

# MARTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Marton Mailbag



Term 3 Week 2 1/8/2025

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nagangbi

We the students and teachers at Marton Public School acknowledge the Dharawal Speaking people and we will **Strive To Do Our Best** with any of the challenges we may face.

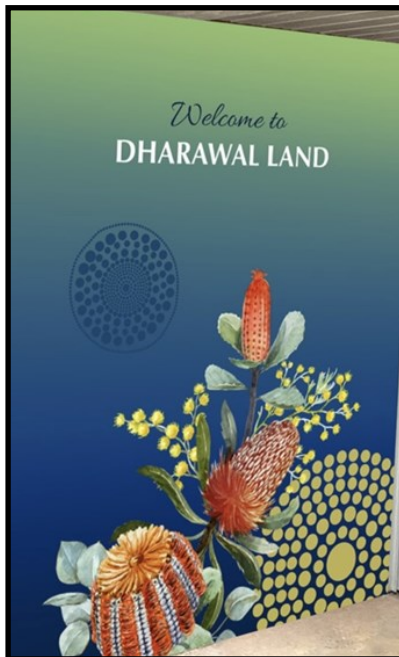
We honour and pay our respects to the Aboriginal Elders of the past, present and future who will furthermore look over and after us.

We respect them for nurturing and looking after the land, the dreaming stories and the spiritual connections to country.

We will continue to care for the **RED** sunrise, The **BLUE** calm and free waves and the **GREEN** mother nature. They showed **Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Pride** and **Team Work** for thousands of years.

The pictures on our school logo represent the southern stars that are from the dreaming stories beside the Banksia and Boronias representing the native flowers on the Dharawal land.

I would like to thank mother earth and grandfather sun and the Dharawal people for protecting them.



Please always know that my door is always open. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share feedback, I am here to listen and support you in any way I can. Your involvement is so important to the success of our students and school community, and I truly value the partnership we share. Please don't hesitate to reach out whenever you need. Together, we can continue to make this a positive and thriving environment for all our students.

What a fantastic start to term 3! All of our students have come back so happy and settled and it's so lovely to walk around and see them enjoying their learning and playing with friends happily in the playground.

♡ It's a girl ♡

Our lovely Miss Rennie has welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Daisy 🌸 Both mum and bub are doing wonderfully, and her proud big brother is absolutely smitten 💕

### **Playground Toilet Facilities Update**

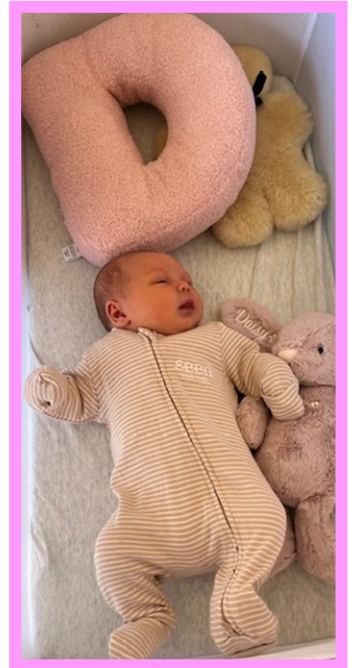
I wanted to provide an update on the progress we've been making regarding outdoor toilet facilities for our playground. Over the past few months, I have been working closely with the Department of Education to find the best possible long-term solution to installing outdoor toilets. After multiple site visits and detailed planning discussions, we are pleased to report that we are making solid progress toward a more permanent outdoor toilet block.

In the meantime, to support our students' needs during breaks, we will be installing demountable toilet facilities, one for girls and one for boys, along the hall wall. This interim solution means students will have multiple toilets to use and will only need to use the hall toilets for an emergency or at busy times, helping to improve supervision and access.

While these works are underway, there will be some temporary fencing around the installation area. We appreciate your ongoing support and your help in reminding students to stay clear of this fenced area until the works are complete.

Thank you for your support.

A huge thank you to the Department of education assets team for all of their help in bringing this to fruition 🙌🙌🙌





## 💙 Year 6 (2024) gift 💙

Thank you to our students and families of year 6 in 2024. With the raised year 6 funds, the thank you gift for the school, from the students, was this beautiful playground clock 💙



### Learning Support – Staffing Update

We have a few staffing changes to share with you this term in our Learning Support team.

