



Newsletter
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WAIRARAPA ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL



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Celebrating Road Safety

Children right across Wairarapa get clued up on the best road safety practises whilst learning about fun, sustainable & active ways to get to & from school.

Wairarapa Road Safety Council works in partnership with the Greater Wellington Regional Council to promote School Travel Plans in all Wairarapa districts.

FEATURING...

**LAKEVIEW LEAD
WAIRARAPA'S FIRST BIKES
IN SCHOOLS!**

**MAURICEVILLE SCHOOL
DESIGN THEIR GATEWAY
SIGNS**

**GREYTOWN SCHOOL
CYCLING, BEFORE & AFTER
SCHOOL PARKING TIPS ... &
MORE!**



Bruce Pauling & Holly McGeorge
The Wairarapa Road Safety Council Team



Above: Tessa-Jane Dennes & Amanda Taylor (PHO), Paul McCardle (Bikes in Schools), Ed Hodgkinson (Principal Lakeview), Bruce Pauling & Holly McGeorge (WRSC), Gene Bartlett (Front, Deputy Principal Lakeview) & Rebecca Jamieson (Greater Wellington Regional Council).

Lakeview set a running pace for gold standard bike facilities!



Pioneers for new Bikes in Schools in Wairarapa

It may be something yet to be seen visually for Lakeview School but a brand new cycling track is being planned & hopefully open for students by end of Term 3.

Bikes in Schools is more than just teaching a child how to ride a bike, with input from key partners in this project such as Public health Organisation, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wairarapa Road Safety Council & many more wanting to jump on the band wagon, it has been seen that Bikes in Schools can assist students in building resilience, increased positive mental well-being, along with other health benefits.

The goal in mind along with building a cycle track is to have a storage container altered to hold upwards of 50 bikes (sized for both teachers and students), allow a budget for maintenance of the track and the bikes.

A formal meeting was held at the Frank Cody Lounge, Masterton District Council for any sponsors, businesses, other schools and interested public to explain the process and what is required.

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bikes-in-Schools-Wairarapa>

Greytown School read for speed!

Maths extension class clock speed for the record

There is a lot more to road safety than putting on your safety belt and keeping your eyes open as Greytown Schools Maths Extension students found out.

After having some traffic calming (speed bumps) positioned outside their school Holly brought in the big guns (rather the speed guns) to test with students if drivers are in fact slowing down past their school.

After Surveying and picking up speeds one early frosty morning... and with some maths formulas ready to calculate, students discovered that the medium (average) speed of cars driving past the school was 51km per hour.

Using the formula:

Distance = Speed²/ 177

Students found out that the driver would travel 15m if having to stop. (Does not include reaction time)

Greytown School's message to drivers - **slow down so you can stop faster**



Highlighting Road Safety around the school gate!

What you need to know..

Walking, cycling & scooting to school offers children many benefits. Improved independence, physical & mental health, decision making, risk assessment & road safety skills, to name a few...

...But, do we really allow our children to grow when dropping them off only a few metres from the school gate? Could we act as a community & keep ALL our kids safe by adopting some of these useful tips?

PICK UP & DROP OFF TIPS

Try dropping off one street down from School.

You can watch them arrive safely & know where you will pick them up after school

When driving past a school bus the speed limit is 20km

Adhere to the parking & road rules at all times!

You will receive an infringement notice, even if you were parked temporarily

Children copy what you do. If a school crossing is in sight- USE IT!

The world is a busy place, but there is no need to hurry when around the school gate. Look out for your children & their friends so they can continue to learn together.

For more info on School Travel Plans in Wairarapa visit us online:

WWW.WAIRSC.ORG.NZ

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Schools use colour to capture drivers.

Left: One of the Slow Down Signs for Mauriceville School painted by the students.
Below: Students of Mauriceville School with Principal Rebecca Stevens



Mauriceville School & Masterton Primary School create murals & signs to stand out!

