



# Nar Nar Goon Primary School

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## EMERGENCY EVACUATION

On Tuesday, we had our planned Offsite Evacuation to the Nar Nar Goon Football Oval. It was terrific to see how effective practising these are. Here we are in front of the clubrooms.



## YEAR 3-6 DISTRICT SWIMMING

Well done, to our Year 3-6 students who qualified for the next level of School Swimming and competed on Wednesday at Noble Park representing Nar Nar Goon. Congratulations to Tully for making it to the next level, Division, which is in a few weeks. We wish him all the best.

## WELCOME BBQ

The 2026 School Open and Welcome BBQ night is on **Tuesday the 3rd of March from 4.30 pm to 6.30pm.** There will be food and drinks organised by PAFA to purchase, and our classrooms will be open for you to speak to our staff about your child. All families are welcome and we would love to see you. If you are attending, please fill out the slip to help us with catering.

Here is a link to a survey which enables you to answer some questions about your child so we can get to know them better.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeG7bbE4gkWykzAdJVsaPLSO2Vn40Xg6NMy-xwWxxkt1g4pSg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=105483359717307067221>

## CLASSROOM NEWS

You may have heard from your children that we have changed things that we are doing in the classrooms. Beginning in 2025, we began to hold firmly to our **Entrance and Exit Routines**, how students **Transition** from one activity to another, and how we **Gain and Maintain Student Attention**. One of our strategies has been the **Track The Speaker Routine**.

Educational Research has long focused on the building of positive **HABITS OF ATTENTION**.

*What we attend to is ultimately what we learn. The ability to sustain focus and concentration is the unacknowledged source of many students' success, and the inability to attend is the undoing of others. "Neuroscience reminds us that before we can be motivated to learn what is in front of us, we must pay attention to it." To build strong attentional habits is to give students stewardship of their own thinking.*

***Selective attention** is the term for the ability to select what you pay attention to—to lock out distractions and lock in on the task at hand. It has "reverberating effects" on success in language, literacy, and mathematics, note cognitive scientists Courtney Stevens and Daphne Bavelier. They add that there are potentially "large benefits to incorporating attention-training activities into the school context."*

*If young people can build habits of sustained selective attention, their likelihood of success is higher. This has always been true but is magnified today when much of our universe—the online portion of it—is designed to fragment our attention and draw it to where it can be marketed and sold.*

*The technique Habits of Attention seeks to establish routines that cause students to focus their attention during class and build stronger attentional habits. In addition, it seeks to use the signals people send when they attend to someone else to build a stronger, more inclusive learning community.*

In our regular reviews as a staff and the 'feel' of our current classrooms, there is most definitely a shift in the calm, engaged and attentive behaviours of our students, which we know will translate to better learning outcomes. We believe we have worked very hard on attending to wellbeing and inclusion across our school and are ready to focus on embedding strong learning behaviours such as focusing attention, and accelerating learning to ensure all our students reach their potential in education, which has positive impacts on their self-esteem.

Given our School Vision –

*At Nar Nar Goon Primary School, our strong sense of community and high expectations enable students, staff and families to thrive,* we know that we are on the right track.

Jacqui, Mirella and the staff 😊

# TERM 1 2026 DATES

## Calendar Dates for Term 1 2026 - 28<sup>th</sup> January – 2 April

### January

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Teachers start school

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> – First day for ALL students – including Foundation 2026

### February

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Interschool Sport at home vs Kurrun PS

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – History Box Incursion for whole school – no charge

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival at KWR Pool from 12pm – details on Sentral

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Away vs Pakenham Hills PS

- PAFA AGM 9.15 in the Staffroom

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – **SCHOOL PHOTOS first thing in the morning**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Home vs Pakenham Springs PS

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – District Swimming for Qualifiers only

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Away vs Pakenham Lakeside PS

### March

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – **School Council AGM and meeting 1 at 4.30 in Staffroom**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Welcome Night and BBQ – 4-6.30 at school –

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport – BYE (new timetable)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – no students at school

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – NAPLAN begins

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Interschool Sport Away vs Officer PS

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>– Division Swimming for Qualifiers only

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership Day – all day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Easter Canteen

- House Cross Country from 11.30am - **more info to come**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – **School Council Meeting 2 at 4.30 in the staffroom**

### April

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Colour Run – from 2.30 **Information sent home**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Hot Cross Bun Meal Deal Day and Easter Raffle drawn

- Final day of Term 1, 3.30 finish

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



**This coming Tuesday!**



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.

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>



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## 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.**

## 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

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT 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 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.

## PIANO LESSONS



Karen attends school on a Wednesday morning to have a 1:1 lesson with children who are interested in learning piano.



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

The cost per 15 minute individual lesson is \$17.00

\*Please return form to the school office\*

CONTACT DETAILS  
Karen Thomson  
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## COLOUR RUN NEWS

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April



 **Get ready to run wild with Monty!** It's here - Monty the Monstar Fun Run!

Jump in now! Set up your child's [My Profile Page](#) – it's quick, easy and super fun.

We also have some amazing bonuses up for grabs:

- Every student gets rainbow sunglasses and a headband!
- The class with the most profiles at the end of week one will win an ice block party!
- Raised \$100 or more and you will go into the draw to Slime a teacher!
- Raise \$20 and go into the draw to win a canteen voucher!

Together, we can achieve amazing results for our school!

