

Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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From the Principal's Desk:

WELCOME TO 2019!

Welcome back to school for 2019!

I have had a lovely time visiting all classes and speaking to the children during these first two days. Many of you, it seems, have travelled far and wide over the Christmas break whilst others have had some exciting day trips.

All classes have been very settled including our newest Foundation students who all looked very grown up in their crisp new uniforms. I would like to welcome all new families who are attending Nar Nar Goon for the first time this year – I have no doubt that you will love your time at our school. Our staff are extremely welcoming, highly professional and very dedicated to ensure the children in their care achieve to the best of their abilities at all times.

COMING SOON—SCHOOL STREAM APP

We are currently in the process of setting up a new school app, called School Stream. This new app will enable parents to make payments for school activities and excursions. It will also be another method to communicate important upcoming information. More details will be available in coming weeks.

GROWING GREAT KIDS PROGRAM:

We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer a parenting program to all parents and carers called "Growing Great Kids". This program is run by Jasbir Singh Suropada from Anglicare and will take place on Wednesdays commencing 27th Feb at our school from 9:10 am-12:00pm. I would encourage all parents to take part in this program as it deals with such issues as: *how to get kids to listen without having to yell, dealing with anger, technology and our children and self care*. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter—**bookings are essential**.



TERM ONE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb 8th	PAFA AGM
9:15 am	Staffroom
Feb 18th	School Council AGM
4:45pm	
Feb 27th	Growing Great Kids
9:10am	Program commences
8th March	Curriculum Day
18th March	School Photos

FOR A FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE:.

www.narnargoonps.vic.edu.au

Mrs Fran Van Lambaart—Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 6th Foundation students are not required

Friday 8th 5/6 Sport @ Officer PS

PAFA AGM 9.15am

Monday 11th History Box Incursion

Wednesday 13th 3-6 House Swimming

Foundation Students not required

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

Monday 18th School Council AGM 4.45pm

Wednesday 20th District Swimming

Foundation Students not required

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

Wednesday 27th Foundation Students not required

MARCH

Friday 1st 5/6 Sport @ Bridgewood PS

School Fete

Friday 8th Curriculum Day

Monday 11th Labour Day Holiday

Monday 18th School Photos (info to follow)

School Council 4.45pm

Wednesday 27th Regional Swimming (Squad only)

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

“Children are born with wings. Teachers help them to fly.”
Oscar Wilde



Caitlin S	Ash M
Sloane H	Ebony H
Matthew B	Tyler T
Ashton M	Millie T
Lila W	Olivia K
Jake P	James M
Jesse H	Harper B
Sadie S	Tyler B

Payments Due

3-6 House Swimming

Thursday 7th February

5/6 Interschool Sport

Wednesday 6th February

LATE ARRIVALS

6

EARLY LEAVERS

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

AGM—please be advised that the Parents and Friends Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 8th February 9:15 am in the staffroom. We are looking for new members and everyone is welcome!

****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*)

SUNSMART POLICY

In line with our school's Sun Smart Policy, students must wear a hat at all times when outdoors from the 1st September through to the 30th April. Please help us to instil good sun smart habits in the children by ensuring they have a blue sun smart hat for the remainder of the year.

PLAY IS THE WAY

Bright Beginnings

At the beginning of each school year, our students and teachers work together to create the foundation for a safe and happy learning environment. This is accomplished by spending time getting to know each other, discussing and creating a code of conduct for each classroom/cohort and exploring our school values.

Respect

Responsibility

Honesty

Persistence

Excellence

As the school year continues, the whole school continues to build upon this strong foundation by exploring the Play Is The Way program concepts and language through play.



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 and Early Childhood Development **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

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.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Our Medications Policy states that for any child requiring medication at school, a Medication Form needs to be filled in. This form is for when your child requires 'incidental' and short term medication at school—eg antibiotics, pain relief etc.

These forms are available at the office to fill in and hand to your child's teacher

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

ALL STUDENTS MUST wear a wide brimmed bucket hat in a dark navy blue colour (school logo optional) from October—April

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, Bald Hill Road, 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.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property stand is 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.



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.



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 HAD A VERY NEAR MISS RECENTLY WITH A CHILD ALMOST RUN OVER DUE TO THIS. 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.**





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





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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