Mrs Caitlin Price has transitioned from her Learning Support role to classroom teaching, and is now teaching 2RE from Monday to Thursday while Miss Rennie is on leave, enjoying time with her beautiful new baby. Ms Eastlake will continue to teach 2RE on Fridays.

To support Stage 1 students in Mrs Price's absence, we welcome Mrs April Hamilton (Mondays and Tuesdays) and Mrs Angie Cuniffe (Thursdays and Fridays). Both teachers are familiar faces in our school community, having worked regularly with us throughout the year. They have also worked closely with Mrs Price during the final weeks of last term to ensure a smooth and thorough handover.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Robles, our Learning Support Coordinator.

### Expression of Interest: 2025 NAPLAN Information Session

We will be happy to host a NAPLAN forum later this year to share and discuss the 2025 results, explore trend data, and highlight key focus areas.

If this is something you would be interested in attending, please indicate your interest below. While the full results are yet to be released, we anticipate receiving them in September/October. The forum would likely be held either at the end of this term or early in Term 4, pending the full result release date.

We look forward to the opportunity to engage with you around this important area of student learning and achievement.

Please click here to register your interest so we can plan accordingly: [NAPLAN forum 2025](#)

## Celebrations outside the gates

### 🏆 Congratulations 🏆

Just recently, Jack represented Southern Districts at the 2025 NSW Rugby Union U10 State Gala, which was played at Kings School, Parramatta. What a great achievement.!

Well done Jack 🌟 🌟 🌟

Kind Regards,



Jody MacDonald  
Principal







👏👏 Records 👏👏



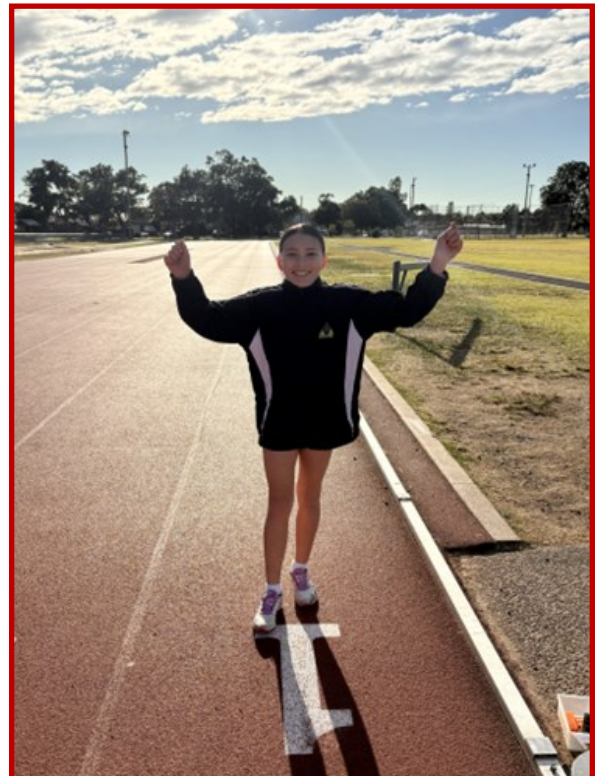
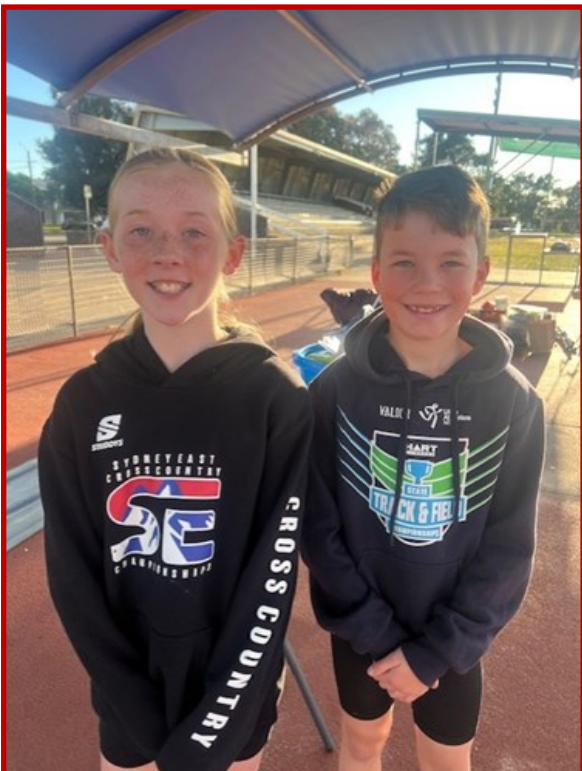
New 1500m records!!!

