Students are supervised between the hours of 8.50 am and 3.45 pm

Welcome!
What a great start to 2016 it has been. Welcome to our 11 new Foundation (Prep) students who have come to school for the first time. It was so pleasing to see them begin school with such enthusiasm and keenness for learning. They have made a great start. Welcome to Ms Jane Taylor who is teaching our Grade 4/5/6 class. We also welcome Mr James Tan who will be teaching Chinese on Tuesdays.

Camps and Excursions Fund
A number of our families are eligible to receive the state government’s Camps and Excursions fund (CSEF). Monies that have were not expended in 2015 have been carried forward for use by your child/children in 2016. New applications can be made at the office now and must be made by 26th February 2016. Information on eligibility and how to apply are attached to this newsletter.

Conveyance Allowance
The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance for parents/carers to transport children to and from school in rural and regional Victoria. Allowances are available for public transport, private car and private bus.
In some locations, students are unable to access free school buses. In these instances, students may receive a conveyance allowance to assist with travel costs.
To be eligible a student must:
- Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which ad-mission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended (government and non-government students) and;
- Reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (government students only)
- Attend their nearest appropriate non-government specialist school (non-government students only)

APPLICATION FORMS ARE DUE BY 26TH FEBRUARY AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

Playgroup
Nyora Primary Play Group meet on Wednesdays from 9.00 to 11.00 at the school. It is a great way for kids to play with new friends and mums to meet for a chat. All are welcome.

Lunch Orders
Lunch orders are available at Nyora Primary on Fridays. These are prepared by the Nyora General Store and a menu is attached to this newsletter.

Tiqbiz
If you haven’t got the Tiqbiz app on you smartphone yet, it is available at the App store or Playstore.
Welcome back from the M.A.R.C. library. My name is Tony Latham and I look forward to returning to Nyora this year. My visits in the M.A.R.C. Library will be each Tuesday again in 2016.

During their library session students will borrow and return books, as well as learn library and research skills and be involved in literature-related activities.

Preps may borrow one item and all other grades can borrow two. After this time the item becomes 'overdue' and your child cannot borrow another until the overdue item has been returned. This is to encourage students to get into a routine of bringing their books to school for library on a regular basis. Students may choose to return books weekly. All classrooms contain a M.A.R.C. tubs for students to return M.A.R.C. items any day that is convenient. All students can borrow fiction and/or non-fiction books, magazines, etc. If a book is lost, and after having searched, it cannot be found, we request that parents please send a very brief note explaining this so that your child may continue to borrow (the lost book can then be deleted from the catalogue). There is no fee for lost books, but should you locate the lost book, please return it so that it can be re-catalogued and put back into the collection for other children to borrow.

Please encourage your child to be a responsible user of the library. Have a set place at home to leave library books and remind your child to bring them to school. See you very soon with fabulous items for children to borrow and share.

Tony Latham

M.A.R.C. Librarian.

Uniforms
Nyora has a compulsory school uniform policy. Our students wear a gold or navy polo shirt, navy shorts or track pants (no leggings), a royal blue windcheater, and broad-brimmed navy blue hat. Gils may wear a blue and white check school dress. All items are available for sale at the office.

Hats
Nyora Primary has a Sunsmart policy and all students must wear a broad-brimmed hat when involed in outdoor activities or playing during break times. These are part of our uniform and are available at the office for $10.00.

Swimming
We have decided to move our swimming program to Term 4 for a trial period in 2016.
Nyora Primary School
Thanking Our
Community Partners
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<td>Supports the school throughout the year, by supplying breakfasts for different activities and fruit for our Fresh Fruit Wednesday Fruit Platter Program.</td>
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Local Bulk-billed counselling services in Poowong

Nikole Charlton provides ongoing counselling to people needing support at the Maternal and Child Health Centre in Poowong. Services can be accessed by anyone living in the local and surrounding communities, children, adolescents and adults.

Issues we can help with include: Depression, Anxiety, Bereavement, Family Conflicts, Relationship problems, Phobias, Panic Disorders, Life crisis, Psychosis, Sleep Problems, Post-traumatic stress, Adjustment issues.

Sessions are fully bulk billed with no out of pocket costs to you. To access this support simply visit your local GP and ask for a Mental Health Care Plan. Once this is written contact Nikole on 0419 699 965 to make an appointment.