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TERM 1 - WEEK 10 - 2025

Upcoming Dates

- Monday 7th Apr** • Whole School Assembly 1:30pm
- Wednesday 9th Apr** • P&C Colour Run
• Wakakirri Payment Due
- Thursday 10th Apr** • Winning Sport House Reward
- Friday 11th Apr** • Last Day for Students - Term 1
- Wednesday 30th Apr** • Students Return to School



Message from The Principal

Helping Children to Cross the Road Safely

We need to be realistic about children's developmental level and not over-estimate their ability to judge safe distances. A small error can result in the child being seriously injured. To keep children safe, adults need to start by setting a good example. Children learn a lot just by watching.

If parents and older children behave in dangerous ways, younger children are likely to do so also. Older children may take greater risks dashing out between cars. Pedestrian safety lessons need to start early when children have to cross busy intersections from a very young age.

For toddlers, parents can talk about what safety choices they make each time they cross the street, from looking both ways to making eye contact with drivers. By the time children are 4 or 5 years old, parents can start letting children make the decision about when it's safe to cross a street, starting with residential streets with light traffic before trying busy intersections. This lets parents gently correct bad choices so children can fine-tune their instincts about when it's safe to cross.

Talking to children about why they need to follow particular rules or procedures for crossing safely is a good approach, like pointing out the good sense in walking a little further to use a pedestrian crossing rather than take a risk.

Mandy Hollis
Principal

