**MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL... (YEAR 5)**

**Dear Parents & Carers**

I would like to thank Mrs Van Cooten, our Music Teacher, for organising the Bush Dance last week. Thank you also to the staff, parents and students who attended. The Ran Tan Bush Band provided great entertainment and kept the dancing going with many well known Australian bush songs. Thanks again for coming along and supporting this event.

This Friday, 5 August is Jeans for Genes Day. This day is facilitated by the Children’s Medical Research Institute and aims to raise money for medical research to discover cures for genetic conditions affecting children. We encourage students to be involved in this cause.

If your child wishes to be involved, they are permitted to wear jeans to school on Friday as long as they make a gold coin donation. All donations are passed on to the Children’s Medical Research Institute.

Children wearing jeans will still be required to wear their Raceview school shirt. Thank you for considering your support for Jeans for Genes.

We have also had to remind students of expectations while travelling to and from school. The Education Act allows the school, in many circumstances, to manage student behaviour that occurs while a student is travelling to and from the school. We expect that our students follow the SPORT expectations while they are waiting outside the school and while they are travelling to and from the school. In particular, we wish to encourage that neighbouring residents are treated fairly and with respect by our students.

It is therefore important that our students use appropriate language, remain on the footpath, refrain from annoying pets, keep hands, feet and objects to themselves etc while they are travelling to school. We have spoken to students about these expectations at the last two parades. It would be very helpful if you could also reinforce these expectations with your children so that our students are receiving a united message about safe and respectful behaviour.

Recently the Education Minister launched the “Respect our Staff, Respect our School” Campaign.

The Respect our Staff, Respect our School Campaign aims to create safer and more respectful communities in Queensland state schools. Violent or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in our schools. It’s not just a courtesy. It’s the law.

The campaign is part of the Queensland Government’s commitment to tackle the issue of violence and continue to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and school staff. We all have different beliefs, expectations and experiences, so there are inevitably going to be times where conflicts or disagreements occur in schools. How we handle those conflicts can make a significant difference to the learning and development of our students and the positive environments we aim to foster.

The safety of our students and staff is the number one priority and everyone in the community plays a part in ensuring learning environments are safe. All members of the community are encouraged to work together to prevent abuse and violence directed towards school staff.

In May, students in Year 3 and Year 5 participated in the National Assessment (NAPLAN). The student reports have now been received and will be passed on to parents on Monday 8 August. We will be sending these reports home with the students in a sealed envelope. Please ask your child for their report on Monday afternoon.

The Ipswich City Council have advised the school that the School Safe Program has been updated. The School Safe Program monitors parking around schools to help improve the safety of all students. To assist parents with understanding parking rules, the new Council brochure will be sent home. For more information, you can also go to Ipswich.qld.gov.au/schoolparking.

Rob Mills
Principal

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**DATE CLAIMERS 2016**

**Fri 5 Aug—**
Jeans for Genes Day. Gold Coin Donation
(Jeans & school shirt only)

**Mon 8 Aug—**
NAPLAN Reports sent home

**Wed 10 Aug—**
RNA Show Day
(Brisbane only) This is a NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

**Yr 1 Fire Truck Visit**

**Fri 12 Aug—**
Yr 4 Ngutana-Lui Excursion
Start of Interschool Sport

**Mon 15 Aug—**
P&C Meeting 6.30pm

**Tue 16 Aug—**
Prep Info Evening
6-7pm Dunsdon Room (Adults only)

**Thu 18 Aug—**
Snr Band & String Ensemble @ Silkenstone Eisteddfod

**Mon 22 Aug—**
Book Week—Dress Up Day

**Sun 11th Sep—**
SPRING FAIR
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
(Yr 2—Yr 3)

Raceview Reading

A reminder about the QAR questions that you can use with your children when reading at home. Years 2 and 3 are all using these strategies in the classrooms.

‘Right There’ — This tells students that the answer to a comprehension question can be found directly in the text that they are reading. Often, the words in the question are in the text. This makes it easy to find the answers. These types of questions often begin with:

- What did…?
- Who did…?
- How many…?
- Name…?

‘Think and Search’ — Some questions require students to re-read the text and search for answers, piecing together bits of information throughout the story. These types of questions often begin with:

- How do you…?
- What happened before…?
- What happened after…?
- Why does…?
- Where did…?

