



# Pennington School R-6 Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Families and Carers,

It's hard to believe that the term is already halfway through. Last week I was lucky enough to attend my very first Pennington assembly and what a great event! It was wonderful to see so many students and staff embracing the spirit of book week and dressing up. A big thank you to all the families and carers who came along to the assembly, it was great to see so many of you at school, enjoying the celebrations. Book week is a special time, where we engage in a range of fun activities related to book week and more importantly, we take time to remind students of the ongoing benefits of early reading for future success. A huge thankyou to the staff members who contributed to the book week activities and assembly.

This week we are celebrating SSO week. It's an important time to acknowledge the SSOs and ACEOs that contribute so much to Pennington each and every day. I think it's fair to say that, like most schools, we could not function without you and everything you do to support young people reach their goals.

As you all know, next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September the school will be closed for students, as the staff will be engaging in a day of professional learning. We will be using our time to look more deeply at how we grade writing and assign an A-E grade. During the day we will also be upskilling ourselves in how to use online platforms more effectively as well as reviewing our reporting format. We are hoping to trial a new format of written reports in term 4 of this year.

Thank you

And kind regards

Jasmine



**IMPORTANT  
DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

Pupil Free day  
Monday 5th  
September

**NO SCHOOL ON  
THIS DAY**

## Calendar of Events

- Wed 7/9 School Council Meeting 5.30pm
- Wed 7/9 Anti Bullying Incursion
- Thur 8/9 Anti Bullying Assembly. 12.00pm  
Parents Welcome
- Tues 20/9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wed 21/9 Canteen Special  
Lunch Day  
Burger Day
- Tues 27/9 Animals  
Anonymous visit to rooms 5 & 6
- Fri 30/9 End Term 3
- Mon 17/10 Beginning Term 4
- Friday 30th September school finishes at 2.10pm







## ROAD SAFETY

We have had quite a few people not following the correct road rules whilst dropping off and picking students up. We all have days when we are running late or are in a hurry, but these times should NOT come at the cost of our children's lives.

Please read the 5 Helpful Tips for School Zones below .



### Community Safety Officers

Our Community Safety Team is committed to reduce the incidence of illegal parking around all schools within our jurisdiction through active patrols.

In our experience when school staff are actively engaged in monitoring traffic and students with a visible presence, in the designated drop off and pick up areas, we see a greater level of cooperation from motorists in complying with parking and safety requirements.

Please contact Community Safety on 8408 1151 to discuss options for managing parking around your school.

### 5 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones.

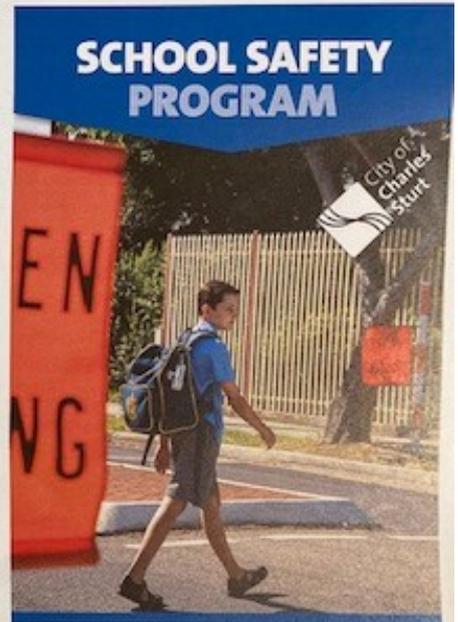
1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

### Behaviours To Avoid

- > Speeding
- > Double parking
- > Parking too close to an intersection
- > Parking across driveways
- > Parking too close to pedestrian crossings



For Further Information:  
City of Charles Sturt  
Community Safety Team  
P. 8408 1111  
E: council@charlessturt.sa.gov.au



The City of Charles Sturt has implemented a comprehensive traffic management and parking scheme in the streets surrounding your child's school to help make it a safe place.

Going against the road rules places not only your child's life at risk, but those of others. Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by these rules.

## HEALTH

Although today is the first day of Spring, we will probably still have some cold days and nights. Please remember to still pack extra food for students as their bodies work harder to keep warm. Give students a jacket to wear, although they may say no give it to them to keep in their bag just in case.

## SICKNESS

If your child is feeling unwell **PLEASE** keep them home. If your child comes to school unwell or returns to school before they are completely recovered from their illness, there is a risk of staff and other students becoming unwell, this then creates a circle of continuous sickness in the classroom.

We currently have children away unwell with school sores. If your child has a sore that is not healing, please take them to see a doctor.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property. Jackets, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc.

The 2 red lost property tubs are inside the teaching block, just inside of the double doors. When you either bring your child to or from school, please have a look to see if anything belongs to your child. Anything left at the end of the term the term will be donated to charity.

