

st patrick's primary school parramatter patter

20th August 2015

Term 3

No.6

Dear Parents

Tomorrow, Friday 21st August the parents of Year Three and Year Five students will receive their child's results from the National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which they sat for on the 12th to 14th May, 2015. These results provide an account on how these students performed in Literacy and Numeracy on the day of the assessment. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including; reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of assessment used to determine the performance and progress of students. The Year Three test assesses concepts and skills learnt in Literacy and Numeracy from Kindergarten to Year Three. Similarly the Year Five test then assesses all learning from each grade up to that point in time. In this type of test situation some children perform very well while others may be overwhelmed by the situation and not achieve the expected levels. At St Patrick's Parramatta **all** students in Years three and five sit for the NAPLAN tests.

Each NAPLAN report shows the child's achievement in skill bands; for Year three, Bands 1 to 6 and for Year five, Bands 3 to 8. The report also shows the national average and the school's average and allows parents to see how their child's performance compares to that of other students who sat for the tests. It is pleasing to report that the school average was above the national and diocesan average in all areas in Literacy and Numeracy. Teachers will now use the NAPLAN results to assist them to better understand the learning needs of their students and to take further action to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

Additional information to assist in understanding NAPLAN and the test results can be found included in this newsletter and at www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/naplan/

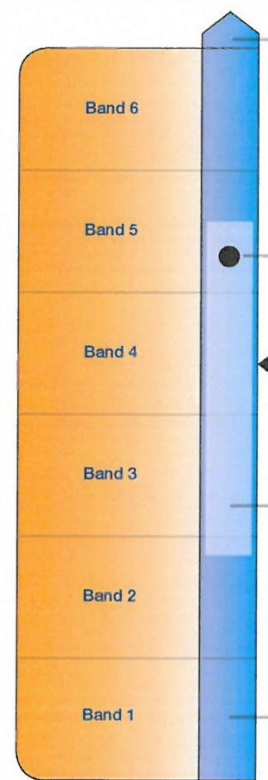
If you have any questions with regard to your child's NAPLAN results please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Best Wishes to Mrs Benkovich who will be taking four weeks leave for the rest of the term. In her absence Mrs Kerr will be Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Baird, Acting Religious Education Coordinator and Ms Nederpelt, Acting Coordinator 2. Mrs Barclay and Mrs Jadrabieb will also be taking on extra duties. Congratulations to all members of the school's leadership team. Best wishes also to Mrs Flatley who will be taking leave for the rest of the term. Mrs Warn will be replacing her whilst she is on leave. I know you join me in wishing Mrs Benkovich and Mrs Flatley a safe and relaxing break.

God bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri
Principal

NAPLAN 2015
Student reports





Student of the week is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding application across any



st patrick's award

The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through

Faith in Action

3L	Erica Jurisic
3T	Mia Kerr
4B	Claire Guatlo
4G	Mark Sonido
5C	Norman Elzahoul
5T	Angelique Moujalli
6P	Matthew Maroon
6W	Jonathon Sarkis

3L	Jesse Sabat
3T	Jade Takchi
4B	Joseph Pellew
4G	Nicole Aboumelhem
5C	Rosa Itaoui
5T	Adrian Stevanja
6P	Bethany Issa
6W	Amelia Tannous



Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:

Jazmyne Grech, Lorenzo De Guzman, Stephanie Saab, Amariah Tamaro, Amyllia Maneze

The Pope Francis 'To Do' List

Go to Sunday Mass; receive the sacraments; encounter God in everything; rest on Sundays. (233-237)



St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair 2015

Saturday September 12, Prince Alfred Park Parramatta
Building and Supporting Our Parish Community

Are you looking to declutter your home?

If you are decluttering your home and have items in good condition that may be useful to someone else, why not donate these to the Cathedral Spring Fair. Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, unwanted gifts, toys, games, bric a brac, plants, etc would be welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or can be collected from your home.

The parish will be very grateful for any donations. Parish Office: 8839 8400

Prayer written by Year 3

Dear Mary,
You said 'Yes' to God's call.
You loved and cared for everyone.
You loved your Son dearly
and always helped like at the Wedding at Cana.

Please help me to be more like you. Amen
Oisin Ryan

St Patrick's Cathedral Spring Fair
Saturday 12 September, 10am - 4pm

UNLIMITED RIDE BAND

\$25

Prepaid only. Contact Parish Office or available after most Masses.

Offer available until 7 September only.



