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Welcome back for 2023!

To all returning families, we welcome you back to our school and hope that you have had a wonderful break. To our new families, we hope you feel the warm embrace of our school community. Our students have begun the year brilliantly, with a settled and happy playground and purposeful classrooms. Our Golden Rule of making sure we *"Treat others as you would like to be treated"* is taken very seriously here, and we work hard to create a respectful and supportive environment for all members of our community.

We also welcome some new staff to the school – Elise Adams our new Learning Specialist and Year 1/2 Coordinator, Linda Subbaiah our new Foundation teacher and Mariam Thompson is a new ES support worker. We are looking forward to having these ladies and their expertise in our school.

The beginning of each year is an important time to set up expectations, routines and begin relationships. Our program Bright Beginnings is enacted across the school and allows all classrooms to work with rigour on our school values, our Play Is The Way Philosophies, our Behaviour Education Process and our Respectful Relationships programs. Our students will be learning about how to learn, and work with others in the best ways, as well as how to manage themselves in all kinds of situations. This work is ongoing but in the first few weeks, we spend a great deal of time setting up the ideal conditions for students and staff. If you would like more information about *Play is the Way* or to find out about our student engagement and behaviour management policies, they are all detailed on our website for you to access under the About Us/Wellbeing tab.

As we start the school year, I would like to remind you all of the following important information:

Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays until after Labour Day 2023.

Their first Wednesday will be Wednesday 15th March

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.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absences must be reported to the school before 9:00 am on the day of absence with an explanation for the absence. This is a legal requirement and staff will follow up daily any families who have not reported their child's absence to us. Please do everything you can to avoid both student absences and late arrivals/early departures. The best place to record absences is Sentral. When submitting online absence forms please ensure you provide us with details to enable us to determine whether or not they will be reported to the Regional Office as "school approved".

School Approved – Illness/medical, Religious/cultural observance, Bereavement, Family holiday (with principal approval), Unforeseen circumstances, Ill family member.

School Unapproved- No explanation provided by parent. Student absent due to participating in leisure or social activities such as shopping, a child's birthday, visiting relatives or friends. A day off for no valid reason. No approval given by principal to attend family holiday (requires an absence learning plan with Principal's signature).

PLEASE REFER TO THE NAR NAR GOON PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY LOCATED ON THE 'ABOUT US/POLICIES' TAB ON OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

STUDENT MESSAGES:

If you have a message for your child that needs to be communicated to them before the end of the day, could you please do so BEFORE 3:15pm. We only make one call over the PA for children who have messages to come over to the office in our efforts to **minimise interruptions to the classrooms**. This occurs at 3:15pm and if left any later, there is no guarantee that we can deliver your message. If you need to deliver a forgotten lunch box/drink bottle or other item, please contact the office and the staff will happily organise for your items to be taken over to the classrooms.

SCHOOL HATS/SUNSMART

As a SunSmart school the children are expected to wear a wide brimmed bucket hat in a *dark navy-blue* colour (school logo optional) during the Daylight Savings months (**September 1st-May1st**). This is in line with our School Council Uniform policy and as such, no other hats (other colours or styles) will be accepted. Any child without a school approved hat will be required to play in a shaded area of the school.

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)

Schools are places where technology is used as a resource and as such the children will be working through numerous discussions and activities in class to raise their awareness of how to be safe on the internet. We are also organising some incursions for the children to take part in later in the term through the "Kids Helpline" organisation.

I would like to remind all parents that we have a very stringent ICT Code of Conduct in place for students whilst accessing ICT at school. However, there have been occasions in past years, where students have accessed ICT social networks/messaging at home and have caused great emotional upset by texting inappropriate messages to each other. We rely on your support as parents to please monitor your child's computer/handheld device use to ensure ICT is being utilised responsibly at home, thus avoiding problems that inevitably spill into the school yard between friends. I always tell the children not to text/post on social media anything to anyone that you would not say to them face to

face. There are a number of very helpful links on our website to support parents in keeping children safe online under the “Links” tab. **(Please keep in mind that it is illegal for a child under the age of 13 to have a Facebook page.)**

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/>

PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is our school’s policy that all students wear school uniform.

Our school uniform is:

Summer

Girls: Blue check dress, 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 1—April 30.

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.

Denim jeans and other coloured tops are not acceptable.

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times -toeless shoes are not permitted.

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.

PRIVACY INFORMATION

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or, where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website www.narnargoonpsvic.edu.au For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy —information for parents on the Victorian Education Department website. This information is also available in nine community languages.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

It is important to ensure that adults use the school crossing with the children to model expected behaviours as pedestrians in and around traffic. The crossing supervisor has advised that some parents have been parking in No Standing zones close to the crossing. Parking officers from the Cardinia Shire do monitor Spencer St parking regularly and, in the past, parents have been fined. There is a 40kph speed restriction in place around the school and there are "No Parking" signs that must be adhered to.