‘Author and Me’ — The answer is not directly in the text. To answer the question, readers need to think about how the text and what they already know, fit together.

- Do you agree with….?
- How did he/she feel when…?
- Why did the main character…?
- What do you think…?
- What did the author mean by…?
- Give reasons why…?

‘On My Own’ — The answer is not in the text. Readers need to use their own ideas and experiences to answer the questions.

- Have you ever…?
- What would you do if…?
- Do you know anyone who…?
- If you could…?
- What do you do when…?
- What is your favourite…? Why?

In addition to this, there will soon be other reading ideas around the ‘Micro Skills’ of reading on the website to enable you to help your child improve his/her comprehension. Keep a look out for these!
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
(Yr 4 & Yr 6)

Bush Dance
Sausages sizzled gently as the smell of freshly cut hay penetrated one's senses on a cool winter's evening last week, when Raceview's year 4 – 6 students demonstrated their bush dancing talents on the dance floor.

Whether you were there to hear the Rantan Bush Band play, be taught a bush dance or just be entertained, this pleasant evening was well patronised and fun was had by all. I would like to sincerely thank all the people who were involved in putting this memorable event together.

Interschool Sport
Just a reminder that Interschool sport starts next week, 12 August and all medical and permission forms need to be returned before this date.

If your child is travelling to and from a sport by bus, the cost of the bus fare is still $7 and will need to be handed to your child's coach on Friday mornings.

Districts
It gives me great pleasure to inform our school community that 68 of our students will be competing at Limestone Park in the Ipswich District Track and Field Championships this week.

ICAS Students
Yesterday, 28 conscientious students sat the UNSW English, ICAS Test. Although our readers' talents were tested, all students participating took up the challenge with ease and read smoothly to the finishing line.

This was just all in another day at school for one of our year four students, Paige Mole, who received a Distinction in the UNSW Digital Technologies test. Congratulations Paige!

Jaime Martin  
A/Deputy Principal

Year 3D Mathematics
Mr Hay and the 3D students have been working hard all year on learning concepts in mathematics. Now they are consolidating and practising these skills and understandings through hands on activities. The students are highly engaged, having fun and really trying hard to improve and build on their maths knowledge.

It is great to see students using what they know in practical ways.

This ensures that they are able to use these skills in real life situations. After all, this is the whole point of learning at school. Great work 3D!

Francine Hayler  
Deputy Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
(Prep—Yr 1)

Prep Parent Information Evening
Just a reminder that on Tuesday 16 August, the school will host this year’s Prep Parent Information Evening. The school will showcase important information about Prep in 2017 as well outline the enrolment process leading up to the end of the year. Please join us in the library from 6 – 7pm.

Please note – we suggest you park in the Prep carpark off Bottlebrush Crt and walk up the hill. Signage, lighting and a staff member will guide you in the correct direction on the night.

Illness
At this time of year, as the annual Ekka westerly winds blow in, there is a lot of illness throughout the school. To help prevent the spread of illness, it is important to remember that if your child is sick, especially with contagious illnesses such as colds, flu and gastro, to please keep them at home until they are feeling better.

Head Lice
It has been reported that there has been ongoing bouts of head lice in Prep. Please have a thorough check of your child’s hair and if you find head lice, please treat the entire family to prevent the lifecycle repeating and being further spread around the school. For further advice regarding head lice treatment, please call the school’s Health Officer, Mrs Gayler on 3294 4111.

Attendance
It has been observed by teachers that a portion of students are arriving at school late, after the 8:45am bell. Unfortunately, there are some students who are repeatedly late to school, often turning up at between 9 and 9:15am. Please ensure you have your child/ren at school by 8:45am. Importantly, most teaching starts very soon after 8:45am and also at this time, teachers pass on important messages and detail the learning day ahead. This routine is particularly important for students that are anxious about school or have trouble settling in for the day.

Some number facts:
• Missing 30 minutes of school each day adds up to over 4 weeks of missed schooling each year.
• From Prep to Year 12, that works out to be one year and one term’s worth of absenteeism!

Clearly, small amounts of missed time at school have a huge impact on educational outcomes!

For your information: the school’s attendance rate is sitting at 91.7% for the year-to-date, which is slowly slipping away from our goal of 95%. To prevent this slipping any more, have your child/ren rug up, stay warm, get a good night’s sleep and eat a healthy balanced diet.