Condolences to the Ghostine Maaraoui Family (Mariella 6P, Isabella 4B and Anthony 2Y) on the passing of their Grandfather.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Lost Property

The lost property pile of jackets/ jumpers is getting quite big and all items do not have names on them. Please check the 2 baskets in the office for missing items.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Over the next few weeks we will be asking parents to assist with a number of charity appeals. These will involve;

- The Parish Spring Fair
- St Vincent de Paul Appeal
- The Western Sydney Homeless Appeal

These form part of the school's Social Justice outreach as all causes contribute to wonderful works of service to our community. We understand that not all families can contribute however we ask that those who can please give generously. A little from everyone often amounts to 'greatness!' These appeals will be staggered over the next four weeks.

The Parish Spring Fair *collecting until Wed 9 September*

Each Parish Spring Fair, St Patrick's families have generously donated items that have made up a variety of hamper/gift baskets for the Chocolate Wheel. This year we are asking for groceries, personal hygiene products or anything that you would be happy to find in a gift basket.

The list of suggested items appears below. Donations which will be collected by the class teacher, will be accepted until Wednesday 9 September.

St Vincent de Paul/ Western Sydney Homeless Appeal *collecting from Thurs 10 September – Thurs 17 September*

On Thursday 10 September, we will begin to collect good quality, pre loved clothing. Half of the donations will be given out at no cost to people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage at the Western Sydney Homeless Connect event at Parramatta Town Hall on 12 October.

The other half will be used by St Vincent de Paul. Wanted are practical items such as
closed shoes/joggers, new socks new underwear, t-shirts, jeans, tracksuit pants, jumpers and rain proof jackets, sleeping bags and blankets.

We ask that all donated items are in good condition, clean and ironed.

Hamper Ideas for the Spring Fair

Cereal	<u>Beverages</u>	<u>Spreads</u>	<u>Pamper Packs—Female</u>	Baskets/containers we can use to make up the hampers
Dry pasta	Tea	Vegemite	Body wash	
Pasta Sauce	Coffee	Peanut Butter	Shampoo	
Rice	Coffee Sticks	Nutella	Conditioner	
Couscous	Milo	Honey	Deodorant	
2 minute noodles	Juice	Jam	Cotton buds	
Cup a Soup	Cordial	<u>Canned Items</u>	Hand cream	
Biscuits	Soft Drink	Tuna	Moisturiser	
Cake Mix	<u>Long Life</u>	Tomatoes	<u>Pamper Packs—Male</u>	
Packet desserts	Milk	Corn Kernels	Body wash	
Mayonnaise	Cream	Asparagus	Shaving cream	
Tomato Sauce	Custard	Beetroot	Disposable razor	
		Baked Beans/Spaghetti	After shave	
		Fruit	Deodorant	
			Shampoo	
			Cotton buds	

Staff Development Day

The date of the next Staff Development Day has been set for Tuesday 6th October. Children do not attend school on this day.

Bookclub Issue 6 2015—Closing Date 2/09/2015

New procedures for ordering books—please follow below instructions

Do not send cash to school

- Log into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our new iPhone or iPad app from the App store.
- Select State: NSW Select School Name: St Patricks School : Parramatta
- Once you click on our school you will get the following message:
- St Patricks School : PARRAMATTA is now offering our Linked Online Ordering & Payments (LOOP) for Parents. You will be redirected to that web site where you can easily enter your order and pay via our secure Westpac payment gateway – no need to return anything to the school."
- You will then be redirected to the Scholastic Home Page Select Order
- Select state: NSW Select School Name: St Patricks School : Parramatta
- From the right side click on St Patricks School (Parramatta) The select "START ORDER"
- Select which issue we are ordering from ie "ISSUE 2, 2015" Select Children + and add your children's names/class
- Input which books you wish to order and follow the prompts for payment.
- No need to send anything back to the school as the order automatically comes into the office.



Don't Dump It. Reuse It!

Each year Parramatta City Council, in conjunction with their waste and recycling contractor, host a truck art competition for K-12 students who attend a school in the Parramatta area.

This year the focus is all the different ways we can reuse and be resourceful. Students are invited to express this year's competition theme "Don't Dump It. Reuse It!" with a photo. Photos can capture simple reuse behaviours such as using water bottles or an item that's been repaired or created from old and discarded material.

Last year one of our Year 2 St Patrick's children reached the finalist group and was invited to share a morning tea where the winner was announced. The winner has their artwork displayed on the side of one Parramatta City Council waste truck.

