

Good morning PC Community


We have reached the halfway mark of Term 2, time is flying by.

Next week our P&C will host a Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday 24-Friday 27th May.

Students should have brought home a sneak peak of books available earlier this week. Please check with your child's class teacher if you haven't received as yet.

We are excited to have the Book Fair in attendance as we know the joy it brings to many, having books available for purchase at school. Give some thought as to gifts you could achieve for future birthdays/Christmas etc whilst supporting the P&C and Picnic Creek SS at the same time.

This week is Road Safety Week. We have been provided some resources from Main Roads Department to share with the community. Student Safety is Everyone's Business. Friday 27th May is Fatality Free Friday, this is a day very close to Mr Stark's heart as his daughter Olivia was tragically killed in road crash in 2018. We seek your support in acknowledging this day – please see links and information below regarding wearing of purple on this day.




WEAR SOMETHING PURPLE ON FRIDAY 27 MAY AND SUPPORT FATALITY FREE FRIDAY

During the month of May Australia recognises Road Safety Month. The Australian Road Safety Foundation do an amazing job in creating awareness and promoting the need for drivers to monitor their driving habits. Being aware of our driving is not just something that we should be doing once a month or even for a single day, it is something that drivers should commit to each and every time they sit behind the wheel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVYFiq3a2p8>

At Picnic Creek our core business is children and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care. Therefore we would like to extend to our families an invitation to participate in Fatality Free Friday on Friday 27 May 2022. Families can join with Picnic Creek State School Staff on this day by making a pledge to;


- Always be fit to drive
- Stay focused on the road
- Scan the road ahead
- Keep a safe distance
- Drive to suit the conditions



We encourage all our families to follow the link below and make the pledge to drive safely on Friday 27th May 2022 for a Fatality Free Day across Australia on our roads.


<https://arsf.com.au/take-the-pledge/>

On Friday 27th May, we are asking all students to wear something in the colour of purple to help promote further awareness around road safety and that everyone can play a part in lowering road traumas in our community. The colour purple was also the favourite colour of Mr Stark's daughter Olivia, who was tragically killed in a road crash in September 2018.



Simply wearing a purple ribbon in your hair, a pair of purple socks or a purple shirt would be perfect, but please ensure that all clothing worn is sun safe and appropriate for school.

Thank you for your support.



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ROAD SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

HELP KEEP YOUR SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS SAFE


School crossing supervisors continue to experience risky and dangerous behavior from motorists in and around the supervised crossing. More and more drivers continue to park in the 'NO STOPPING' zones either side of the crossing and on occasions have driven through the crossing whilst the SCS is operating the crossing.

Congestion is always a major aspect of any school environment. Lack of parking is an issue at nearly all schools and to disregard for the road rules contributes to the problems and endangers the lives of others.


To ensure the safety of our school crossing supervisors and all students, we all need to stand up and take responsibility for their safety in and around the school. We need to co-operate, be patient and abide by the road rules.

PARKING SIGNS AND MARKINGS

Always check parking signs carefully near schools as they are often stricter than normal parking rules. The type of parking restrictions, and the times that it applies, will be on the sign. Parking signs you are likely to find near schools are:




No stopping signs - If there is a 'no stopping' sign, you are not allowed to stop or park your car in, or partly in, that area for any reason. Dropping off or picking up passengers or goods in a 'no stopping' area is not permitted.



No parking signs - You are not allowed to park in this area at any time. If the sign has a time displayed, you can park outside of those hours.


LOADING ZONE SIGNS (used in pick-up or drop-off areas) – You must not stop in a loading zone unless you are dropping off or picking up passengers (stopping no more than 2 minutes)



Yellow edge lines (stopping and parking is prohibited)

LICENCE PLATE RECOGNITION

City of Gold Coast Council has introduced new parking technology to encourage motorists to do the right thing and park safely in regulated parking areas, particularly in pedestrian zones. Licence plate technology has been fitted to 2 City Parking vehicles known as Park Safe. Parking Officers are patrolling and monitoring parking compliance in these vehicles in and around the city (including schools). If a vehicle is found to be parked illegally, the City will issue an infringement notice to the registered vehicle owner by post. A photograph taken is used to verify an offence has occurred.



REMEMBER

- **DO NOT** leave your vehicle in the loading zone and exit the vehicle
- **DO NOT** park in the 'no stopping/'no parking' areas
- **DO NOT** encourage children to walk between legally parked vehicles
- **DO NOT** drive through crossing until SCS has returned safely to the kerb
- **OBSERVE** the school zone speed limit – approach the crossing with care
- **STOP** behind the 'stop bar' when supervisor presents the 'stop' sign
- **AVOID** queuing on the crossing when traffic becomes congested

REMEMBER SAFE PARKING MAY SAVE A LIFE

Earlier this term we were excited to partner with Jacob's Well Environmental Education Centre and Bunnings Pimpama to create a "Bush Tucker Garden". Together our student leaders and First Nation students planted native bush tucker plants and created stepping stones by painting their handprints onto pavers. Thanks to all for your efforts, we look forward to seeing the plants nourish and grow.



Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday 24 May to Friday 27 May – PandC Scholastic Bookfair
- Friday 27 May – Fatality Free Friday (wear something Purple)
- Thursday 2nd June – P&C meeting 8.30am
- Friday 3rd June – Cluster Sports Year 5 and 6
- Wednesday 8th June – Student Council Jersey Day – further details to come
- Friday 10th June – Bright for Bryn Day – Asthma foundation fundraiser (Student Council)

Regards

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