Riley B - Junior Girls 1500m 6:15:00

Alfie - 11 Years Boys 1500m 5:32:09

Sienna - 11 Years Girls 1500m 6:51:62

Congratulations!!!



# Peer Support News

This is what we will be doing in Peer Support for the next couple of weeks.

## Week 7

This week children discuss the importance of showing gratitude. Children reflect on positive aspects of their life, including people. Activities give children opportunity to thank someone who helps them. During the week encourage your child to appreciate/thank people.

## Week 8

In the final session of Living Positively, children reflect on all they have learned. They remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self talk. Children learn about a model; I laugh, I live, I love. This helps them remember activities they enjoy, their strengths and to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways to live positively.



LIVING POSITIVELY



# AWARD WINNERS!



*Congratulations*



## Marton Public School - Kindergarten 2026

### Group Tour Dates

(no RSVP required. All commencing at 10am. All family members invited)

Thurs 27th March 2025

Thurs 22nd May 2025

Wed 18th June 2025

Mon 11th August 2025

### Kindy Information Evening

Wednesday 7th May 2025

5.00pm - 6.00pm

(in the Kindy rooms. No RSVP required)

### Kindy Orientation Visit 2

Thursday 20th November 2025  
2.00pm - 3.00pm

### Kindy Orientation Visit 1

Thursday 13th November 2025  
2.00pm - 3.00pm

### Kindy Orientation Visit 3

Thursday 27th November 2025  
2.00pm - 3.00pm

### Kindy Orientation Graduation

Thursday 4th December 2025  
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Call 9520 6261 for more information or a private tour with the Principal



# Enrol Now

Do you have a child starting school next year, enrol now for Kindy 2026.







## Attendance Winners Weeks 1 & 2







## Attendance Winners Weeks 1 & 2







## Attendance Winners Weeks 1 & 2







## Attendance Winners Weeks 1 & 2







## Attendance Winners Weeks 1 & 2







## Attendance Winners Weeks 1 & 2







## Birthday Selfies

Weeks 1 & 2

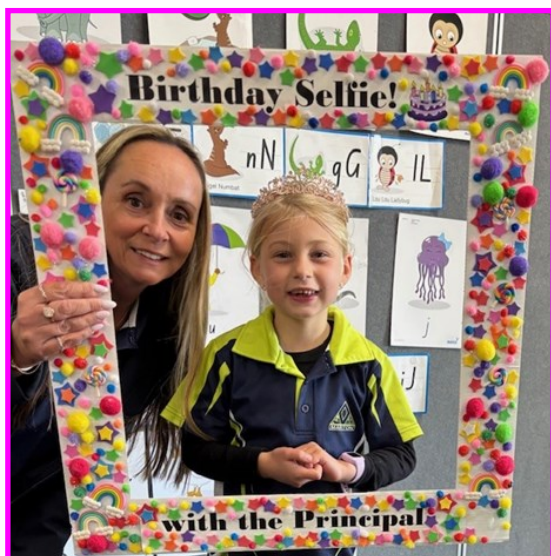






## Birthday Selfies

Weeks 1 & 2







## Birthday Selfies

Weeks 1 & 2







## Birthday Selfies

Weeks 1 & 2





# TERM 3 - 2025



Education Week and Book Parade, Open Classrooms, dance groups, band & choir performances & Love of Learning Awards	Wednesday 6 August
Athletics Carnival Ribbon Assembly	Friday 8 August
PSSA Summer Trials start	Monday 11 August
2026 Kindy Tour @ 10am	Monday 11 August
Beanie for Brain Cancer Day - P & C	Friday 15 August
Dance Concert—Dance Extravaganza @ 7.30pm	Friday 15 August
P & C Meeting @ 7pm in the School Library	Monday 18 August
EHS Transition Day	Wednesday 20 August
SSSMF <b>full</b> day rehearsal <b>junior</b> choir	Wednesday 20 August
SSSMF Junior Choir Concert @ 7pm	Thursday 21 August
SSSMF Senior full day choir rehearsal	Thursday 28 August
SSSMF Senior Choir Concert @ 7pm	Friday 29 August
Regional Athletics Day	Wednesday 17 September
Extra Curricular Photos taken	Thursday 18 September
Science Day Incursion - K-6	Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th
Last Day of Term 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peek into learning (in classrooms)</li> <li>- Afternoon tea with family members</li> <li>- Gold Awards &amp; Banner Assembly @ 2pm</li> </ul>	Friday 26 September