Craig Jordan
Deputy Principal
IMPORTANT NOTICE

The School Dental Clinic will be temporarily closed as of 20th May 2016 and will not reopen until 1st Term, 2017.

For any enquiries / emergencies please call 1300 763 246

YEAR 4 EXCURSION
NGUTUNA-LUI

Year 4 students will be visiting Ngutana-Lui on Friday 12th August to complement this term’s English/History/Art curriculum.

Payment of $14.50, medical form and activity consent form are due back by THIS Friday, 5th August.

PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

On the day of the excursion, please ensure that your child is at school by 8.15am on Friday and has a small bag or backpack with them containing their morning tea, lunch, water bottle and hat.

All students must be dressed in their full school uniform (including closed in shoes and hat) in order to attend. Students may bring a book, paper and pencil with them if they would like something to do during the bus trip but please remind your child that no electronic devices like MP3 players, cameras or mobile phones are to be brought along.

Students who are not attending will be supervised in other classrooms during the day and given suitable work to complete.

Students will be back at Raceview SS by 3pm on Friday afternoon.

PREP A Vanda Grinbergs
PREP B Lily Clarkson
PREP C Tyron Flor
PREP D Xavier Marshall
PREP E Khloe Bryant
1A Chloe Murphy
1B Kyan Mader
1C Jett Williams-Jones
1D Kaleb Vanderhaar
1E Indianah
1F Hayden Jonston
2A Kayla Maddox
2B Lachlan Hooper
2C Montana Davis-Kalisperis
2D Bella Levertion
2E Summer Pettersson
3A Bayley Johns
3B Chad Ferris
3C Tyler Anstey
3D Riley Cooper
3E Tracey Tshiswaka
3F Jackson Hasted
4A Kiara Thies
4B Tahlia
4C Lishainah Ulugia
4D Zoe Turner
4E Joshua Sweet
5A Lauren Moran
5B Bianca Gordon
5C Sienna Linnan
5D Jamal Kumar
5E Dominic Cafe
6A Mikayla Albert
6B Elijah Masame
6C Jayden Pocock
6D Chris Koroi
6E Dakota Evans

JUNE

Students of the Month
NEWSFLASH

DISTRICT AND REGIONAL SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Emmitt Styles-McKinnon of Year 5 who has been selected in the Ipswich Green Ants Representative 11 Years Boys Hockey team for 2016.

This is only Emmitt’s second year of hockey in a new club called Hearts, but it was his first attempt at trialling for representative selection.

Emmitt will be representing Ipswich on the 7th of August at the Brisbane State Hockey Fields, where they will play 4 to 6 games on the day.

Well done to Emmitt on this achievement. Raceview Proud!

During week two of this term, three of our female students in Year 6 attended the Met West Girls Rugby League trials at Norths RLFC.

Samantha Ah You, Hailey Hall and Lykiesha Lemalu represented themselves, their school and their district with pride and all three girls played exceptional football throughout the day. Raceview Strong—Raceview Proud!

A big congratulations must go to Lykiesha Lemalu who was selected in the Met West Girls Rugby League team to compete at the State Championships in Ipswich at the start of the September holidays. Good Luck Lykiesha! Raceview Proud!

SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORT

The summer interschool sporting season begins on Friday 12th of August 2016 with students participating in sports including Softball, AFL, Touch, Basketball and Cricket.

Please note that all sports will travel to games by bus and students will need to pay $7 per week for this. Teams will hold their trials in the coming weeks and permission notes will be sent home soon.

We had an amazing Winter Season this year, with our school taking out premierships in Hockey, Netball and Rugby League.

Congratulations to all students that participated in interschool sport during Semester 1 and well done to the teams and coaches that won premierships. Raceview Strong—Raceview Proud!

Bryan Marshall
Physical Education Specialist
BREAKFAST CLUB
Every Monday
8.15 am at the Hall
ALL WELCOME!!

P & C NEWS
The P&C is a parent representative body, which stands for Parents & Citizens Association. The P&C is the voice of the parents. It is at P&C meetings that decisions affecting your child at school are made.

Being a part of the P&C is a great way for parents to be informed of what is happening at the school, influence school policy, have a say in the development of school activities, contribute to the school’s resources through various fundraising projects and a chance to meet other parents.

The Raceview State School P&C meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6.30pm unless advised otherwise. The next meeting will be held on the 15th of August at 6.30pm in the Staff Room. We would love to see you there!

