



Casino West Public School

NEWSLETTER

26 May 2025 Term 2 - Week 5



- Exploring worms and wonderful bugs!
- Coding, colours and creativity
- Charlie Cox Beef Week Cup **CANCELLED**
- Cross country results



Casino West
PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal Report

PRINCIPAL - LESLEY MILLS

Dear parents, carers and community members

Welcome to beautifully sunny week 5. Great weather for our Beef Week celebrations!

Last week our netball team competed against Casino Public in the PSSA competition. It was a great game with Casino Public the victors at 9 goals to 6. Everyone tried their best and we are very proud of their efforts. Thanks to Aunty Haley, Aunty Zoe, Ms Rielly and Ms Smith for helping with training and organisation.

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Reading Parent Information Meeting last Wednesday. The parents who attended were highly engaged with the discussion around strategies to support reading at home. Next term we will be hosting another meeting that will focus on Mathematical skills throughout K-6.

Today our dance group performed their audition for The North Coast Performing Arts Festival and they were fabulous! The group will head to Tweed Heads next week to perform on Wednesday 4 June. Tickets are available through the Twin Towns venue.

Please note that due to the state of the grounds the Charlie Cox Beef Week Cup matches scheduled for Thursday have been cancelled. These games will not be rescheduled.

On Friday we have students going to the Zone Cross Country and we wish them all the best in their efforts for the race.

Friday is also our Beef Week Celebration Day. There will be a day full of fun activities and laughter for all. The P&C will be doing a fundraising BBQ for lunch with cakes and snacks for recess so the canteen will be closed on the day. Please bring cash for the P&C stall.

We hope everyone enjoys the lovely sunny weather!

CANTEEN CLOSED - BEEF WEEK FRIDAY 30 MAY 2025 **The P&C Beef Week Fundraiser will be held Friday 30 May.**

Available for sale is the following:

Sausage sizzle \$3.00

Poppers \$1.50

Water \$2.00

Cookies, slices, cupcakes and jelly cups \$0.50c - \$4.00

At recess, volunteers will sell drinks, ice cream and chips from the canteen. Cash only purchases on the day.

Library Desk

LIBRARIAN - GENEVIEVE GIBSON

Dear parents, carers and community members

New Books

We regularly buy new books for the library. These are written by excellent authors and cover many different themes and subjects. The only problem is that not many students are remembering to bring in their library bags so they can borrow and take books home. Remember your library day, bring in your library bags and treat yourself to a good read. Don't leave these books feeling lonely on the shelves! Here are a few examples of riveting reads that are waiting to be borrowed now.

Non Fiction

- 'Alphabreaths' - the ABC of Mindful Breathing', C. Willard. Ninja Breath - pretend you are a ninja and breath in and out as silently and as slowly as you can.
- 'Wedge-tailed Eagle', C. Saxby. This book explores the family life of these remarkable birds.
- 'Deadly Science - Numbers in Nature', C. Tutt. This book explains how mathematical concepts have been applied by First Nations people for millennia.

Fiction

- 'The Little Street Library', A. Adeney. This story is a celebration of community and the power of books to bring us together.
- 'These Long-Loved Things', J. Pyke. This is a moving story of love, loss and the power of shared memories.
- 'We Live in a Bus', D. Petzold. Join one family as they enjoy life on the road.



Dates to remember:

- Wednesday 20 August - Book Fair
- Thursday 21 August - Book Fair
- Thursday 21 August - Book Character Parade
- Friday 22 August - Book Fair

Class Spotlight

PRESCHOOL - AMY CLARK

Exploring Worms and Wonderful Bugs!

To extend our preschoolers' interest in worms, we welcomed Tamlin from Dorroughby Environmental Education for an exciting and educational visit. Tamlin taught us all about worm farming and the important role bugs play in keeping our ecosystem healthy. The children were fascinated to learn how worms help our soil and gardens thrive!

A special highlight of the visit was meeting a live stick insect Tamlin brought from her own garden. Right before our eyes, it laid an egg - a truly magical moment! Tamlin generously left us with some stick insect eggs so we can try hatching our own here at preschool. We can't wait to observe the life cycle of these incredible creatures together!



Class Spotlight

2R - SHONI REILLY

Coding, Colours and Creativity!

2R have been actively exploring computational thinking through hands on activities with Sphero Indi robots. By arranging colour coded tiles, they program the robots to navigate mazes, enhancing their understanding of sequencing and problem solving. This engaging, screen free approach fosters collaboration and creativity, making our Tech learning both fun and educational.