# TERM 4 - 2025



Staff return—Staff Development Day	Monday 13 October
Students return	Tuesday 14 October
Dance Curriculum this week	
P & C Meeting @ 7pm	Monday 20 October
Dance Curriculum this week	
Dance curriculum with the community- whole school dance	Friday 24 October
Grandfriend's Day	Thursday 30 October
Halloween Day Disco	Friday 31 October
Remembrance Day	Tuesday 11 November
Kindy Orientation #1	Thursday 13 November
Christmas Night Markets from 5pm	Friday 14 November
P & C Meeting @ 7pm in the Library	Monday 17 November
Walk for Respectful Relationships	Wednesday 19 November
P & C Colour Run	Wednesday 19 November
Kindy Orientation # 2	Thursday 20 November
Kindy Orientation # 3	Thursday 27 November
Kindy Orientation Graduation	Thursday 4 December
Peek into learning (in classrooms)	Friday 5 December
Afternoon tea with family members	
Gold Awards & Banner assembly & Recognition Certificates	
Year 6 Farewell	Monday 8 December
Last Chess Club lesson	Thursday 11 December
K-2 Presentation Day @ 9.30am	
3-6 Presentation Day @ 11.30am	
Last day of School & Year 6 Graduation Assembly & Clap Out	Friday 19 December







# Messy PLAYGROUP



LOOKING FOR A MESSY SENSORY ADVENTURE



**1ST THURSDAY  
OF EACH  
MONTH**

**10.15am - 11.15 am**

1034-1036 Old Princes Hwy Engadine  
COMMENCING IN MARCH 2025

**\$15.00 PER FAMILY**

**PER VISIT**

**REGISTER AT  
ecs.org.au**

**Or call 9520 7022**



# MUSIC PLAYGROUP



**With Miss Shirley**

**2ND THURSDAY  
OF EACH MONTH**

**10 am - 11am**

**\$15 PER FAMILY**

**PER VISIT**

**REGISTER AT [ecs.org.au](http://ecs.org.au)**

**Or call 9520 7022**



PERCUSSION  
INSTRUMENTS



SONG

FUN

1034-1036 Old Princes Hwy Engadine

COMMENCING IN MARCH 2025

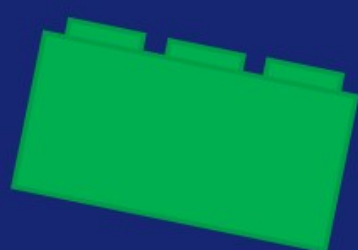
RHYTHM





3rd Engadine Scouts presents...

# Engadine BRICK



# FAIR



9am – 4pm

Sunday 10th August

\$6 pp entry

St John Bosco Primary School

Banksia Ave, Engadine



Fantastic Lego creations by SYDLUG!

Prizes! Sausage Sizzle! Brick Pit!

Join us for a fun day for the whole family!



# COME & TRY T Ball

**27<sup>TH</sup> JULY & 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST**

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>YARRAWARRAH TIGERS JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB</b>
<b>TIME</b>	10AM-12NOON
<b>SEASON</b>	SEPTEMBER 25 TO MARCH 26
<b>DETAILS</b>	ALL GENDERS FROM 4 UP NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED FREE LOAN UNIFORM FOR TBALL FREE LOAN JERSEY FOR MACHINE PITCH TO BASEBALL

**FERNTREE  
RESERVE**

**FERNTREE ROAD  
ENGADINE**

**ALL PLAYER  
LEVELS  
WELCOME!**

*Let's Play Ball*







## E-bikes: Advice for families

An e-bike is a bicycle that is powered with rechargeable batteries, providing electric assistance while pedalling.