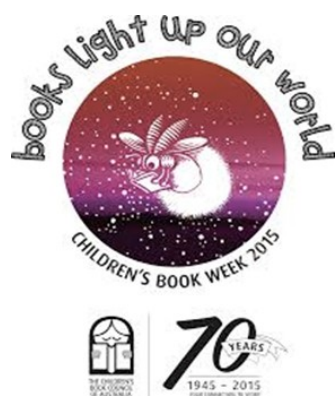
The judges will be looking for: creativity, originality composition, technical and artistic consideration.

If your child is interested in participating in this competition please see Mrs Carroll



Father's Day Celebrations

- ◆ The Father's Day stall will be on Tuesday 1st September. Children will bring cash to school with them on that day where they can purchase a gift for Dad or the special man in their life.
- ◆ The gifts will range from \$2.00 up to \$7.00. Each child will receive 1 gift bag.
- ◆ The raffle tickets are being sold every morning by parents in the Amphitheatre. They are 50c each or 3 for \$1.00
- ◆ Some of the gifts the Parent Event Committee have sourced are ; 18 holes of Golf for 4 people at Oatlands Golf Club, Restaurant vouchers, Bottle of Johnnie Walker, Gym Membership, Car wash kits, Aftershave packs .
- ◆ As in previous years, we will be celebrating our wonderful fathers and grandfathers at **Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral at 9:15am on Friday 4th September**. Prior to the Mass the Year 4 parent members from the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee will be organising and preparing a delicious breakfast and fun activities to commence at **7:30am** for our dads and grandads to enjoy. We believe it will be a great way to allow our fathers and grandfathers to catch up, bond and feel loved and appreciated by our school community. **Please return your RSVP slip sent out earlier this week..**



BOOK WEEK

- Please visit the library from Monday 24th August to Wednesday 26th August before and after school to purchase a book on behalf of your child for our school library. Your child will have their name in the front of the book and will be the first one allowed to borrow that book. Your generosity is appreciated.
- Don't forget the Annual Book Week Character Parade on Wednesday 26th August at 1.30pm in the school playground, weather permitting.

St Patrick's Movie Night Drink Donations

On behalf of the St Patrick's Parent Events Committee I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the **water bottles, soft drink cans and juice poppers** we have already received to assist with our annual **Movie Night on Friday 11th September**. We still require further donations to ensure we have a sufficient amount for the evening. If you are able to make a contribution, we would be extremely grateful.

Please do not feel pressured to donate as we understand each family's financial circumstances are different. Any amount donated, large or small, is appreciated.

Once again thank you for your support and generosity. These events would never be as successful without your contributions and assistance.

Yours thankfully

Mrs Anne Fardell

on behalf of the St Patrick's
Parent Events Committee

NAPLAN 2015

Student reports

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NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN 2015 results will be provided to schools from mid-August to mid-September, depending on your state or territory Test Administration Authority.

If you are the parent of a student in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 you will be receiving an individual report of your child's results for the tests they sat in May. These tests in key areas of literacy and numeracy provide parents and educators with a snapshot of how students are progressing — individually, as part of their school community and as a nation.

NAPLAN results enable parents and teachers to see how students are progressing, not just within their class but also against national standards that have been agreed upon by all state and territory governments.

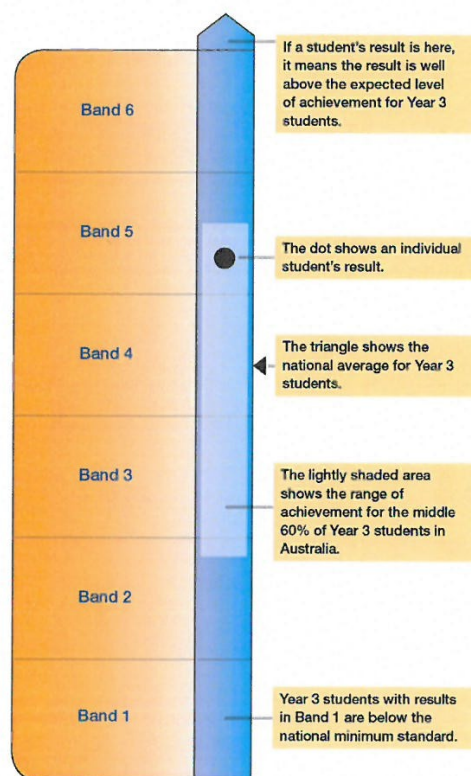
How do I read the results?

The front page of the student report provides some general information about the tests and an explanation of how to read the report.

The second and third pages have diagrams that show your child's results for each area (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) on the common assessment scale. The common assessment scale has ten bands and is used to report results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. However, only the relevant six bands for each year level are shown on the student report.

The diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60 per cent of students, the national average result and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories show the school average.

The final page of the report has a table that provides a brief description of the skills students have typically demonstrated in the tests at each band.



How to read the achievement scale

A student's result is shown on an achievement scale for each assessment area.

Results across the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 literacy and numeracy assessments are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. The achievement scale represents increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in the assessments.

For example, the large majority of results for Year 3 are reported across the range of Band 1 to Band 6, as illustrated in the diagram above.

How does NAPLAN help my child and my school?

NAPLAN is designed to provide data on a student's literacy and numeracy achievements. It complements school assessment and provides nationally comparable data that allow for objective discussions, for successes to be celebrated, additional support focussed where it is needed and to address areas requiring improvement.

NAPLAN allows for an understanding of a child's literacy and numeracy ability at a school, state and national level. It helps governments to know whether programs designed to improve student literacy and numeracy are effective. It assists parents to know how their child is tracking against students in the same year level across Australia.

Your school principal will be able to give you more details on how your school uses NAPLAN data.

What impact will the results have on my child's future?

NAPLAN results can help teachers and parents direct extra attention where it is needed to help students improve their literacy and numeracy skills. As such NAPLAN tests are 'low stakes' for students as there are no rewards or punishments for the result a student achieves. Testing children is not new. NAPLAN is unique because it gives a national snapshot of how students are doing in the important skills of literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN does not carry the same potential consequences as 'high stakes' tests, such as Year 12 exams.

Some schools may ask for NAPLAN results in addition to school reports as part of the admissions process for secondary school, or for students changing schools. NAPLAN tests are not designed to be a school admission test, however, results are sometimes used to inform new schools of student needs. If you have any concerns, ACARA encourages you to talk them over with the school.

Where can I go for more information?

Your child's classroom teacher or school principal should be your first point of contact for any concerns you might have about your child's results.

More information about NAPLAN tests and the National Assessment Program can be found by visiting the NAP website (www.nap.edu.au).

Who else will see the results?

Schools will be provided with results for all students who sat NAPLAN in 2015. Schools are encouraged to use the results to celebrate success, inform their planning and address areas requiring improvement across the school.

Average school results are publicly reported on the *My School* website (www.myschool.edu.au). The website is updated with the previous year's results in the first quarter of each year. *My School* also offers the opportunity for the community to look at a number of different aspects of each school's profile, as well as comparisons with schools that serve similar student populations. Your child's individual results are not available on *My School*.

What if the results are not what I expected?

NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. Students are provided with an indication of where their results are on the common assessment scale. The student report also indicates the skills and understandings that students are expected to demonstrate at each band of the scale. The same scale is used for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 so you will be able to track your child's progress over the years.

NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of student performance on the days of the tests. There are many reasons why students may not have performed to the best of their ability, such as illness or other distractions. Equally, some students may perform much better than expected when compared against their regular classroom assessment results.

If your child's results are either higher or lower than you expected, you should discuss these results with their teacher.

What is ACARA?

As an independent authority, ACARA is tasked with improving learning for young Australians through the development and implementation of world class school curriculum, assessment and reporting. Our work is informed and guided by the generous assistance of a wide range of stakeholders, including teachers, principals, governments, education authorities, professional education associations, community groups and the general public. For more information, visit www.acara.edu.au

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ACARA will improve the learning of all young Australians

Kindergarten Excursion

Excitement filled the air yesterday morning as the Kindergarten children arrived at school wondering about what their day at Calmsley Farm would bring. Once we arrived at the city farm, we were greeted by our friendly tour guides for the day and then ushered into an old style woolshed where we filled up on sustenance for our day ahead. Our first stop was looking at all of the animals that lived on the farm. The students learnt many interesting facts about the animals, and spent time petting the animals in the petting area. Milking the cow was a highlight for many of the students and our parent helpers even had go! After lunch, we enjoyed watching a whip cracking demonstration and some of our brave students accepted the invitation to have a turn with the farmers help. Watching, Dot, the worker dog round up sheep gave the students a sense of insight into how hard they work and the importance of clear instructions. Our last stop to the shearing shed didn't fail to impress as we observed a sheep having a haircut, while singing an all-time Australian classic, "Click go the Shears". A wonderful day was had by all who attended. Our thanks go out to our fantastic parent helpers who helped to make our day run smoothly.







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Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn) 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday	6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Holidays	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Fr Peter Williams elected Diocesan Administrator
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini
Rev Fr John Paul Escarlan
Rev Fr Steven Hyun
Rev Fr Michael Gitau
Rev Robertus Kim
Sr Susan Ward rsj

Straight from the Parent Handbook...

