Next week is Road Safety Week and there are more than 4,000,000 great reasons why Queenslanders should take care on the road. You're one of them. Too many people die on Queensland roads, and the effects can be devastating. The financial costs are enormous, and the social and emotional impacts are even bigger. But the sad truth is, road crashes are largely preventable.

The aim of Road safety week is to challenge the way we think about road trauma. You can make a difference every time you get into your car, by driving safely and obeying the road rules.

Each day of the week has a unique focus to highlight key road safety issues. Police will be focusing on these throughout the week. You will also see an increase in the amount of police on the roads throughout QLD during this week.

The key road safety issues are:

- **Speed**: Put the brakes on speeding
  - Regularly check your speed when driving.
  - If weather and road conditions are poor, slow down.
  - Don’t follow too closely. Leave a two second gap.

- **Distraction**: Take action against distraction
  - In the car, switch your phone to silent so you’re not tempted.
  - Keep your phone.
  - Pull over safely before grabbing your phone.

- **Seatbelts and child restraints**: Show some restraint
  - No matter how short your journey, always wear your seatbelt.
  - Make sure children are always properly restrained.
  - Remember, the driver is responsible for all passenger’s buckling up.

- **Fatigue**: Wake up to fatigue
  - After work, hit the couch not the road. Avoid driving when you’re tired.
  - 10 hours a day is the maximum you should drive.
  - On long trips, rest every two hours for at least 15 minutes.

- **Sharing the road with others**: Drive/ride a safe vehicle, safely
  - Ensure your vehicle is properly maintained and safe to drive or ride.
  - Know and follow the road rules.
  - Share the road by driving courteously and patiently
  - Look out for and give all the other road users the extra space need- especially trucks, bicycle riders and motorcycles.

I often get asked by parents about the rules and regulations surrounding child restraints. I have included an information sheet from the Department of Transport and Main Roads which includes all the relevant information or you can head to their website [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au) for further details. I will be checking that children under the age of seven are restrained appropriately when travelling in vehicles.

I hope to see school children wearing their helmets when riding their bikes on the road and parents setting the example to their children by buckling up and obeying the road rules when driving. Let’s have an incident free Road Safety Week.

Regards
Senior Constable Adam McLoughlin
Our weekly class news from Year 4/5/6
This week we have been focusing on finalising our English Assessment—Poetry Analysis. The students have been very enthusiastic with measurement especially comparing how far they can run in 9 seconds along the 100m track compared to Usain Bolt who won that Olympic Event. WE would also like to thank Mrs Frost for organising the recent Cupcake Day—it was awesome.

NAME       CLASS       AWARDED FOR
Mylah Deller-Drake  Prep      For giving all tasks a go!
James Smith        1/2       For great improvement in his reading.
Wilhelm Wienert  2/3       For being a respectful, safe and responsible learner!
Clay Sandilands  Elijah Geroso  3/4       For reaching his Reading goal. For responsible work.
Bree Sinclair    Indy Bennett & Jacob Staib  4/5/6       For being responsible and showing a positive attitude in class. For outstanding effort in Maths.
Sophia Casey     Principal’s Award      For giving 100% effort at all times!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS THIS WEEK!

Our next fundraising event will be the FUN RUN which will be held on Thursday 15th September. This is always a super fun day for the children with activities, competitions and prizes. Please support this event by collecting sponsorship monies. Look out for the details and sponsorship form sent home with your child this week.

A new shirt uniform design has been voted upon. An order will be placed for new uniforms however it will take 3 months for stock to arrive – expected arrival by November. Stocks of the current uniform shirt are to be sold out before the purchase of the new uniform shirts.

Next meeting is scheduled for the 14th September at 8.30am, all are encouraged to attend. Tea, coffee and light refreshments are provided.

Thank-you Jessica Newton P&C Secretary

Book Week 2016
For this event we will be having a BOOK FAIR in the school library from Monday 22nd August—Friday 26th August.

FUN RUN PRIZES
Check out the great prizes on the attached sheet and displayed in the office!