### Is my child permitted to ride an e-bike?

Your child can ride a privately owned e-bike, if it meets the requirements outlined below. Shared (hired) e-bikes usually have a minimum age requirement. Always check the minimum age requirements before allowing your child to ride a shared e-bike.

### What are the requirements for e-bikes?

There are two types of e-bikes permitted in NSW.

#### Electrically power-assisted cycle requirements

An electrically power-assisted bicycle has a maximum continued rated power of up to 500 watts. This power output must be:

- ▶ progressively reduced as the bicycle's speed increases beyond 6km/h

#### ▶ cut off when:

- the bicycle reaches a speed of 25km/h
- the rider stops pedalling and the speed exceeds 6km/h.

#### Power-assisted pedal cycle requirements

- ▶ has one or more motors attached with a combined maximum power output of up to 200 watts
- ▶ can't be propelled only by the motor/s
- ▶ must weigh less than 50kg (including batteries)
- ▶ have a height-adjustable seat.

It is important to carefully check the manufacturer's details on any bike you are buying for your child.

Any powered bicycle that does not meet the above requirements is **illegal to use on roads or road related areas.**



**Have you thought  
about becoming a  
foster carer?**

Do you have room in  
your heart and your  
home for a child?



### **Become a Foster Carer in the Sutherland Shire.**

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is urgently seeking potential foster carers in the Sutherland Shire. We need people who can provide care for children, young people, or siblings, aged 0-18 years-old, for a few days, to a few months and beyond.

Foster carers support families by caring for children who are unable to remain at home. Foster carers come from all walks of life and their families reflect the wider community we live in. Carers can be single, partnered and be with or without children of their own. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Foster carers receive initial and ongoing training and support from a dedicated foster care caseworker. There are financial support packages available to foster carers to support a child's education, medical needs, food costs and other daily living costs.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, please call 8303 7644 or email our Foster Care Team: [CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CAPSMetroCentral@dcj.nsw.gov.au)



# Do you need legal advice?

**We can help you.**

Walk into one of our upcoming Legal Clinics:

**Hopefield Community Hub**  
6 Gosport Street, Cronulla  
First Tuesday every month  
1pm - 4pm

For more details, please contact us at **(02) 9545 0299** or **[mlc.clinic@hopefield.org.au](mailto:mlc.clinic@hopefield.org.au)**



**Marrickville  
Legal Centre**  
From the inner west,  
serving NSW









3BRIDGES | COMMUNITY

# ENROL TODAY

**3Bridges Community Marton**

 <https://3bridgesafterschool.org.au/marton/>

 [OSHC@3Bridges.org.au](mailto:OSHC@3Bridges.org.au)

 **1300 327 434**

## SCHOOL CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Please remember that when you are volunteering/working in the Canteen to use the QR Code located in the Canteen to check in so that we know you are on site in case of an emergency. Also, a reminder that only parents are allowed in the Canteen, no toddlers, babies or students please.



# Every Day Matters



## When it comes to attending school, every day matters

If your child misses as little as **1 day per fortnight**, they will miss **4 weeks of school per year**, which adds up to over **1 year missed over their school life.**



Scan the  
QR code to  
learn more

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:



Learning



Strengthening  
friendships



Build skills  
through fun



# THE MARTON MUNCH HUT

We are extremely fortunate at Marton to have a wonderful canteen.

To new families who may not know, this is run by the amazing Nicole who is employed by the P&C as our very own Canteen Manager.

As with many businesses there have been increased pressures with increasing stock prices, pay roll and super costs as well as ongoing repair + maintenance costs. Price increases are sadly unavoidable however will remain as low as possible.

During Covid a reduction in parents being in the school grounds and many families departing after Year 6 also means there is a shortage of

## VOLUNTEERS

These are crucial to keep the canteen viable and open 4 days a week.

**If you are a parent, carer, grandparent or friend of Marton, can you spare any time on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday?**

It does not have to be a whole morning or lunch time.

**Even half an hour or 1-2 hours is a huge help**

It is also a fantastic opportunity for new Marton parents to meet other people in the school community and connect with the kids.

