Mayor's Message South Gippsland Shire Council

A number of parents will be working on their children's applications for funded four-year-old kindergarten in 2019 after applications were opened this week. This is an exciting and sometimes apprehensive time for both children and parents so having a smooth process is always paramount.

Again this year all kindergarten applications will be assessed through Council's central enrolment process. Parents will only need to complete one application via the enrolment section of Council's website in order to be assessed. Applications will ask for the top three kindergarten preferences and children will be placed in accordance with State Government Priority of Access guidelines.

South Gippsland is home to a number of great kindergarten facilities and we are thankful that they have all agreed to take part in this process. Ultimately it makes the process easy for both kindergarten providers and parents.

As kindergarten is one of the first steps for children in their education I am sure we will have a number of applications come through very quickly. Parents have until 30 June 2018 to make their application to ensure their child has a place next year.

Another Council role linked with our education sector is our school crossing supervisors. We have a number of dedicated school crossing supervisors who ensure children can access and leave school safely each day.

Schools Crossings Victoria is currently searching for their Supervisor of the Year and is asking for parents or children to make nominations by Friday 25 May. The award acknowledges the contribution and dedication of school crossing supervisors provide by maintaining a safe and enjoyable journey to and from schools throughout Victoria.

If you have a school crossing supervisor in mind who would be perfect for the role make sure to head to www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au to nominate them.

Cr Lorraine Brunt Mayor