

# Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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## RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026 27 MAY – 3 JUN

Today, on the 28th of May, we were cleansed at the Smoking Ceremony. The choir sang songs, and we received a handmade badge saying, "All In".

*Charlotte Bounsall*

On Thursday the 28th, Harvey, Tu Kaha, Kai, and I attended the Reconciliation Smoking Ceremony. We listened to the choir and sang together, looked around at the activities, had some food, and had a great time enjoying the culture and having fun.

*Braxton K, Tu Kaha W, Kai Mc, Harvey C*

On the 28th of May, a small group of students from Nar Nar Goon Primary School attended the Smoking Ceremony, which used eucalyptus leaves, gum leaves, and emu bush. The purpose of the ceremony is to cleanse the body, celebrate, welcome people, and honour those who have passed on to Bunjil.

We sang three songs from two different choirs, were given a badge, and received a speech from the Mayor of Pakenham, Steven Parker, thanking everyone for coming.

Overall, the excursion was an amazing learning experience, and we had an amazing time.

*Tully F*

Today, at the Smoking Ceremony, there was a fire containing gum leaves, Emu bush, and eucalyptus leaves to welcome our Elders. There were two different choirs, including one from Dandenong who sang beautifully. We got to create our own badges to celebrate Reconciliation Week.

*Alannah F*

The Reconciliation excursion was a good experience to have as it taught us about Aboriginal culture. The theme was "All In." The Smoking Ceremony was a good experience, welcoming us to the land, culture, and earth. We walked through the smoke. It felt good representing our school among other schools at the ceremony.

*Jackson F*

Thanks to Kerri Forster and Alley Cook, for giving our students this opportunity.

Have a great fortnight

Jacqui, Mirella and the staff 😊

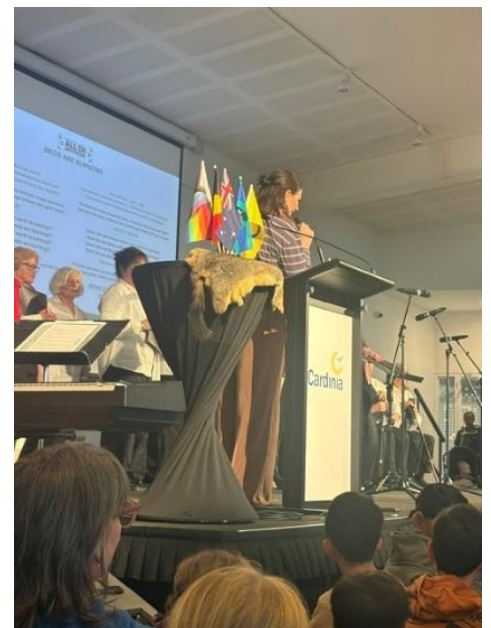




**DO YOU KNOW WHAT RECONCILIATION WEEK IS?**

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the [successful 1967 referendum](#), and the [High Court Mabo decision](#) respectively.

Click on the links to find out more.



# TERM 2 2026 DATES

## Calendar Dates for Term 2 2026 - 20 April – 26 June

### May

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Home  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – District Cross Country – for qualifiers only - Toomuc Reserve  
– Foundation 2027 Open Morning and Information Night  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea- details in this issue  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Mother’s Day Stall - details in this issue  
– Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Away  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – **School Council Meeting #3 at 4.30 in the staffroom**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – **EDUCATION WEEK**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5/6 Sport at Home  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Walk Safely To School Day from 8.30am**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – CURRICULUM DAY – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL TODAY**  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Division Cross Country – for qualifiers only - Toomuc Reserve  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – PAFA MEETING 9.10 in staffroom  
– 5/6 Sport at Home

Foundation 2027 Tours will now take place on Wednesday mornings at 9.15am, fortnightly from 13<sup>th</sup> May.



### June

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Meal Deal  
– Year 5/6 Sport - Away  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Kings Birthday Public Holiday  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Camp to Alexandra Adventure Resort- **NEXT WEEK \*\*FULL PAYMENT NOW DUE**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Winter Lightning Premiership 5/6  
– Reports to Parents online via Sentral  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - **School Council Meeting #4 at 4.30 in the staffroom**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Student Led Conferences – from 1pm CURRICULUM DAY - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL TODAY**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – PAFA Pie Drive Pick up- **notices to go out shortly**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of Term 2 – 2.30 finish



Our school uses Seesaw to communicate with families, showcase student work and enable a positive home/school partnership. Twice a term you will also see Learning Snapshots on your child’s Seesaw page which will demonstrate what your child can do in either Literacy, Numeracy or Wellbeing/Social capabilities. We love you to comment or respond to your child’s learning, the children get a huge confidence boost also

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



## 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 children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation, and empowerment of all children.



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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>

### 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

### 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, and the PLC Leader in the second instance (ie: Foundation: Jodie Williamson, Years 1-2: Elise Bradley, Years 3-4: Daniel Mason, Years 5/6: Candice Walton). Please understand that after 8.45, approaching staff for a chat can be problematic. Please make an appointment for a preferable time.

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



## 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.**

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 the 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.

Dear Families,

If your child accesses therapy sessions at school with allied health professionals, we ask that the therapist contact the school prior to the commencement of each term. Please note that allocated days and session times cannot be guaranteed to remain the same each term due to timetable changes. It is also the responsibility of families to notify their child's therapist if the student is absent due to illness, camps, excursions, or any other factors that may impact scheduled sessions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Kerri Forster

