

February 16th 2024

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Thanks to those parents who have nominated for positions on our School Council for 2024. We are still looking for a parent member. Our meeting is in the staffroom on Monday 26th February at 4:45pm.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Please do not forget next Friday – Friday 23rd February- is a STUDENT FREE DAY.

All schools schedule 4 days a year which they use to work on teacher professional development, planning or reporting to parents. There is generally one each term, approved by our School Council. As a staff, we are very keen to continually improve, and we look forward to extending our knowledge and skills to help improve our students' learning outcomes.

Next week our staff will begin their yearlong training into the Berry Street Education Model. The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) equips both mainstream and specialist schools with practical, classroombased strategies to increase the engagement of all students, including those with complex, unmet learning needs. It enables schools to support students' self-regulation, relationships, and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement. As a teaching team at Nar Nar Goon, we want to improve how we engage with all of our students and ensure that they are developing the skills to become successful members of our community. For more information:

https://www.berrystreet.org.au/learning-and-resources/berry-street-education-model

WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT AND BBQ

Today your child will bring home a notice for the Open Night on Tuesday 5th March. We would love to see as many children and families as possible. If you are coming, can you please return the slip at the bottom to us to assist with catering. Classrooms will be open, our SRC Representatives will be conducting tours, and there will be opportunities to talk to and meet staff. If any family would like a private catch up with teachers, please make an appointment on the night for a future date. We look forward to seeing you at our Open Night.

Have a great fortnight!





If you have not already downloaded the Sentral App for parents, please do so from the Apple or Google Play store.

February

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th - Year 5/6 Talk About It sessions Tuesday 13th - History Box Incursion – all classes – no charge to families Monday 26th – School Council Meeting AGM at 4.45 in the Staffroom Friday 23rd – Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL. Their Care will be operating on the day. Tuesday 27th – School Photos – All ordering is done online through <u>www.spargophoto.com.au</u> Thursday 29th – School Swimming Carnival – Years 3-6 only

March

Mon 4th - Begin 4 weeks of Taekwondo Kickstarters Program for all students in PE – no charge Tuesday 5th - School Open Night and Welcome BBQ – details sent home today Wednesday 6th - District Swimming (for qualifiers only) Monday 11th - Labour Day Public Holiday Tuesday 12th – Division Swimming (for qualifiers only) Wednesday 13th - NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 begins Thursday 21st – Harmony Day – details to come Thursday 28th – COLOUR RUN Last Day of Term 2.30 finish see details below Friday 29th – GOOD FRIDAY

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that, makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



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: <u>https://www.vic.gov.au/protect</u>

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, PLC Leader in the second instance (ie: Foundation: Jodie Williamson, Years 1-2: Daniel Mason, Years 3-4: Yolande Kerin, Years 5/6: Elise Adams).

Otherwise, please contact the Principal Jacqui Cutler, by calling the office to arrange an appointment.



Get your Colour on, Nar Nar Goon Primary School is hosting a Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun will be on Thursday, 28th March 2024, the last day of Term 1.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Splatacular Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at <u>www.australianfundraising.com.au</u>. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

For more information, please contact Andrea Loulier at <u>nar.nar.goon.ps@education.vic.gov.au</u> or 5942 5311.

Happy fundraising!

SRC Committee

Thursday 28 March – Final Day of Term 1 and Colour Run – altered timetable for the day – parents welcome from 12.30pm.

Details below:

- Day begins at 9am
- Recess at 11.00-11.15- Shortened break
- 11.20am Session 2 begins 12.20
- 12.20pm- eat lunch in classroom.
- Easter Raffle and final assembly for the term to be held in the MPR/Courtyard at 12.30pm
- Colour Run begins at 1pm on the school OVAL.
- Dismissal at 2.30 pm. Buses run to this timetable.



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 front of the office 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.

Lunch Orders

When filling in your lunch orders please remember to clearly mark the envelope with the child's name and their class.

It is preferred that you send your child's lunch order via the school rather than directly to the shop. No lunch orders will be accepted after 10.30am.

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.

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. Without a WWCC lanyard or Visitors badge, anyone on the property will be redirected to the front office.

Bell Times

given time to eat inside.

9am - School Starts 11am -11.30- Recess 1.30pm-1.40pm- Children eat inside 1.40pm—2.20pm Lunchtime 3.30pm - Children are dismissed At both recess and lunch times, students are

If your child is absent, legally, we **MUST** have a reason and we will notify you **EVERY** day you child is not at school. Please respond to our messages though the **Sentral Parent Portal** so we can accurately track student attendance.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All volunteers in the school must have a Working with Children Check. They are free of charge for volunteers and are a requirement for all adults entering our school buildings. To apply for a WWCC please use this link https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/



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.

No child is to keep medication in their school bag.

School Photos

School Photographs for 2024

Annual school photos will be taken on: **Tuesday the 27th of February. School Photo Information Flyers with Access Keys will be sent home with students this week. Place your order online now to ensure the special pricing. All families will have their own access key There can be multiple orders on each key.** Students are to be in full school uniform. **PRE-ORDER ONLINE** (orders close at 5:00 pm on the day prior) **See the packages available and place your pre-order online.** To place your order **Go to our website** or scan the QR code; <u>www.spargophoto.com.au</u> Select> School Photo Pack Orders Enter your **Access Key as Provided** Select the pack you want and complete the form.

Sibling photos are available for families with multiple children attending the school.

Sibling photos must be ordered online before 5pm the day prior.

** A complimentary family/sibling photograph is available for families who order an individual pack for 3 for more children at the same school. **To be eligible**, you must order all the individual packs first and then add the family photograph to the same shopping cart. The discount will be automatically applied. Bonus offer only applies to orders before 5pm the day prior to photo day.

Place your order online before 5pm the day prior, you do not need to return any paperwork.

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 5942 5234



TheirCare are proud to work in partnership with Nar Nar Goon Primary School to provide quality Outside School Hours Care to your school community commencing in 2023.

Learn more at <u>www.theircare.com.au</u> or call <u>1300 072 410</u>

Our Fabulous Before/After School and Curriculum Day care provider. It is very easy to book and the staff are wonderful.

School Traffic Plan

TRAFFIC FLOW: BLACK ARROWS INDICATE TRAFFIC FLOW. IE: DRIVE EAST DOWN SPENCER STREET AND LOOP THROUGH THE RECREATION RESERVE CARPARK. NO STANDING ZONES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.



The procedure in place for parents dropping off/collecting children from school, is to drive Eastwards down Spencer Street and park on either side of the road on Spencer Street *before the school crossing*. There are **NO STANDING clearways either side of the school crossing and NO STANDING zones on both sides of the road immediately outside the school. (see red lines in diagram above.)** <u>Drive to the second driveway that</u> <u>leads to the football ground, turn right into this carpark and exit from the top driveway back into</u> <u>Spencer Street.</u> Do not proceed into the bowl of the court.

The carpark across the road at the football ground is a designated parent parking space and the designated staff park is outside the Scout Hall carpark.

Thank you for following this traffic management plan and helping to keep our students safe in and around traffic.