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

Personal Accident Insurance
Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not carry personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including transport costs. Student accident insurance cover is available from some insurers and if parents wish to cover out of pocket expenses not covered by Medicare or private health cover they should source this privately. Ambulance membership/cover is also readily available.

In the unlikely event of a serious injury we will make every attempt to make contact with parents, but we will call for an ambulance if we judge it to be necessary even if we have been unable to contact parents.

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.

School Council Elections
Nominations are now open for membership of Nyora Primary school Council. School Council is a very important decision making body in our school. It offers members of our community the opportunity to be meaningfully and effectively influential in making our school the best it can be. There are four parent vacancies and two Employee vacancies. Nominations open on Monday 15th of February and close on Monday 22nd February. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Mick Hussey, Principal

BIRTHDAYS
February
Mia
Lachy
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Kobe
Anthony
Jae

Thought for the Week
Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment, full effort is full victory.
Mahatma Gandhi
**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.

**Sporting Schools**
Nyora's Sporting School programs have begun. Students participate in Lawn Bowls on Tuesday at Loch, Athletics on Wednesday at Nyora and Table Tennis on Thursday at Nyora. We are able to accommodate more students in all groups and it is not too late to join up. Forms are available at the office.

**Sporting Schools Assistant**
We are looking for people to act as Sporting School assistants. This would involve preparing fruit snacks, marking attendance rolls and assisting the coach. There is payment available for this position.

**Tiqbiz**
If you haven’t got the Tiqbiz app on you smartphone yet, it is available at the App store or Playstore.

**Assembly**
Nyora Primary holds its school assembly each Friday at 9.00am. Assembly is predominantly run by our school leaders and all school community members are welcome.

**South Gippsland Early Years Plan 2016-2021**
South Gippsland Shire Council are inviting all families to contribute their views to a survey via its website to inform future Early Years planning. This is a great opportunity to let council know what the community needs. There is also an opportunity for children to contribute their ideas via a separate survey on the site. go to www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/earlyyearsurvey

**Getting to Know You Meetings**
Many thanks to all the parents who visited the school to meet with their child’s teacher yesterday. These discussions are sure to prove a valuable foundation for your Child’s success this year.
Nyora Primary School
Thanking Our Community Partners

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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.