Friday 27th Y5/6 Sport @ Maranatha

MARCH
Tuesday 3rd—Friday 6th Y 6 Rubicon Camp
Wednesday 4th Foundies first Wednesday
Monday 9th LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
District Swimming—info to follow
Friday 13th Twilight Carnival 4pm – Y5/6 Sport @ home v Chairo

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 fines.

READING PARENTS AND HELPERS

Please note that it is School Policy that every visitor to the school, sign the Visitors Book at the office when they arrive—reading parents/parent helpers, (and toddlers) visiting ex-students etc— and again when they leave.

HATS

It is policy of our school that hats are worn from September 1st until May 1st
Hats should be wide brimmed or the ‘bucket’ type to provide proper protection.
Baseball type caps are not permitted.
Children without a hat will be required to play in shade areas.

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.

SAFETY ISSUES

For the safety reasons it is important to only park in the designated areas, when dropping off and picking up children.
Please note that Longwarry Road is a NO STANDING ZONE
Fines may be incurred if you are parked in the wrong areas.
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN THAT WE ALL ADHERE TO THESE REGULATIONS.

Happy Birthday

Caitlin S Matthew B
Max M Ethan D
Chloe G Jesse H
Holley V Blake E
Kiara G Jack A

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