Dear Parents and Friends,

MOTHER’S DAY HIGH TEA AND MOTHER’S DAY STALL
THANKYOU:
I am sure you will all agree that the Mother’s Day High Tea was an outstanding success with over one hundred ladies in attendance. PAFA spent many days leading up to, and on the day of the event baking and preparing food. As well as food preparation, these wonderful ladies dressed the Multi-Purpose Room with beautiful flowers and table decorations and ensured that every child had a picture and/or message dedicated to their own mother displayed on the walls. The children who were selected from each class did a wonderful job reading their specially written tributes over the microphone. Speaking from a mother’s point of view, it was hard not to become just a little emotional listening to their heartfelt messages. PAFA then spent the very next day organising the Mother’s Day stall and giving every child the opportunity to buy their special lady a gift.

On Monday morning the staff honoured our own special PAFA ladies with a surprise morning tea during their meeting to show them how much we appreciate all that they do for us at our school. We recognised that whilst they were busy ensuring every other mother had a wonderful time at the High Tea, they were busy in the background for the whole afternoon working selflessly to ensure it was a lovely experience for everyone else.

So from all the staff at Nar Nar Goon Primary School we would like to publicly acknowledge what a wonderful and supportive group of mothers you all are – THANKYOU!

If you would like to be involved with PAFA they are a very welcoming group of mothers who are only too happy to accept help no matter how large or small your commitment can be. Not only is it a great way of making new friends but the children love having their mothers and fathers involved in their school life. (And yes, Dads are more than welcome as well!!)

OFFICE PAYMENTS AND PERMISSION SLIPS:
We are seeking everyone’s support to ensure that all permission slips and payments for incursions, excursions and sporting events are delivered to the office by the due date. This is crucial to our planning as buses and entry fees are paid in advance based on the numbers of children attending. We are always mindful of the cost of activities to families and so, we do our utmost to keep our costs to a minimum. We can only do this when numbers are confirmed in advance. The school has in the past been required to pay extra above and beyond the excursion amount because of late payments. For example: having to organise a larger bus to accommodate extra numbers at the last minute because permission slips were not returned by the due date. (A larger bus is obviously more expensive than a smaller one). It is for this reason that as a staff we have made the decision to insist all payments be returned by the nominated due date and that students who return their permission slips late will not be able to attend the planned activity. If there is a financial reason for delaying the return of permission slips, please speak to your child’s teacher or myself, as private and confidential arrangements can be made in the case of financial hardship.

DEALING WITH ISSUES EARLY:
As you are all aware our school is very welcoming and only too happy to speak to parents in regards to any concerns or issues they may have. If problems are raised early, often difficulties can be nipped in the bud. We encourage open communication between staff and parents, so please if you do have a concern, don’t hesitate to speak to your child’s classroom teacher. If you feel that the problem warrants further investigation, you can speak to anyone of our team leaders: Prep: Jodie Watt, Grade 1/2: Keira Vukovic, Grade 3-6: Jacqui Cutler or you can always call the office to make an appointment with myself at a time that is convenient for you. You will have noticed that I am also on yard duty every morning before school to allow teachers time in their rooms to be available to parents. Parents are more than welcome to have a chat with me at this time as well (as many parents already do!) No problem is too small for us to overcome as long as we work together.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fran Van Lambaart

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.

James M
Chelsea B
Blake T
River F
Tahlia B
Claire R
Bailey D
Jade D
Georgia K
Charlie R

Payments Overdue
Science Incursion
District Cross Country
Wednesday 20th April
Monday 2nd May

DIARY DATES

MAY
Friday 13th Y5/6 Sport Away
Monday 16th – Friday 20th Education Week
Monday 16th School Council 7pm
Tuesday 17th Grandparent’s Day 10am–11.40am
Friday 20th Y5/6 Interschool Sport Home
Friday 27th Y5/6 Interschool Sport – Home

