Wellbeing

Yesterday afternoon all teaching staff attended a PD on Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviours presented by Emma McCarthy. Emma took all attendees through what challenging behaviour can present as and redefined our understandings of trauma. She gave us some scenarios to work through and suggested to all of us, “Sometimes we are so caught in distress we can get stuck in the pain of the event. Think of the last serious incident you were involved in and discuss how it was resolved. What supports were put in place to understand and reduce the behaviours of concern?”

This is an interesting set of questions to ponder, as most of us have had a situation which was painful and challenging and which we did not have the skills to handle. We all know that situations arise for us which challenge our emotions, sense of safety and comfort. In schools, this can happen regularly and when these situations arise, how to effectively deal with and ensure a positive outcome is part of the work that teachers must include in their planning, classroom management and Professional Learning Community meetings. Our teachers are always keen to improve their skills in supporting students to have positive interactions and experiences at school. Staff at Nar Nar Goon Primary School take up any opportunity to work with external professionals to improve their approaches and understandings.

Our Wellbeing and Engagement Policy is presently under review, and our new Child Safe Policies are almost ready to be presented to the community for extra consultation. Looking carefully at these and making sure that we are upholding research-based strategies for best practice, and that our teachers all follow a consistent approach (with some room for individual exceptions) is part of the work we frequently do. You may recall that I sent out a Bullying Survey at the end of last year, and the results from that will also impact our responses and education to the school community about this topic. Our Bullying Policy will be the next one reviewed. It is critical for us that we continue to have a positive school culture and that incidents of anti-social behaviour are followed up immediately. Our Policy Committee, which includes myself, Kerri Forster, our Wellbeing Coordinator and some parents, is a valuable way to learn more about what we do and have an impact. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested.

Special Events

Looking at the calendar for this term, there are a great many sporting events scheduled such as Hooptime and Basketball Clinics for the 3-6 classes. The Juniors have F-2 Swimming which finally, after a 2-year interruption, will go ahead. I know how excited our students are, and many have not been on a bus for an excursion yet.

The School Disco has been moved to the day before the Curriculum Day, and is now the 25th August. We will also have a Father’s Day Breakfast and Father’s Day Stall on the 1st September. A Footy Colours Day where all students wear footy colours and bring a gold coin to donate to the Fight Cancer Foundation which helps students with cancer keep up with school. Our PAFA also host a Meal Deal on this day. You will be sent an order form closer to the date, Thursday September 15th

This return to the ‘normal’ school events that we relied on pre-covid to engage with our community and build a sense of belonging are very important. We hope to see as many of our students and parents (where appropriate) at these events.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Jacqui
**Foundation Enrolments 2023**

We are now accepting enrolments for siblings for Foundation for 2023.
If you have a sibling please return your enrolment form as soon as possible to the office please.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### AUGUST

- **Friday 5th** 3/4 Hooptime
- **Wednesday 10th** PAFA Meeting 9.00am
- **Friday 12th** 5/6 Hooptime
- **Monday 15th** School Council Meeting 4.45pm
- **Thursday 25th** School Disco
  - info will be coming home tomorrow
- **Friday 26th** Curriculum Day
  - Children not required at school

### SEPTEMBER

- **Thursday 1st** Father’s Day Breakfast (time tbc)
  - Father’s Day Stall
- **Friday 2nd** District Athletics (squad)
- **Wednesday 7th** F-2 Swimming begins
  - info and calendar to follow
- **Wednesday 14th** Division Athletics (squad)
- **Thursday 15th** Footy Meal Deal Day
  - Footy Colours Day

***Please note that ALL event dates are subject to change due to Covid Restrictions***

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Please note that the Library Bus will not be in Nar Nar Goon next week—Thursday August 4th

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**Cashless Payments**

Nar Nar Goon PS has now moved to Cashless Payments for all transactions OTHER THAN PAFA FUNDRAISING

- **BPay** using your unique Family Ref No
- **Credit Card** over the phone
- **Eftpos Tap and Go**

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**Happy Birthday!**

- Grace C
- Levi K
- Laney M
- Oliver S
- Jarvis V
- Owen G
- Imogen K
- Lachlan M
### E For Excellence Awards:

**TERM 3— Week One**

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<td>For your care and dedication to your work this year</td>
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<td>For being an excellent role model inside and outside the classroom</td>
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<td>Stella R</td>
<td>For making a great start on our new topic Angles</td>
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PIANO/KEYBOARD TUITION

Hi everyone, my name is Karen Thomson and I would like to offer piano/keyboard lessons to all students within your Primary school.