SPRING FAIR
MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO MAKE THE DAY RUN SMOOTHER.
If you are able to spare some time, please contact
Nicole Reed on 0412 266 867
Kelly Verrall on 0400 631 104
or email raceviewss.pnc.springfair@gmail.com

PRE-SALE ARMBANDS NOW ON SALE
for $30 at the Tuckshop

Raceview State School
Father’s Day Stall

DONATIONS NEEDED
We will be holding a Father’s Day Stall starting
Monday 29th August—Friday 2nd September
8am—8.45am every morning and at first break.

We are currently seeking donations such as mugs, hankies, tools……anything a Dad, Grandad, or other father figure would like.

Any donations can be dropped off to the Canteen and are greatly appreciated.

RACEVIEW AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

POSITIONS VACANT
Our family based club is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions on Tuesday nights.

Anouncer
Raffle Co-ordinator
Gate Keeper
Runner
Check Starter

For more information on what these positions entail, please contact:
nicolereed03@gmail.com or phone
Nicole on 0412 266 867

RACEVIEW AMATEUR SWIM CLUB

POSITION VACANT
Our family based club is looking for an energetic, motivated and dedicated

Learn to Swim Instructor

Casual Position commencing 2016 season.

Must hold Learn to Swim qualifications including:

- Current Blue Card
- First Aid Certificate and CPR.

Applications to be emailed to:
nicolereed03@gmail.com or phone
Nicole on 0412 266 867

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Raceview State School
SPRING FAIR
Sunday 11th September
11am to 4pm

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

We are happy to announce that thanks to all the people who came forward and put their names down to volunteer THE SPRING FAIR WILL GO AHEAD.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered.

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Donations are also needed.
Once again we will be holding the Chocolate Toss Game, so donations of blocks of chocolate (any size) or variety packs would be greatly appreciated.

We are also doing a new game called Soft Drink Toss, so are asking for donations of 1.25l bottles of soft drink.

Any donations can be dropped off to the Canteen and are greatly appreciated.

PREP ENROLMENTS
2016

Prep enrolment packs for 2016 are now available from the office.

Please note that Raceview State School is an “Enrolment Managed School” and as such, enrolments from out-of-catchment students are restricted.

KEY DATES

Information Evening
Tuesday 16th August 2016
Library (Dunsdon Room)
6—7.00 pm
Hi everyone,

For your convenience the tuckshop now has EFTPOS! Please remember there are NO over the counter sales on Mondays. Online ordering ONLY!

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3. Click “Sign Up” and follow the simple steps to get started

When placing orders please make sure you are submitting both breaks separately.

If you are only ordering for one break for your child please ensure that they are aware of this as we have had a number of children saying they are missing orders and becoming upset when in fact an order has only been placed for one break.

Can you volunteer?

Here at the tuckshop we are very flexible and will accept any amount of time you can spare, If you wish to volunteer please phone the tuckshop or pop in and see us!

Thank You,
Leanne & Sharon

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**ATTENTION**

Hats & Sports Socks are available to purchase from the Tuckshop for $9.00 when the Uniform Shop is closed.

**Opening Hours for Term 2 & 3, 2016**

Monday: 2.30pm-3.30pm  Thursday 8.15-9.30am

For anyone who has placed orders for the polo all sizes are now in stock and orders will be filled and delivered as soon as possible.

If you have placed an order on Munch Monitor but have not received it please contact me at the Uniform Shop as we had a few issues with orders not coming through on Munch Monitor and will need to track it down manually.

There have been reports that there have been issues with the quality of the uniforms and orders. If anyone has a problem we would appreciate it if you would contact the Uniform Shop directly as the issue can be only be dealt with if we know about it. I have contacted the supplier in regards to issues raised by some parents and these are being resolved.

**DRESSES**

After feedback from the school community as to the design the supplier is now in the process of providing a sample. Current stocks of dresses are still available and will be sold prior to the new design coming through. As there is minimal change to the design, the old dress style is still considered as acceptable for wear and stocks will be replaced with the new style as we run out. We are currently out of stock of sizes 8 and 12 so they will be the first of the new design coming through. There may possibly be a small price increase when the new designs come through.

**SOCKS**

Please note that there has been a 50c increase in the price of the Sports Socks. They are now $9.00. (Some people may have an old price list.)

