WALKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ROAD SAFETY POLICY

CONTEXT

Walkerville Primary School is located adjacent to highly congested roadways in proximity to another large school. Parent and community consultation in recent years supported the implementation of a school wide approach to children's road safety awareness.

CYCLIC PROGRAM

The school's 'Road Safety Program' identifies four key themes:

- Crossing Procedure
- Pedestrian Safety
- Passenger Safety
- Bike Safety

These themes have specific learning units that are presented to children over a three-year cycle. A copy of this program is available from the school library.

WEEK 5 TERM 1 FOCUS

All children in the junior (rec- yr 2), middle (yr 3 –5) and senior (yr 6 – 7) sub-schools will have at least one hour of road safety lessons in their class program during week five of term one each year. During this week there will a "Road Safety Newsletter" sent home to all parents. Children will also receive 'Way To Go' sheets to complete with their parents' assistance.

ONGOING PROGRAM

Teachers will embed road safety into their annual program with lessons as needed in response to current events.

The following specific training will apply:

- Year 5, 6 & 7 children can volunteer to undergo training as traffic monitors.
- Year 1 children will attend an excursion to the Road Safety School at Thebarton annually.
- Year 5 & 6 children will be involved in the Bike Education program biennially.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

The following personnel will support teachers to implement the school's road safety program: School Focus teacher(s)
Principal and Assistant Principals
Governing Council

Parent Association volunteers

Transport SA

Walkerville Town Corporation

SA Police Department

'WAY TO GO' SHEETS

Specific stimulus sheets called 'Way To Go' are available from Transport SA. The focus teacher(s) will ensure that the required sheets are available. Parents are requested to assist their child to complete these sheets as part of a strategy of supporting road safety at home.

COMMUNICATION

Road Safety Newsletter

This newsletter will be sent home in week 5 of term 1 to raise general school community awareness. It will feature an outline of the school's Road Safety Program, as well as local rules, council regulations and a map of the school.

Volunteer Parents

During week 5, parent volunteers will be sought to monitor road safety practices and model safe practices.

Assembly

The school assembly will feature a child-centred road safety segment during week 5 of term 1.

RESOURCES

The school has purchased one Road Ready Safety kit for each sub-school. Teachers will base their learning activities around these resources.

REVIEW

The Road Safety Policy will be reviewed by staff and Governing Council when necessary.

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