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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council is booked for Monday 17th February at 4.45 in the Staffroom, and I thank all our current and future School Councillors for their time and commitment to our school. A PAFA meeting will be on Friday 21st February at 9.15 in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome, and you can volunteer to us as much or as little of your time as you have.

HISTORY BOX

Our History Box Incursion was a highlight for the whole school on Tuesday and was a great way to springboard our Inquiry Unit for this term, which is Australian History. Here are our Foundation students learning about some historical games.



OPEN NIGHT

Keep those replies coming in for our Open Night on Tuesday 25th February. There will be classrooms open and teachers for parents to meet and chat with. I will also be sending a link to Seesaw so you can fill out a survey about your child that will support our teachers getting to know them. If you have multiple children, you can send in multiple surveys so that each child is covered.

DROPPING OFF AT SCHOOL

It is the beginning of the year when our school refusals are at their peak. Some students spend a while readjusting to the classroom and playground environment, new teachers and new classmates, as well as new routines and expectations. The best thing you can do is to reassure your child they are safe and heard here at school, and that you will be back to collect them at the end of a fun and busy day. Children will often find it a challenge to develop new friendships and can be unsettled by bigger personalities in their class. We do know that this can lead to some anxiety as change can make us all feel overwhelmed. Please be assured that we monitor each class carefully and work hard to identify and support the needs of ALL the children at our school. Every child in this school deserves us to be their advocate. ALL my staff, both teachers and Education Support, are trained in the Berry Street Education Model, and work with empathy and patience to support all our students to achieve their potential.

Click on this link for some extra advice around dropping students off at school.

[No more tears: Parenting tips for easier drop-offs | Triple P](#)

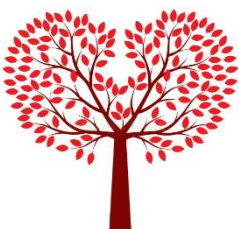
COLLINGWOOD VISIT

This week we were very fortunate to have some Collingwood players come and visit our school. The 3-6 students were excited to see and chat to these 6 players and get some High Fives and signatures. A few of our staff were beside themselves, being Collingwood fans. Our students asked great questions and were shocked by how tall and talented these players were. I think almost all of them had been playing footy since they were 5 or 6 through Auskick. There are some leaflets at the office.

Of course, the shortest staff member had to have her photo taken with them!

The players were Jack Crisp, Jacob Ryan, Oscar Steene, Darcy Cameron, Beau McReery and Bobby Hill.

Have a great fortnight,
Jacqui and the staff 😊



INTERSCHOOL

Sports

Congratulations to all Year 5/6 Students on a fantastic start to Interschool Sports. Each team played a fair and competitive game, demonstrating our expectations throughout each session. Last week we played against Pakenham PS followed by our first away game at Kurrum PS this morning.

TENNIS



VOLLEYBALL



CRICKET



BASKETBALL



COMING UP

Next week we will be hosting students from Pakenham Springs PS at Home. We look forward to another great day of sport.

TERM 1 DATES

Calendar Dates for this term – 29th January – 4th April – 10 weeks

February

Wednesday 5th – Big Sister Experience for Year 4-6 girls

Friday 7th – Inter-School Sport begins for Year 5/6 students and **continues each Friday until 7th March**

Tuesday 11th - History Box Incursion – all classes – no charge to families

Monday 17th - School Council Meeting AGM at 4.45 in the Staffroom –

Tuesday 18th - School Photos –All ordering is done online through www.spargophoto.com.au

Tuesday 18th – Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival to Pakenham Pool –

Tuesday 25th –2025 Welcome BBQ Night - **Please return numbers for catering**

Wednesday 26th – District Swimming Carnival (for qualifiers only). QUALIFIERS only will be notified.

March

Mon 10th - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th – Division Swimming Carnival (for qualifiers only). QUALIFIERS only will be notified.

Wednesday 12th - NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 begins (runs until Monday 24th)

Monday 17th – Year 3/4 Beach Day Excursion – **sent out on Sentral 13/02**

Wednesday 19th - Year 5/6 Beach Day Excursion - **more details to come**

Friday 21st – Year 5/6 District Lightning Premiership Summer Sports - **more details to come**

Friday 21st – Harmony Day - **more details to come**

Thursday 27th – Year 1/2 Excursion to Old Gippsland Town - **more details to come**

Friday 28th - ** Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL** **Their Care will be operating.**

April

Wednesday 2nd – Year 5/6 Holocaust and Immigration Museum Excursion - **more details to come**

Thursday 3rd – COLOUR RUN - **more details to come**

Friday 4th – Last Day of Term 2.30 finish

You will notice that there are a few details yet to be finalised for our events this term. We are moving to a fully digital excursion and event communication and permissions using Sentral. We will keep you posted. Payments will be via BPay, CSEF or the Schools Savings Bonus.

Teams will be sending out newsletters for each area via Seesaw so make sure you use Seesaw as a resource to communicate with your child's teacher and see what they are up to in classes.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Drive into Spencer Street (keeping in mind there are designated "No Standing" Zones in specific areas). 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. The carpark across the road at the football ground is a designated parent parking space. 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. Please do not park near the entrance and exit driveways as buses find it hard to enter and leave the driveways.** All school community members must use the school crossing to model expected behaviours. You CANNOT park in No Standing zones or within 20 metres of the crossing. There is a 40kph speed restriction in place around the school and there are "No Parking" signs that must be adhered to. Parking officers from the Cardinia Shire and Police are also contacted to support our endeavours to keep our students safe.

The bus parking areas, which are clearly signed, must be kept clear during drop off and pick up time.

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.) 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. 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.



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



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

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.



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



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.

Bell Times

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 given time to eat inside.

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.

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



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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/>

Thank You



KAREN THOMSON PIANO TUTOR
REQUEST FOR LESSONS / INFORMATION



STUDENT

GRADE

PARENT / GUARDIAN

CONTACT NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

DATE

My child is interested in Piano lessons

TICK YES

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The cost per 15 minute individual lesson is \$17.00

Please return form to the school office

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