UNIFORM

- Full school uniform is to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms and shoes should be clean and neat.
- School hats are to be worn when outside buildings.
- Girls hair ribbons should be green.
- Girls long hair must be plaited or tied back.
- Boys are to have hair cut neatly, above the collar, and of an even and regular cut.
- The use of hair gel or hair dye is not permitted.
- No nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery is not permitted apart from a wristwatch, sleepers or small plain studs in pierced ears.

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TERM THREE – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week Six

Friday 21st August

Diocesan Athletics

Primary Assembly—Yr 5 2.15pm

Week Seven

Wednesday 26th August

Book Week Character Parade 1.30pm

Friday 28th August

Excursion Year 3—Maritime Museum

Infants Assembly—Kindy 2.15pm

Week Eight

Monday 31st August

Art Expo commences

Tuesday 1st Sept

Father's Day Stall

Yr 5 Personal Development Night 7pm

Wednesday 2nd Sept

Year 5 Nursing Home visit

Friday 4th Sept

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Mass 9.15am St Pat's Cathedral

No Assembly

Week Nine

Friday 11th Sept

No Assembly

Movie Night (More details to come)

Week Ten

Friday 18th Sept

Primary Assembly—Yr 3 2.15pm

Last Day of Term 3

The simplest way

...to add vegies, every day!

Eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent. Yet most adults don't eat enough of either, particularly veg – and what adults eat affects the whole family.

Did you know legumes like baked beans are a type of vegetable?



Add legumes across your day to get some extra veg in:

- Baked beans on toast for brekky, or an easy dinner, or pack a small container for lunch
- Add drained chickpeas to your salads
- Red Kidney beans make a tasty addition to bolognese sauce, add towards the end.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to tour the College on Monday August 31, 2015 - commencing 9.15am.

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

A Mercy Education is treasured for life.

The College is now enrolling for 2017: limited places available for 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



Woolworths Earn & Learn

It's simple to participate.

Only 3 more weeks to go !!!!

Target

30,000 points

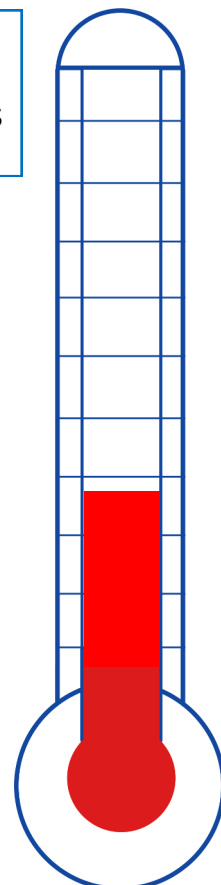
When you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

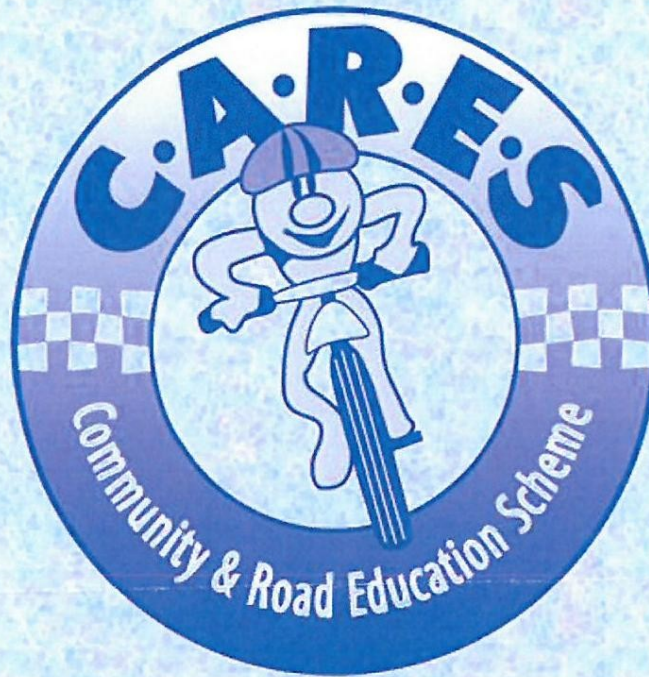
Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

ONLY 60 STICKERS PER SHEET AS ANYMORE WILL NOT BE COUNTED



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Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2015

10AM-2PM

Bike week is from September 12-20 so come along to ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

Face painting & Activities

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle, Lollies and drinks

Adult supervision required

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Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au

