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From the Principal's Desk:

MODEL GRATITUDE:

I came across this terrific little article as part of my Principal professional reading. It really resonated with me and I thought it was worth sharing with you all.

Instead of pestering your children with questions such as, "How was school?" and, "What did you do today?" teach them to reframe their day.

The following is a game I learned from a friend, who played it with his daughter over dinner. Everyone must answer three questions:

- 1) What did someone do today to make you happy?
- 2) What did you do to make someone else happy?
- 3) What have you learned today?

I love this simple exercise for how it helps us all find the positive in every day. *It teaches gratitude, nurtures optimism, and recognises kindness.* It doesn't matter what may have happened at work or school, or how stressed any of us may have felt when we sat down at the table; the whole mood seems to lift once we've played this game. I learn things about my kids that they'd probably never have thought to tell me otherwise. Try it. It might just become the highlight of your day.

Acknowledgement: Principal's Digest May 2019, Six Ways to Raise a Resilient Child, Dr Rangan Chatterjee, author of the Stress Solution.

NAPLAN:

I would like to congratulate all our Year 3 and 5 students on completing Naplan testing for 2019. All students participated to the best of their abilities and were very calm throughout the week. There is always a lot of negative attention in the press during Naplan testing time, however we simply tell the children it is "business as usual" and that the test is just like any other that we do routinely at school. From a parent's perspective it is important to understand that Naplan is just a "snapshot" of your child's performance in time and to be guided by the classroom teacher who knows your child far better than an external assessor given the task of marking the tests. The reports (including individual reports) usually arrive at school in August and are sent home with your children.

GRANDPARENTS DAY NEXT WEEK – 21ST MAY

The children are very excited about this special day in our calendar – Grandparents Day, next Tuesday 21st May. The classrooms will be open from 10:00am when grandparents can visit the children's classrooms and spend time with their grandchildren. Morning tea and a cuppa will be provided from 10:45 – 11:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room. The School, House and SRC Captains are looking forward to welcoming grandparents at the gate and guiding them to the classrooms.

Mrs Fran Van Lambaart—Principal



TERM TWO

IMPORTANT DATES TO

REMEMBER

May 21st	Grandparent's Day 10-11.30am
June 10th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
June 25th	CURRICULUM DAY Parent Teacher Interviews/Student Led Conferences
June 28th	LAST DAY TERM 2 2.30pm Finish

**FOR A FULL CALENDAR OF
EVENTS SEE THIS NEWSLETTER
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

www.narnargoonps.vic.edu.au



E for Excellence Award Winners

Ruby L
Ellie G
Lauren B
Bonnie L
Eden B
Grace S
Caitlin S
Kyle F
Jackson B

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Friday 17th 5/6 Sport @ Officer P.S
PAFA Meeting 2.15pm

Mon 20th –27th **Education Week**

Tuesday 21st Grandparent's Day 10am-11.30am

Friday 24th *New date* District Cross Country

Monday 27th School Council 4.45pm
3/4 Excursion Cranbourne Botanical
Gardens
Y5 Say No to Bullying Day

Wed 29th-Fri 31st Y6 Camp

Wednesday 29th 1/2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

JUNE

Monday 3rd Division Cross Country (squad)

Thursday 6th PAFA Meal Deal (info to follow)

Friday 7th 5/6 Sport @ Chairo C.S

Monday 10th **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY**

Thursday 13th F, 5/6 Healesville Excursion

Friday 14th District Lightning Prem (info to follow)

Thursday 20th Regional Cross Country (info to follow)

Monday 24th School Council 4.45pm

Tuesday 25th **CURRICULUM DAY**
Parent Teacher Interviews/Student Led
Conferences (info to follow)

Friday 28th **Last Day Term 2**
2.30pm finish
Buses run to this timetable

2019 100 Nights of Reading

Cody H	Eden V
Claire R	Kobi C
Declan B	Aurelia L

WELL DONE!

Save the Date

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 14th September

(Info to follow)

OPEN LEARNING

Open Learning will run
from 9-9.45am this
Tuesday 21st May.

Helpers welcome!

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.