**You do not need to be an expert in catering, just come with a smile and a fun attitude.**

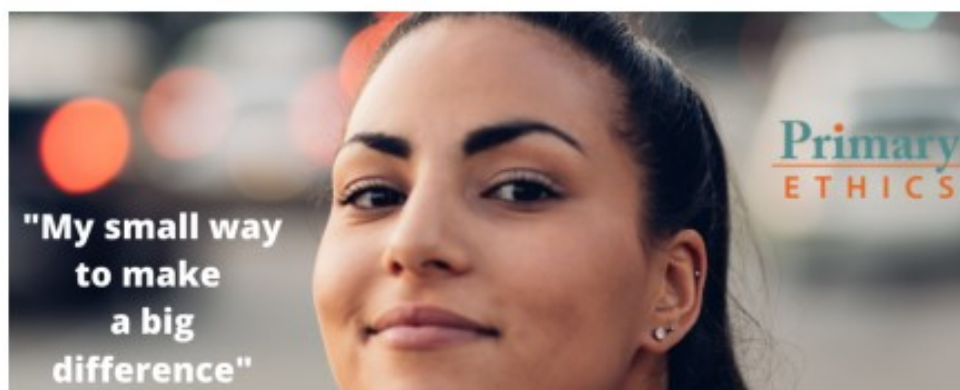
Tasks can include  
processing orders, labelling bags, prepping, and cooking food, clearing dishes, packing orders and serving the children.

If you can help, contact Nicole  
via the Marton Munch Hut Facebook page.

**It is a rewarding way to give back to our school community.**

Many thanks,

**Marton P&C & Marton Munch Hut**



## **Come teach ethics at Marton Public School!**

We are building an ethics program at Marton Public School with lessons delivered by Primary Ethics volunteers. Ethics classes are held as an option during the Scripture timeslot. In ethics, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to listen closely to each other, to disagree without putdowns and to think carefully as they form their opinions.

We want to give parents the option of choosing Ethics for their child. To do that we need more parent and community volunteers to teach.

You can teach ethics if:

- You're interested in what children think and you have an interest in learning
- You're willing to learn how to use our lesson scripts to ask children ethical questions
- You can remain neutral and give the children space to think
- You're available each school week on Tuesdays at either 10.30am or 11.30am for 30 mins – you'll need about an hour each week to prepare and give the scripted lesson
- You complete our free training and pass background checks.

You don't need to be a trained teacher! Primary Ethics provides free, comprehensive training with online self-paced learning plus trainer-led workshops (by Zoom or face-to-face). You'll develop new skills yourself – facilitation skills, plus skills in communication and active listening.

Curious? Visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)

Or contact Emma Doran on [emma.doran@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:emma.doran@primaryethics.com.au) or 0403047698



## FACT SHEET

# ROAD SAFETY FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Do you have children starting kindergarten next year? Starting school is very exciting for your child. They may not be thinking much about safety, but you should.

Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably, and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations. They will need your help to spot the dangers around traffic.

Sutherland Shire Council wants all children to be safe going to and from school - and that depends on you. Act safely when driving or walking around schools so our children will learn to be safe too.

### DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Make sure your children are in an appropriate child restraint in the car that is fitted and used correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit and keep a sharp lookout in school zones as children are about and can be unpredictable.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Up until the age of eight, always hold your child's hand whenever cars and other vehicles could be around. Park your car and walk them to the school gate.
- Drop older kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area.

- Avoid calling out to children from across the road because they may run to you without checking traffic.
- It's safest for the kids to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road, away from passing traffic.
- If walking to school, plan your trip so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

### STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK

Every time children cross the road, remind them to:

- **Stop** one step back from the kerb
- **Look** for traffic to your right, left and right again
- **Listen** for the sounds of approaching traffic
- **Think** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and use them when they are old enough to travel alone.

This brochure has been developed from the Transport NSW Centre for Road Safety website <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au>

Find out more about Australian Road Rules at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

### SIGNS YOU WILL SEE AROUND SCHOOL



#### NO PARKING

**What does it mean?**  
You CAN stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

#### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

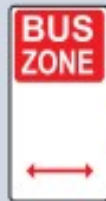


#### NO STOPPING SIGNS & CONTINUOUS YELLOW EDGE LINES

**What do they mean?**  
You CANNOT stop in these areas FOR ANY REASON.

#### Why are they there?

To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes.



#### BUS ZONE

**What does it mean?**  
You must NOT stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

#### Why is it there?

To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of 'their' safety zone.

4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland NSW 2232  
T 02 9710 0333

[ssc@ssc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ssc@ssc.nsw.gov.au)

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)

