Principal’s Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. We are on the home stretch now!

Welcome back for the final term of the year! It is a very busy one and we have a lot to do in the upcoming 11 weeks. There is still plenty of learning to be done, as well as the end of year celebratory events such as the End Of Year Event, the Year 6 Celebration Week/Graduation, and Transition Sessions for our internal students moving to the next year level in 2023 and Kinder and Year 6-7 Transitions. The great news is that ALL of these events can go ahead and there are no restrictions on numbers. I don’t want to speak too soon, but things may be finally heading back to pre-Covid times. Fingers crossed.

Our Sentral calendar has been filling up, so check on the portal either using the app or the web browser and you should see our events are listed there. We do also try to put things out on Seesaw and Facebook, and there is always the newsletter which will tell you what is coming up. Please use these resources, they are there to ensure the school gives families as much information as possible and should help organisation.

Planning for 2023

We have begun our early planning for 2023. This includes working out Foundation numbers, all grade compositions and sizes, and allocating staff to year levels and specialist roles. To help us with our planning, if you are moving to another school, please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have a foundation student who you wish to enrol, please contact the office. We work very hard to allocate students to class groups and teachers, to provide the best opportunities for our students to pursue their personal best and get the most out of their educational and social experiences at school.

Part of our planning process involves several internal transition sessions where students move up to the next class for a 60/90-minute lesson. This allows our teachers to gauge student readiness, friendship groupings and the important mix of students, to ensure our teachers collect information on academic ability, work habits and behaviours. These sessions will begin in mid-November and will be on Friday mornings.

On the 13th December, it is the State-wide Orientation Day. On this day, our students will find out their 2023 class and teacher. The new Foundation students attend, and spend all morning at school, working in the Foundation rooms. They participate in a lunch with the current Year 5 students and have their first Buddy Session! Our Year 6 students attend their 2023 secondary school (public schools only generally) and get a feel for what life will be like in Year 7. Any student who does not have a transition session on that day is welcome to come to school.

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 14th October** - Curriculum Day – **NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL** on this day
- **Week 8 beginning Monday 17th October** – BOOK FAIR
- **Wednesday 19th October** - Grandparent’s Morning Tea 10-11.30. Grandparents welcome in classrooms from 10am.
- **Thursday 20th October** – Year 2 Sleepover

Have a great 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

#### OCTOBER

- **Thursday 6th**—**Friday 7th**: Y3 Sleepover & Excursion
- **Wednesday 12th**: PAFA Meeting 9.15am
- **Friday 14th**: CURRICULUM DAY
- **Monday 17th**: Book Fair begins
- **Wednesday 19th**: Grandparents Morning 10am-11.30am
- **Thursday 20th**: Y2 Sleepover
- **Monday 24th**: School Council 4.45pm
- **Tuesday 25th**: Walk-A-Thon info to follow

#### NOVEMBER

- **Tuesday 1st**: Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
- **Tuesday 8th**: Foundation 2023 Information Session 6pm-7pm (PARENTS ONLY)
- **Wednesday 9th**: Foundation Myuna Farm TBC
- **Thursday 10th**: PAFA Meal Deal TBC
- **Friday 11th**: Foundation 2023 Transition 10am-11am
- **Wednesday 16th**: PAFA Meeting
- **Friday 18th**: Foundation 2023 Transition 10am-11am
- **Monday 21st**: School Council 4.45pm
- **Friday 25th**: Foundation 2023 Transition F-2 Sports Day 11.30am-1pm

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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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### Would you, or someone you know, like to make a difference in your community?

Relief School Crossing Supervisor positions now available.

Enjoy the benefits of casual work!

Some of the great reasons to join the Cardinia Shire team as a Relief School Crossing Supervisor:

- Receive on-the-job training and your uniform is provided
- Up to 7.50 hours per school week
- Remuneration of $37.00 per hour
- Approximately 12 weeks of leave a year (School Holidays)


For further information please contact the School Crossing Team on 0475 973 835 or email [schoolcrossings@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:schoolcrossings@cardinia.vic.gov.au)
SUNSMART POLICY

Our School’s SunSmart Policy for wearing hats is in line with the Cancer Council’s regulations.

Navy blue broad brimmed hats must now be worn from September 1st until May 1st.

Sunscreen is also available for children who request it.

Hats must be either wide brimmed or the ‘bucket’ type for proper protection.

Hats must be dark or navy blue in line with our uniform policy. Baseball caps are not permitted.

Happy Birthday!

Aiden J  Macey H
Mila P   Braxton K
Isabella H  Kalarni B
Chevy W  Hudson K
Isabelle H  Bonnie L

Our End Of Year Event is booked!!

Tuesday December 6th
5.30pm-7pm
**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 visitor’s 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 Lambaart 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*)