As parents you are aware of where your child goes to school but often other road users need to be aware of young people making their way to school. December 2014, Masterton Primary School welcomed 3 colourful pieces of art up on their front gate at school highlighting their school area whilst Mauriceville School created slow down awareness signs to remind rural road users to slow down past their school.

Sian Torrington, lecturer at Massey University came to help the Kaitiaki Team at MPS, using the schools values "Motivated, Positive & Successful" to get their messages across. Over a week in Term 4, students designed their mural boards much the same as their Pou's done the previous year. Tying the two concepts together allowed them to marry the projects together and further showcase their identity within the community. (This all tied in nicely to their art week)

Mauriceville School designed their slow down signs during their road safety week. With assistance from Masterton District Council the signs go up Last week of this term.

Both Schools had assistance from Greater Wellington Regional Council funding both schools with the tools to get the job done in conjunction with the School Travel Plan Programme. For more information on creating signs, murals & other resources that can make your school stand out contact School Travel Plan Coordinator Holly McGeorge at Wairarapa Road Safety Council.



Left: MPS students finish of their last mural board with artist Sian Torrington
Right: One of the very detailed drawings that made the finished piece.



RURAL SCHOOLS TOUR... IS BACK!

Last Year Bruce & Holly visited Opaki School, Kahutara School, Whareama School & MIS with the Buckle Up Demonstrator. After experiencing what it would be like to come to a halt at 7km per hour students did the maths to learn the importance of wearing a safety belt. Other topics of conversation were cycle safety "How to check your bike" and Bus Safety Messages.

In Term 3 & 4 it's back on the road. This time with a few different messages to share. If your school would like a visit from the Wairarapa Road Safety Council Team, Contact Holly to book on 06 377 1379.

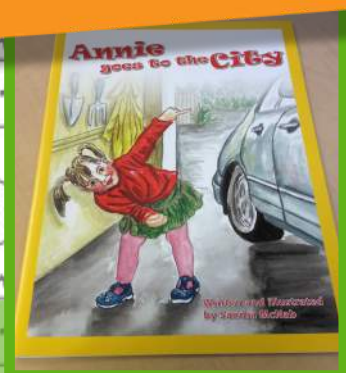


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FLEXIBLE ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE RESOURCES LET LEARNERS
SEEK COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS TOWARDS SAFER TOURNEYS IN
THEIR COMMUNITY.

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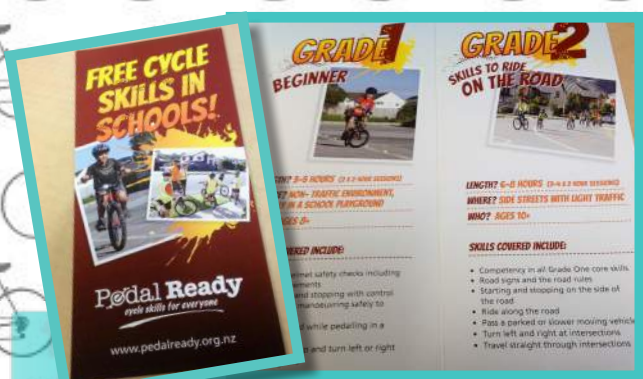
RESOURCES...



Annie goes to the City (book)

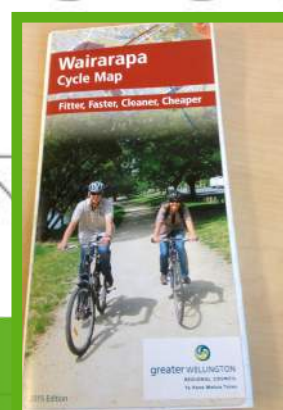


Bus Safety (Year 1-8)



Pedal Ready Cycle Training
Grades 1 & 2

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL!**



Wairarapa Cycle Map



Bike/Helmet Safety Checklist



Multi-Lingual Child Restraint
brochures

**FOR MORE BROCHURES, INFORMATION & TRAINING
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