

Students Lead by Example During Walk to School 2017

Nyora Primary School students have earned the Trail Blazer School award for the annual Walk to School campaign. Nyora students logged over 4,000 metres walked during the month of October.

The Trail Blazers Competition challenged students of rural schools including; Fish Creek, Mirboo North, Tarwin Lower and Poowong. Students were required to register the metres walked in personal passports, with students taking full advantage of the extensive dedicated walking tracks and rail trails within their local areas.

Mirboo North's students were joined by their principal to walk over 15 kilometres along the Grand Ridge Rail Trail collecting students from as far as Boolarra to walk their way to school for a healthy breakfast..

Fish Creek Primary School had a different teacher take a different grade every lunchtime to walk the Great Southern Rail Trail for the month, marking the distance they walked with a large rock.

Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley reported that the program had been a success and congratulated the winners of the competition.

"Many students are driven to school or take the bus so the Trail Blazers competition has been a great way for rural schools to participate in Walk to School.

"Students loved setting goals to walk further each day, with staff and family members joining in on the fun," said Vicki.

VicHealth funding for incentive prizes were supported with donations from local businesses; Sports First, South Gippsland SPLASH and Glenn's Sports and Voyage Fitness, to further encourage students to achieve their walking goals.

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to thank our local businesses for stepping up to bring Walk to School rewards to more students in 2017.

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