JUNE
Monday 6th PAFA Meeting 9.15am
Friday 10th Winter Lightning Premiership
Monday 13th Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 15th Disco (info to follow)
Thursday 16th CURRICULUM DAY
Friday 17th Girls AFL (info to follow)
Monday 20th School Council 7pm
Wednesday 22nd Parent Teacher Interviews (info to follow)
Tuesday 21st Whole School Athletics Carnival
Friday 24th Last Day Term 2 2.30pm finish

JULY
Monday 11th First Day Term 3

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If you have a sibling of a child already attending here who is starting their Prep year, please let us know as soon as possible.
Likewise, if you know of anyone who lives in the area (within our school boundary) and are thinking about enrolling their child for next year, please let us know or get them to contact the school.
Information/Enrolment packs are now available.

TERM DATES 2016
Term 1
Thursday 28 January to Thursday 24 March (teachers 27 Jan)
Labour Day Monday 14 March
Good Friday 25 March

Term 2
Monday 11 April to Friday 24 June
ANZAC Day Monday 25 April
Queen’s Birthday Monday 13 June

Term 3
Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September

Term 4
Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December
Melbourne Cup Tuesday 1 November
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

**CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY**

Dims Sims & Popcorn  
50cents each

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**Mother’s Day Afternoon High Tea**
Thank you to everyone who attended the High Tea last Thursday. We had over 100 lovely Mums who shared an amazing array of food! Thank you to Kerry Hall and Rebecca Stephens for setting up a stall on the day & to the very brave students who spoke so beautifully. A big thank you to the very special people and businesses who donated vouchers and goods for our raffle:

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**BUNNINGS BBQ**
We have been fortunate enough to have secured a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 28th of May at Pakenham. To make this a successful fundraiser for the school, we are needing extra volunteers to help out on the day. A volunteer form was sent home this week, please complete and return to the school asap. Thank you.

PAFA
A huge thank you to all the wonderful PAFA ladies who continually put on amazing ‘events’ to support us all here at Nar Nar Goon Primary School.

We really do appreciate everything that you do for us and hope you all took time to relax and enjoy time with your own families on Mother’s Day.
**MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**

If a child requires medication at school we need a signed note from parent/guardian. It must state child’s name, the medication name and dose, time to be administered, and the duration it is to be taken (not just the current date). If it is to be taken for a week all dates must be listed. Medications must be clearly labelled with the child’s name and instructions and handed to the classroom teacher. A proforma note is available at the office or you can write your own. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

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**LATE PASSES**

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.

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**Grandparent’s Day**

Includes morning tea

Tuesday 17th
10am-11.40am

Don’t forget to invite your special person!

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**An Arty thought……..**

Only when he no longer knows what he is doing does the painter do good things

Edgar Degas

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**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

**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, John Street, 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.

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**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.

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Recent research reveals that walking to school is good for a child’s educational development. A study of nearly 20,000 Danish children found that children who walked or cycled to school were able to concentrate significantly better than non-active students for the first four hours of the day. Walking to school is not only good for a child’s health and education, it is highly important to children’s independence and general development. Patterns and behaviours established during childhood tend to carry into adulthood. Those who adopt healthy behaviours, such as walking, when they are young are more likely to continue these practices as adults. Children are more likely to walk if their parents walk - and parents are best placed to teach them to negotiate their neighbourhood safely.

For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787624.
Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 28th May
We have been successful in attaining a BBQ fundraiser for our school. The BBQ will be held at
Bunnings Pakenham.
This is a fantastic opportunity to raise money for our school, however it is vital we have parent support. If you are able to donate a few hours of your time in between sporting/work commitments it would be greatly appreciated!
We will require 4-5 people per timeslot.
If you are able to help, please complete the form below and return it to school ASAP.
A timetable will be published & you will receive a confirmation of your time for the day.

Thank you
Erin Butler

BBQ Volunteer Form

Name:
Mobile Number:
I am available for the following timeslot:

___ 8.30am to 10.30am
___ 10.30am to 12.30pm
___ 12.30pm to 2.30pm
___ 2.30pm to 4.30pm
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENTS FOR BOOK CLUB CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL. ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLINE

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○ 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!
ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Until they’re ten, children must always hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road

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