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

Following is an explanation of our Traffic Management Plan

*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 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. 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. 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. 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.

BUS TRAVEL

As in previous years, ALL EXISTING bus travellers for 2023 must reapply for travel on the PTV School Bus Program. New travellers will also need to apply online. Bus travellers will not be able to use the bus service unless applications are approved.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-bus-program/resources>

If your child is not travelling home by the bus PLEASE notify the office so we can mark them off.

MOBILE PHONES

It is Education Department policy that Mobile Phones are not to be used by students at school. This includes on excursions, after school events, camps and whilst waiting for the bus. Each class has a locked box to safely store mobile phones for the duration of the school day.

LOST PROPERTY

You will find our rack of lost property just outside the office in the playground. We keep lost items for a month, then send the unclaimed items to charity. Any named items are returned to the classroom teacher. Please ensure all of your child's items are clearly named.

CURRICULUM PROGRAMS FOR 2023

Aside from our Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry, ICT and Play Is The Way/Wellbeing classroom focus, all our students receive specialist classes each week on the following: ART, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AUSLAN, STEM (years 3-6), RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS (years F-2).

Our Tutor Learning Program will continue this year with Kimberly Feher and Jackie Lowe supporting our F-2 and 3-6 students in Numeracy.

I am looking forward to another fantastic school year!

Ms Jacqui Cutler

Calendar Dates for this term – 27th January – 6th April

February

Tuesday 7th - History Box Incursion – all classes – no charge to families

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th – Year 5/6 Talk About It program

Monday 13th – School Council Meeting AGM at 4.45 in the Staffroom

Monday 13th – School Swimming Carnival – Years 3-6

Friday 17th – Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL. Their Care will be operating on the day.

Wednesday 22nd – District Swimming (for qualifiers only)

Thursday 23rd – WHOLE SCHOOL WELCOME NIGHT and BBQ – more details to follow

Tuesday 28th – School Photos – All ordering is done online through www.spargophoto.com.au

March

Wednesday 8th – Division Swilling (for qualifiers only)

Wednesday 15th – NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 begins

Friday 17th – Superhero Day – more details to follow

Tuesday 21st – Harmony Day

Wednesday 29th – Tuesday 4th April - Life Education F-4 – notice to follow

April

Thursday 6th - Easter Raffle and final assembly for the term. Last day of Term 1



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.



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.

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

School Photos

Annual school photos will be taken on **Tuesday, 28 February 2023.**

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

www.spargophoto.com.au

Select> **School Photo Pack Orders**

Enter your **School Access Key: SGZ83UVZ**

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 or 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.

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

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: Elise Adams, Years 3-4: Daniel Mason, Years 5/6: Ryan Marsland).

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



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>

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.



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2023 SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER MENU

NAR NAR GOON TAKEAWAY

HOT FOOD

HOT CHIPS WITH CHICKEN SALTY	\$5.00
HOTDOG WITH SAUCE	\$4.80
PIE	\$4.80
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$4.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS PACK OF 3	\$3.50
DIM SIM	\$1.50
POTATO CAKE	\$1.50
CHICKEN BURGER WITH LETTUCE CHEESE + MAYO	\$8.50
BEEF BURGER WITH LETTUCE CHEESE + SAUCE	\$8.50
SOUVLAKI JUNIOR WITH LETTUCE TOMATO + GARLIC SAUCE	\$9.50
TOMATO SAUCE	\$0.50
GRAVY	\$1.00

EXTRAS

SALAD	\$6.50
HAM + CHEESE	\$6.50
HAM + CHEESE + TOMATO	\$7.00
HAM + SALAD WITH MAYO	\$7.50
CHICKEN + SALAD WITH MAYO	\$7.90

SANDWICHES

FAIRY BREAD	\$3.90
SALAD	\$6.00
HAM + CHEESE	\$6.00
HAM + CHEESE + TOMATO	\$6.50
CHICKEN + LETTUCE WITH MAYO	\$7.50
EGG + LETTUCE WITH MAYO	\$6.90
VEGETITE	\$4.90

ROLLS

SWEETS

HOT JAM DONUT	\$2.50
CALIPPO	\$3.30
ZOOPER DOOPER	\$1.20
PINEAPPLE FRITTER	\$2.50

DRINKS

FLAVOURED MILK STRAWBERRY OR CHOCOLATE	\$3.00
JUICE BOX ORANGE OR APPLE OR TROPICAL	\$2.80
WATER	\$2.50

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PLEASE CLEARLY WRITE YOUR
NAME + CLASS

IF YOU ARE PAYING FOR MORE
THAN ONE STUDENT TOGETHER
PLEASE WRITE THE TOTAL OF ALL
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