I have been teaching students for over 25 years also qualified and registered with the Australian Guild of Education. Thus giving me the opportunity to take students through grade levels so they progress with grade examinations when they are ready to do so.

These lessons are on offer to all grade levels in your school.

LESSONS ARE:
$15 PER 15 MIN LESSON one lesson per week of term.
$ 20 PER MUSIC BOOK supplied by myself if required.
LESSON MONEY SHOULD BE PAID TO MYSELF ON THE DAY OR CASH OR CHEQUE CAN BE MADE OUT TO COVER THE FULL TERM AMOUNT IF PREFERRED.
CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO KAREN THOMSON. THANK YOU.
TO BOOK IN YOUR LESSONS WITH ME PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 0417503663 NOT THE SCHOOL.

Thankyou.

Yours sincerely,
Karen Thomson.

PAFA'S CORNER

School Disco notices will be coming home this week. We are very excited for this event to be back on! We are on the look out for parent helpers for this event and our Father’s Day Breakfast. If you are interested at all in helping out in any way, please pass your information on to the ladies in the office. A current Working with Children’s Check is required.

We are also after donations of old tin pots, muffin trays, pans etc or buckets if you have any old ones lying around you no longer want. We would love to take them off your hands!

Calendar of Events coming up:

School Disco – Thursday 25th August
More information and permission slips will be sent home this week

Father’s Day Breakfast and Stall – Thursday 1st September
More information for this event will be sent home closer to the date.

Footy Meal Deal Day – Thursday 15th September
More information for this event will be sent home closer to the date

Upcoming events for Term 4
Book Fair
Grandparent’s Day
Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much for everyone’s continued support of our Parent and Friends Association!
Canteen

JUNE 2022

All items sold are $1.00

Canteen will be held every Thursday at lunch time.
**Special Needs & Medically Fragile Children NEED you to KEEP your Sick Child Home**

A Very Special Needs Resource

When Your Child is Sick: Do Not Intentionally Expose Them to Others

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**Help us turn BREAD BAGS into SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Collections closing soon!

Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It’s simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids. We will then place them in Wonder’s pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

Collections close 9th September.

**Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

**Did you know?**

We can now collect our bread bags over the holidays!

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**BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS**

Please save your bread tags – they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.

We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.

**What can I do?**

It’s easy .... save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.

Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.

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**Book Clubs LOOP**

For Parents

LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (as the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic Books and will be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school

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**Keep Me Home If...**

- I’m lonely
- I have a rash, itches
- I have diarrhoea
- I have an eye infection
- I’m just not feeling very good
- I have a fever

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**Did you know?**

Tag @wonderaustralia & wonderrecycling on social media to share all your recycling champion stories!
WORKING WITH CHILDREN’S CHECKS—A GOVERNMENT REGULATION

A reminder that EVERY HELPER in our school must wear their Working With Children Card on one of our visitor lanyards, or a visitors badge when helping in our school. This could be for reading helpers, sport helpers, classroom helpers, PAFA friends etc. This is policy in our school and we will be monitoring this diligently. Remember, it is not only for the safety of our children, but protection for yourself. Our students have also been instructed to look for these.

Also when signing in please sign in your toddlers too, just in case of emergency.

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 the Multi Purpose Room after school 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.

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. We would therefore encourage all families, to please consider making personal insurance and ambulance cover arrangements for all their children.

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: www.education.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, Team leader in the second instance (ie: Foundation: Jodie Watt, Years 1-2: Rachael Kent, Years 3-4 Daniel Mason, Years 5/6: Ryan Marsland).

Otherwise, please contact the Principal Mrs Fran Van Lambarta or Assistant Principal Jacqui Cutler, by calling the office to arrange an appointment.

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. Anyone without a WWCC lanyard or Visitors badge will be redirected to the front office.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Often we are asked to administer medication for students at school and if provided with the correct written information and parent signatures, we are more than happy to do so. Students know (and parents need to be aware) that any medication brought to school must be kept in the Sick Bay, not in classrooms or student school bags. In order to administer medication correctly we are seeking parent support to ensure the medication provided to staff does not fall beyond the expiry date provided on medication packets/bottles. We will notify you when the medication is due to expire. Please support us in our endeavours to keep your children safe and healthy.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT AT NAR NAR GOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

When submitting online absence forms please ensure you provide us with details to enable us to determine whether or not they will be school approved absences or not.

Parent Choice

School Approved – Illness/medical, Religious/cultural observance, Bereavement, Family holiday (with principal approval), Special circumstances, 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

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Join the Nar Nar Goon Primary School - Parents & Friends Group as another way to stay informed and up to date with the activities and events happening within the School. (*Please note: this is a closed group only available to parents/carers who have current enrolled students at the school*)