June 16th, 2016

Dear Parents and Friends,

**NEXT WEEK:**

Next Tuesday (21st) is the whole school’s Athletics Day to take place at Carr Field and it is an expectation that all children from Foundation to Grade 6 participate in this whole school activity. At this stage we have over 80 students who have not returned their permission slips – unless they are returned by tomorrow we will be forced to cancel due to insufficient numbers, which would be a shame for those that have made sure their forms are back at school on time. **PLEASE NOTE:** If your child has not returned their permission slip by tomorrow (Friday 17th June) they will not be able to attend. Thank you to those parents who consistently return forms and payments on time.

Please also remember that the Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled to take place next Wednesday afternoon through to the evening. Also please note that Friday – last day of term – the children will be dismissed at 2:30.

**WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS**

This week we have been very fortunate to welcome some past students back to our school for their work experience placement: Luke Close, Thomas Brougham and also Lakoda Kendall. All three students have enjoyed reconnecting with staff and students at Nar Nar Goon Primary School and have been great assets helping out in all classes.

**SCHOOL DISCO**

What a wonderful event the annual school disco proved to be last night. The children all had a great time with lots of dancing and singing. The grade six students did an exemplary job helping PAFA to run the event, manning the stalls and generally helping to supervise by interacting with the younger students. This is their way of helping to contribute to the fundraising efforts of PAFA and thanking PAFA in advance for their support for their graduation and end of year activities. This group of Grade Six students are certainly demonstrating great leadership and dedication to our school. Well done to each and every one of them!

**PAFA NEWS**

I would like to share this report from the PAFA President presented at the most recent PAFA meeting, which highlights not only the great work they do, but also their plight in finding enough volunteers to share the work load:

First of all, I would like to thank all of the helpers for the Bunnings BBQ – despite the weather! we still had a very profitable day with over $1000 profit. The aprons, which Alison made looked fantastic & we received lots of nice comments on them! It seems that we are still having the ‘age old’ issue of getting enough helpers. Daniela only managed to get 3 helpers for Bingo night last Thursday night, luckily enough someone on the night helped out. Canteen one week only had 2 people running it. To be honest I don’t have a definitive solution. It can be very disheartening to do a lot of planning, only to have to rely on the usual people to help. I understand that people have other commitments, cannot always help or simply have no interest in helping. Do we then look into what we do in regards to fundraising? The funds, which we raise are important to the school, we are able to help provide extra things for our students, which they may not normally be able to have. I understand that we join PAFA knowing that we are here to fundraise for the school and we are happy to donate our time and I am not suggesting that we cancel everything that we do! But do we need to reassess it for the future, so that we don’t always have this problem or burn out our regular helpers? On a different note, we have ordered 5 new gazebos for the school. One in each of the house colours with the house name on the front and a navy one which has the school name and logo on it. We should be getting delivery of these in the next few weeks – hopefully in time for the Athletics Carnival.

The arrangement, which we discussed with Jackie [Neville] at the last meeting has been working really well. When at school of a Friday, we have 2 Grade 6 students helping out in the Canteen. They have all been very helpful with serving and even the washing up! Some will also be helping out at the Disco next week with running the Glow Stick stand and helping sell food.

Next weekend is the School Disco which is always a fun time! Erin Butler and also Lakoda Kendall. All three students have been great assets helping out in all classes.

**STAFFING:**

Finally, I would like to publicly welcome Sarah Deveny who is joining our staff here at Nar Nar Goon Primary School in a full time role, taking over the position of classroom teacher for Grade 1/2B from Belinda Bennett. As you are aware, Sarah has been a very reliable and experienced Casual Relief Teacher for a number of years and is very aware of how we operate here at Nar Nar Goon. The children of 1/2B are very excited to have Sarah as their new teacher through to the end of the year following Belinda’s resignation.

**Kind regards,**

Mrs Fran Van Lambaart

***Whole School Athletics Carnival***

Carnival Athletics Forms are due back tomorrow, Friday. Students who do not return forms will not be permitted to attend.

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: Prep: Jodie Watt, Grade 1/2: Keira Vukovic, Grade 3-6: Jacqui Cutler). Otherwise, please contact the principal Mrs Fran Van Lambaart by calling the office to arrange an appointment.
Congratulations to these children for receiving this week's awards.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Planning has now begun for 2017. For those families who intend to enrol their child for next year, could you please return completed forms ASAP. This is most important as it will enable us to accurately plan for the 2017 year.

Payments Due
Girls Football (squad only)  
Whole School Athletics  
Notes must be back by the due date so student can attend the event

LATE ARRIVALS
Zanda C  
Mason W

DIARY DATES

JUNE
Friday 17th Girls AFL (squad only)
Monday 20th School Council 7pm
Tuesday 21st Whole School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 22nd Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 24th Last Day Term 2
  2.30pm finish
  Buses will run to this timetable

JULY
Monday 11th First Day Term 3
Monday 18th PAFA Meeting
Friday 22nd Division Winter Sport
Monday 25th School Council 7pm

AUGUST
Tuesday 2nd Wheel’s Day
Thursday 4th Y3/4 Hooptime
Monday 8th–Wednesday 10th Book Fair
Monday 8th Y5/6 Hooptime
Monday 15th PAFA Meeting
Tuesday 16th Family Life Program 6pm–7pm Y3/4
  7pm–8pm Y5/6
Wednesday 24th–Tuesday 30th
  Life Education
Thursday 25th Friday 26th Y3 Taskworks
Thursday 25th District Athletics

Telly C
Ash C
Amy K
Corey L
Georgia C
Chloe G
Zanda S
Edward S
Kiara G
Nate P
**CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY**
Dim Sims & Popcorn
50cents each

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Disco this year - you all looked like you had a heap of fun!
A HUGE thank you to all of the Grade 6 Students, Teachers and Parents for helping on the day.
Thank you also to Jackie Neville for your support.
We really appreciated your help!

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.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

The Department 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.
SICK CHILDREN
There are many ‘bugs’ and illnesses around the school at the moment. If your child is unwell (or if you are in doubt), please don’t send them to school, home is really a much better place for them to be.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY LEavers
It has come to our attention that many children who arrive late at school have not been signed in at the office. Every child who arrives late to school must be signed in at the office. They will then be given a Late Pass to give to their teacher. If a child does not take a pass to class they will be sent to the office to sign in and receive one. Likewise, every child who leaves early must also be signed out at the office, including the bus book.

LATE PASSES
Late Arrival/Early Leavers

There have been many Permission Forms returned after their due date—for sporting events, excursions, incursions etc.

Please note that if forms are not returned by the due date students WILL NOT be able to attend the event.

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 will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download it from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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

BOOK CLUBS
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.