(*this is a closed group only available to parents/carers) with current students at the school*)

MONEY AND NOTES TO THE OFFICE

When returning money to the office please include correct money and ensure that it is securely enclosed in an envelope that is clearly marked with name, grade and what it is for.

Payments Due

1/2 Melbourne Zoo Exc	Friday 17th May
3-4 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens Exc	Friday 17th May
Y6 Waratah Camp	Wed 22nd May
Foundation & Year 5/6 Healesville Exc	Monday 3rd June

Happy Birthday



Chelsea B
Beau Z

Mckenna H
Joshua M

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

We are now taking enrolments for next year.
Enrolment packs are now available from the office.



Woolworths has just launched Earn & Learn, and we're once again joining it. For those parents who aren't aware of the Program, if you shop at Woolworths between 1st May and the 25th June, you can earn stickers. Our school will be collecting these stickers which we'll be able to swap for new school equipment; things like art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids and more.

So, for any parents who shop at Woolworths, please collect those stickers and drop them in to our collection box, which is located in Pakenham Market Place, or send them to school with your child to place in our collection box in the office foyer.

Thanks for helping out!

**NAR NAR GOON HOTEL &
THE PROGRESS
ASSOCIATION**

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

**26 OF MAY
10AM -LATE
@ THE NAR NAR GOON
HOTEL
2 NAR NAR GOON RD**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES
RAFFLES
FACE PAINTING
LIVE MUSIC
HOT SPUDS
BBQ**

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!



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 (so 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 will still 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!



**PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENTS FOR BOOK CLUB
CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL.**

ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLINE

STUDENT ABSENCES

****It is a Department of Education policy that when a child is absent we must receive an explanation either by email, verbal, a note or a phone call on the day of absence. ****

You can do this in several ways—via our website (in Quick Links) which is a proforma on the front page of our website. Please fill in and submit and we will get notification. Or if you prefer, a phone call, or a note to the school via a sibling.

Unexplained absences will appear as unapproved absences until an explanation is received.

If we do not receive notification on the morning of the absence we are required to make a follow up phone call.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property stand is located outside the Canteen each day for you and the children to check.

Please make sure ALL belongings (including lunch boxes and drink bottles) are clearly named and WE WILL RETURN them to your children.

Please note that we only keep lost property for one month.

Unclaimed items will be sent to charity



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Keep Me Home If...



**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**

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.

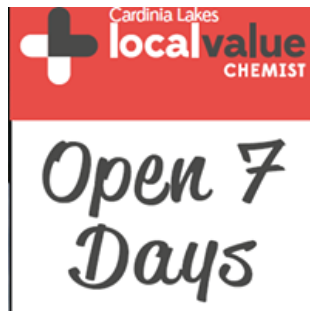
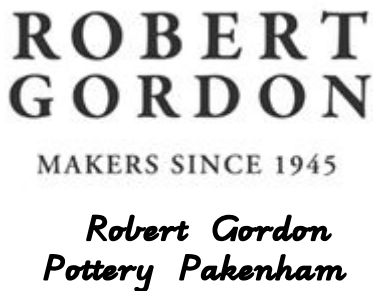
These forms are available at the office to fill in and hand to your child's teacher

BUS TRAVELLERS

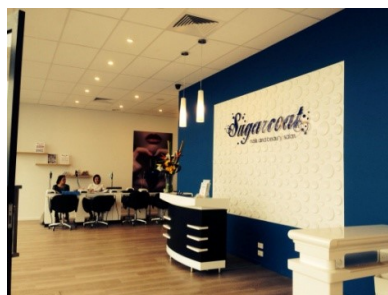
If your child is not travelling home on the bus please remember to sign the bus book OR let us know in the office. This will save us valuable time looking for children at the end of the day.

Please note: It is mandatory that where a bus is fitted with seat belts that children must wear them or fines could be incurred. Thank you

A big thanks to the businesses who donated to the Mothers Day Raffle



Serendipity Lavender



Elevated Beauty Maryknoll

Woolworths Market Place

Coles Cardinia Lakes Pakenham

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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.

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

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.

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: Kimberly Feher, Years 3-4 Ryan Marsland, Years 5/6: Jackie Hope).

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