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Racism in Schools

At Nar Nar Goon Primary School we value the diversity of culture, ethnicity, and faith of all our students. We are proud of our welcoming, inclusive approach. One of our core school values is Respect, and we spend a great deal of time discussing what this looks like when you practise it.

Sadly, however, we have noticed the increase in some racist incidents that have not supported our values. This has included using racist language and slurs, in all cohorts. This behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at our school. We are taking immediate action as part of our commitment to make our school a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Celebrating the diversity of our community makes us stronger, kinder and innovative. We are committed to ensuring that students from all backgrounds feel accepted, supported and are empowered to learn.

Nar Nar Goon Primary School has taken steps to ensure the school is a place free of racism and where everyone feels welcome, respected and supported. We are part of a departmental push to stamp racist language out of our school and we are working on refining the Department's new policy to adapt to our context.

To achieve our values and aims, everyone at Nar Nar Goon Primary School plays an important role, and we are writing to ask for your support.

Your partnership in reinforcing these values at home will significantly help create a more respectful and inclusive environment at school. We ask that you support your child/ren to:

- understand that we celebrate diversity and multicultural inclusion
- understand the importance of everyone at school being treated with respect
- understand that Nar Nar Goon Primary School takes racism very seriously and that the school will support students if they experience or see their classmates experience this racism
- discuss with your children the impact of using racist slurs and the harm it may cause other students, and the importance of using respectful language at school and in the broader community.

For more information, please see Racism: talking with children and teens, Raising Children Network.

If you or your child/ren have experienced racism or other unfair treatment, we are here to help.

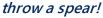
If you don't feel comfortable reporting the incident to school, you can call or email the Report Racism hotline. The Department of Education runs the Report Racism hotline. It is available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) on 1800 722 476 or via email at report.racism@education.vic.gov.au.

Thank you for your help and support.

Koorie / Cultural Leaders Student Leadership Conference

Recently, our School Captains and SRC Captains attended a Koorie / Cultural Leaders Student Leadership Conference in March at the Cranbourne Botanic Gardens. The day included guided tours of the different gardens. Students learnt about indigenous plants and their uses in food and medicine and explored artefacts and tools used for hunting and gathering food. There were some fantastic traditional games the students took part in, and they even had the chance to











Cross-Country News

Zac came 52nd out of about

80, with a time of 7:45, he is
proud of himself for his time
and making it to Regionals.

The top 10 all ran times
under 7:00.

Well done Zac, we are proud
of you too!



School Saving Bonus News

Families can continue to use SSB funds until Monday 30 June 2025 to buy uniforms, or to allocate funds to school activities using the parent/carer online system. The parent/carer online system will close at 11:59 pm on 30 June 2025. Any unused online supplier vouchers will expire, and all unspent SSB funds will revert to your school activities credit held against the family account for each student until expended.



BRING YOUR BILLS















Pakenham Hall / Library

Tuesday, 1st July 2025 (10:30am - 3:00pm)

6E Henry St, Pakenham VIC 3810





































TERM 2 DATES

Calendar Dates for this term - 22nd April - 4th July

June

Monday 9th - Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th - SSG Meetings begin

Friday 13th - Year 5/6 Winter Lightning Premiership

Friday 20th - PAFA Meeting 9.10 in staffroom

Monday 23rd - School Council Meeting at 4.30pm in the staffroom

Thursday 26th June – Go Pink Day – Donation to Breast Cancer research –

Friday 27th - Reports uploaded to Sentral

July

NEW

Tuesday 1st - ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING DAY - STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - interview times up on Sentral Portal.

Thursday 3rd – Pie Drive Fundraiser Pick-Up 3-4pm from the canteen (BYO bag please)

Friday 4th - CSEF Applications close for 2025, no further claims

Last Day of Term 2.30 finish

GO PINK!





On Thursday the 26th of June 2025
we are going to wear PINK and make a gold coin donation
with all funds going to the
National Breast Cancer Foundation

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 that children do not arrive at school



your own child's safety, it is recommended before 8:45 am.

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.

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 providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are

available on our website: Nar Nar

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We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Nar Nar Goon Primary School on 03 5942 5311 or at nar.nar.goon.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

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 <u>classroom teacher in the first instance</u>, 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).



Medication 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.

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

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.

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/