**JACKETS**

Fleece jackets and Microfibre winter jackets are currently in stock.

Thank You,

Uniform Shop Convenor

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Leanne & Sharon

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**YEARBOOK!**

Attention Parents and Carers of Year 6 Students

If your child DID NOT attend Raceview SS during Prep or Year 1, please scan and email a head and shoulders shot of them from this time to dmill49@eq.edu.au so that it can be included in the 2016 Yearbook.

Other photos of Year 6 students participating in interschool sport, district sport, music workshops, receiving awards etc can also be emailed to this address for inclusion in the Yearbook.

Due to privacy, photos cannot include students from other year levels or from other schools.

Details regarding cost and ordering will be available in Term 4.
**String Ensemble**
String Ensemble meets each Tuesday morning at 8 am in the Music Room.
All string students who are required to take part in this Ensemble will be notified by Mr Chan.

**Instrumental Students (Brass/Woodwind)**
Instrumental Music lessons with Mrs McInnes for Year 5 & 6 students are every Thursday.

**Senior Band Rehearsal** is on every Thursday morning at 7.50 am in the Music Room.

**Junior Choir**
(Years 2/3) meets Monday during second break in the music room.

**Junior & Senior Choirs**—please bring a folder to keep your music sheets in.

**Senior Choir**
(Years 4, 5 & 6) meets Tuesday during second break and Wednesday during first break in the music room.

**Junior Band**
(for all beginner instrumental music students - band) commences Week 3, Thursday 28 July at 2nd Break.

**SENIOR BAND PERFORMING AT RACEVIEW SS SPRING FAIR SEPTEMBER 11**
Time to be confirmed.

**DONATIONS WANTED**
Helping Hands is a not-for-profit charity who aim to feed and support the homeless & disadvantaged in Ipswich.

Would you consider buying non-perishable items (tins, packets) and/or toiletry items when you are grocery shopping and put them in the clear plastic container in the office entry on the left?

Your contributions would be gratefully received and distributed by team members on Tuesday nights.

*For more information please email Miriam Pronk at mpron3@eq.edu.au.*

**ON-LINE BORROWING**
Can’t find what you’re looking for on our library shelves?
*Why not try the on-line borrowing?*
There are brand new Andy Griffiths books online and ready to be borrowed!

Go to: [https://idlnetworkau.libraryreserve.com](https://idlnetworkau.libraryreserve.com)

If you need or have lost your ID number and password, see Mrs Frazer in the library.

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**SPRING FAIR**

**Pre-Sale ARMBANDS**
now on sale at the Tuckshop.
*Pre-sale price $30 *
*On the Day $35*

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**FOUND**
A child’s baby bracelet has been handed into the office.

This has a lot of engraving on it and is obviously a very sentimental item. The name is a boy’s name starting with “N”.

If you have lost this and can describe it, please call into the office.
DATES TO REMEMBER FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

- **JUNIOR BAND** (for all beginner instrumental music students-band) commences Week 4, Thursday 4 August at 2nd Break.

- **SENIOR BAND & STRING ENSEMBLE** performing at Silktone Eisteddfod on Thursday 18 August. Students need to arrive and assemble under A Block no later than 8.40am for roll call. Notice has been sent home.

- **SENIOR BAND PERFORMING AT RACEVIEW SS SPRING FAIR SEPTEMBER 11.** Time to be confirmed.

- **Expression of Interest Forms** for the 2017 Instrumental Music Program handed out Thursday 28 July. Yr 2 & Yr 3 students only. Last day to be handed in at the office is **Friday 5 August**. Only those students who return their forms by this date will be tested.

REEDS FOR SALE AT THE TUCKSHOP

2016 REEDS PRICE LIST

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DO YOU HAVE AN INSTRUMENT TO SELL?

If you have one of the instruments listed above and are considering selling it, please contact either Mr Chan regarding string instruments and Mrs McInnes for Band instruments for consideration to advertise it at the Instrumental Music Parent Information Evening. Please be aware that only suitable brands and quality will be advertised.

Sharon McInnes
Instrumental Music Teacher – Band
smcin38@eq.edu.au
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
16th May—26th August 2016

To successfully complete the challenge, students must read or experience the number of books shown in the table below. The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 9 students to read 15 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.

The following activities can be counted towards the challenge:
- reading independently
- shared reading
- being read to (Prep – Year 2 only).

