



Term 4 Primary Road Safety 2023 Newsletter

What is included in the newsletter this term?

- Important Dates - Term 4
- Buckle Up and Be Safe! 🚗 Road Safety with The Wiggles and Transport for NSW
- Five-step test for safe car travel
- Safety Town - Cross Curricular opportunities with Science and Technology
- **Free** Road Safety Resources including Kindergarten Orientation Road Safety Library Bags
A new online resource for teachers to help students develop their understanding of the factors that influence their mental health and wellbeing and that of others has been developed by (ACARA)
- Road Safety messages for your school's social media and newsletters

Important Dates - Term 4

<https://towardszero.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-06/2023-Road-Safety-Events-Calendar-June-2023.pdf>

School Term 4	School Zones are active during this time.	9 October to 19 December	roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/schools/flashinglights/index.html
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Buckle Up and Be Safe! 🚗 Road Safety with The Wiggles and Transport for NSW

[Buckle Up and Be Safe! 🚗 Road Safety with The Wiggles and Transport for NSW](#)

We've partnered with Transport for NSW to create 'Buckle Up and Be Safe!', song to help little passengers stay safe in the car and get them excited about buckling up. The song promotes Transport for NSW's "They're counting on you" message and encourages the correct use of child car seats.

I'm counting on you:

1. Have you got the right car seat?
2. Have you fitted and adjusted it correctly?
3. Do you know how to check it properly?

Did you know that two in three child car seats are not being used correctly? This greatly increases the risk of serious injury. When children are correctly restrained in approved child car-seats they are less likely to be seriously injured or killed in a car crash, so it's important to give parents and carers as much information as possible so they can make an informed decision. To make the safest choice, compare more than 200 different types of child car seats and find Authorised Restraint Fitting Stations, visit

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/parents/child-car-seats>

Five-step test

The five-step test can help assess whether your child is big enough to use a seatbelt. Answering yes to each step means your child is ready for a seatbelt. The child should be able to:

1. Sit all the way back against the seat back.
2. Bend their knees comfortably over the front edge of the vehicle seat.
3. Sit with the sash belt across their mid-shoulder.
4. Sit with the lap belt across the top of their thigh.
5. Stay seated in this position for the whole trip.



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Safety Town

Let's take a look at how you can use Safety Town for Cross Curricular opportunities

Stage 1 Science and Technology - Be a Safe Passenger

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/book/stage-1/learning-experiences/be-safe-passenger>

Pushes and pulls science experiment

Pushes and pulls science experiment - trains and trams

ST1-9PW-ST Investigates how forces and energy are used in products

ST1-1WS-S Observes, questions and collects data to communicate and compare ideas

Stage 2 Science and Technology - Heads up on helmets

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/book/stage-2/learning-experiences/heads-helmets>

Protect your egg

ST2-1WS-S Questions, plans and conducts scientific investigations, collects and summarises data and communicates using scientific representations

ST2-2DP-T Selects and uses materials, tools and equipment to develop solutions for a need or opportunity

ST2-9PW-ST Describes how contact and non-contact forces affect an object's motion



FREE Road Safety Resources

Have you ordered your [Kindergarten Orientation Road Safety Library Bags](#) for 2024?

The Kindergarten Orientation Road Safety Library Bag is provided free of charge to NSW primary schools for use as part of their Kindergarten Orientation Day activities. It provides a range of road safety resources and information for families with children starting primary school. The library bag is designed for children to use at school and to help promote the key road safety message of “Hold a grown-up’s hand when you cross the road.”



PLEASE VISIT <https://shout.finsbury.com.au/ustore/67/Home> then click on Products to the drop down menu, then click on For School Use Only to access **FREE** Road Safety Resources for your school.

A new online resource for teachers to help students develop their understanding of the factors that influence their mental health and wellbeing and that of others has been developed by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), working with experts from Beyond Blue and Headspace. The new 'Curriculum Connection' resource means teachers will now be better equipped to teach about mental health and wellbeing through the Australian Curriculum learning areas including Health and Physical Education, Digital Technologies, English, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and the Arts. The mental health and wellbeing Curriculum Connection, along with the other updated resources, is available on the resources section of the Australian Curriculum website at <https://v9.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources>.

- 🚗 Just a reminder, school zones are in operation. Please take extra care on our roads. 🚦
- Look out for kids walking or riding to school
 - Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in school zones 🚦
 - Be ready to stop for pedestrians and follow directions from school crossing supervisors
 - Always check your blind spots when reversing from a driveway or parking near schools
 - Be aware of increased congestion around drop off and pick up areas
 - Leave plenty of space around school buses 🚌

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DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Disobey 'No Parking' Sign
 DROP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY
 ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
 Stay within 3 metres of your car
 Stay less than 2 minutes
 Fine = \$196 & Lose 2 Points
 Section 168 Road Rules 2014

'KISS & DROP' ZONE
 DROP OFF & PICK-UP ONLY
 ONLY stop to drop off or pick up
 Stay within 3 metres of your car
 Stay less than 2 minutes
 Fine = \$196 & Lose 2 Points
 Section 168 Road Rules 2014

NO STOPPING
 DO NOT STOP for ANY reason
 Fine = \$352 & Lose 2 Points
 Section 167 Road Rules 2014

Driver Uses Mobile Phone When Not Allowed by Law
 DO NOT talk, text or view your phone while driving.
 Fine = \$469 & Lose 5 Points
 Section 303 Road Rules 2014

Child or Passenger Not Restrained
 (Not wearing a seat belt or not in a child seat)
 Fine = \$352 & Lose 3 Points
 Sections 265, 266, 267 Road Rules 2014

For more information see: Road Rules 2014
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/index.html>
 *Fines are current as of February 2022. Fine amounts change regularly.
 For up-to-date fine amounts see: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/penalties-offences/index.html>