The following literature forms can be counted towards the challenge:
- printed books
- e-books, virtual books and digital publications
- graphic novels and comic books
- audio and braille books
- newspapers, magazines and recipe books.

Students wishing to participate can ask their teacher or Mrs Frazer for a recording sheet to take home and each participant should fill out their recording sheet as they complete each book. **Students are to return their recording sheet to their teacher or Mrs Frazer by Friday 26 August 2016.**

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BOOK WEEK

Theme: Australia! Story Country.

Book Week is in Week 7 and begins Monday 22nd August.

There will be a range of activities that the students can be involved in throughout the week. These include:

**Monday 22nd August**

**Dress up day** - come dressed as your favourite book character from a book written by an Australian author

**Assembly** - winners of the Children’s Book Council of Australia book competition announced – reading awards presented

**Other activities during Book Week include:**
- story telling time in the mornings before school and at play times
- craft activities based on the “The Children’s Book Council of Australia” shortlisted books

More information about these activities will be given in the coming weeks!
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
THAT EVERYONE SHOULD READ

With a high volume of vehicles competing for limited drop off and pick up areas, many school zones experience illegal and unsafe parking behaviours associated with congestion. **Going against the road rules in school zones puts all children at risk.**

**Pick up routine**

Congestion in school zones can be decreased by developing a pick up routine that encourages responsibility and independence — consider collecting your child from school after peak time. You may only need to adjust your pick up routine by a matter of minutes to encounter significantly less congestion.

- Check with the school, the location and length of time supervision is provided to ensure any changes to your pick up routine have adequate teacher supervision;
- Let your child know that you will be at the school to collect them after the ‘peak’ time – discuss what time you will be at the school and where you will collect them from;
- Consider practicing the pickup process with your child for a few days or a week to establish a routine, building confidence for the child and yourself; and
- If you have several children, organise for the eldest sibling to collect all children (if appropriate for your family).

Your road safety behaviour will influence your child’s behaviour. It is always important to set good road safety examples for your child to follow.

Council’s School Safe initiative aims to ensure people park safely and legally, improving community safety through education of your school community rather than focusing on enforcement.
School zone road rules

Tragedies can occur if care is not taken to abide by the rules. Below are some examples of signage placed around schools to ensure child safety.

**School Zones**
School zones are areas around schools where during certain times reduced speed limits apply. Speed limits and drop off/pick up parking rules exist to keep children, parents and carers safe.

**Loading Zones**
Passenger Loading Zones allow you to stop for up to two minutes to pick up or drop off your child. This should be enough time to help your child with luggage and seatbelts. Whilst you have a maximum of two minutes, it can assist other users of the loading zone if you leave the area as quickly and safely as possible. Move forward to the front of the loading zone area if possible, allowing cars to easily queue behind you.

**No Stopping**
A driver must not stop where a no stopping sign or yellow 'no stopping' line applies. Drop off and pick up is not allowed at any time.

**Bus Zone**
You must not stop within a bus zone at any time. This zone is only available to buses.

**Reserves, Footpaths and Verges**
It is an offence to park on a reserve, footpath, nature strip or dividing strip.
Part 1: Reading Comprehension- Sequencing

Sequencing is the process of putting ideas, events and objects in a logical order. The ability to sequence events is a key comprehension strategy, especially for narrative texts. Sequencing requires the reader to recall and order key events and details. Knowing the sequence of events is critical in a reader’s understanding of a text.

Tips to help at home!

- **Photo Sequencing** - Scramble family photos of your child from birth to the present. Challenge them to create a timeline that details a significant event for each picture.
- **Which Way to Go?** - Get your child to walk a route to a familiar destination and draw a map with symbols to represent places on the way. Older children can sequence the directions in written steps.
- **Kitchen Steps** - Prepare a dish with your child. Then, have your child repeat, write and draw the recipe steps.
- **I Spy and Why** - Play “I Spy” together, but add a simple step. After “spying” the objects, ask your child to add uses for the objects.
- **Picture Sequencing** - Cut out several pictures from a magazine, comic or picture book (ensure pictures have an obvious sequence). Encourage your child to arrange them in the correct order and tell a story to match.

Focus Questions

To help your child understand sequence while they are reading, ask him/her the following questions:

- What happened just before?
- What happened just after?
- What happened first, last etc?
- What is the first step in?
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