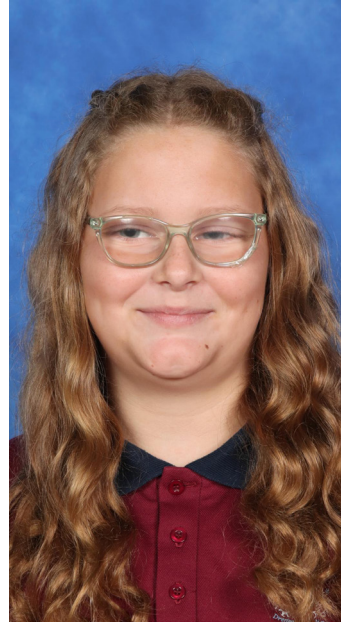
GRIP Leadership

STUDENTS REPORT - LACHIE B & PAYTEN D

Attending the GRIP Leadership course in Lismore at Southern Cross University was a really enjoyable and valuable experience. Even though it was less than a full school day, we learned a lot in a short amount of time. The course helped boost our confidence, especially in public speaking and interacting with others.

Each session introduced something new and it was interesting to see how other students approached different situations. One of the best parts was how the presenters spoke to us in a fun and relatable way, using language we used ourselves - it made the whole experience more engaging. We also liked that there were opportunities to volunteer and help others.

Overall, we had a great time and would definately recommend it to other students interested in leadership.



Netball PSSA Knockout

HALEY CONNORS

Big cheers to our Girls Netball Team! These champions have been sacrificing their recess for weeks to train like pros. They played with all their heart and soul in a nail-biter, ending at 6-9 in the last minutes. Huge high-fives to Aunty Haley for her top-notch coaching and Aunty Zoe for being the ultimate umpire. Way to go, girls! We are all so proud of you all!



Cross Country

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS - MARGIE SAVINS

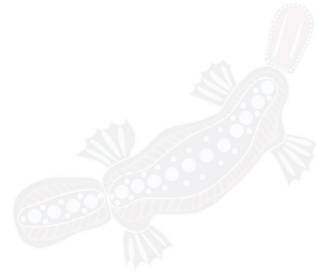
Do we? Don't we? But we did!

Congratulations to every student who showed perseverance, determination and true grit in not so favourable conditions. Congratulations to our winners and placegetters. Zone Cross Country will be held at Corndale on Friday 30 May.

	BOYS 12/13 yrs	GIRLS 12/13 yrs	BOYS 11 yrs	GIRLS 11 yrs	BOYS 10 yrs	GIRLS 10 yrs	BOYS 8/9 yrs	GIRLS 8/9 yrs
1st place	Cohen M	Addison B	Travis P	Kaliah T	Levi C	Brooklyn T	Kyrie C	Piper H
2nd place	Jason R	Belicia T	Kaydan C	Ella S	Taner B	Tayha E	Jayden G-T	Azzalea A
3rd place	Jesse F	Azalea A	Koby D	Kailyn S	Shiloh R	Jamaya B	Kobe C	Zayarah H-R
4th place	Abraham C	Jaminda B	Greg C	Lakayshia W-H	Jaymz A	Charlotte G	Leroy R	Emma B-O



Message from AEO



HALEY CONNORS

Jingee-Walla,

Students from Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to attend this year's Close the Gap Day last Wednesday in Grafton. It was wonderful to witness several schools and community members coming together to share knowledge, talents, educational resources, and, of course, enjoyment. Additionally, the children received a free 'Close the Gap Day' shirt. We are proud to be a part of such an inspiring event.

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Important Reminders

WEEK 5	Monday 26 May	- National Sorry Day
	Wednesday 28 May	- KM, 1C & 2R Military Museum & Picnic Excursion
	Thursday 29 May	- Charlie Cox Beef Week Cup CANCELLED
	Friday 30 May	- Beef Week Celebrations at Casino West
Permissions to be returned	Who	What
	All students	- Annual consent forms
	Year 3 - Year 6	- Charlie Cox Beef Week Cup CANCELLED
	Performing Arts students	- Tweed Heads Dance Festival - Murwillumbah Northern NSW Regional Dance Performance
Notices	Who	What
	School community	- School Bytes APP is available Please download via the app store - Do you need to apply for bus travel in 2025? https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-school-travel-pass
	School community	<u>CANTEEN CLOSED FRIDAY 30 MAY</u>

BEEF WEEK CELEBRATIONS

9:20am	Assembly
9:35am	Whip Cracking demonstration by Mr R Botfield Students, staff and community involvement
9:50am	Moo-offs Finalists awarded certificate and canteen voucher
10:50am	Costume Parade - Preschool, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Throw the Hat on the Cowboy Costume Parade - Stage 2 Horse Race - Stage 2 students, parents, carers and teachers Costume Parade - Stage 3 and Support Classes Drawing and Colouring Artwork competition winners announced
11:20am	Lunch and play
12:05pm	Re-assemble in arena seating
12:15pm	Beef Week Dances - Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and Support Classes
12:55pm	Dress the Cowboy Relay - Stage 3 students, parents, carers and teachers
1:50pm	Recess and play
**	<i>We hope to have a visit during the celebrations from the Mounted Police!</i>

Award Recipients

PRINCIPAL AWARD T2 - 2025

Jaydan W	Jamaya B
Faviola R	Lacey C
Ksenia R	Miya W
Archie M	Piper H
Emberlily A	Alista B
Ruthy-Jane T	Angus H
Royce G-T	Amelia H
Jayce J	Ivy B
Riley P	Amity Mc
Lachlan S	Izaac B

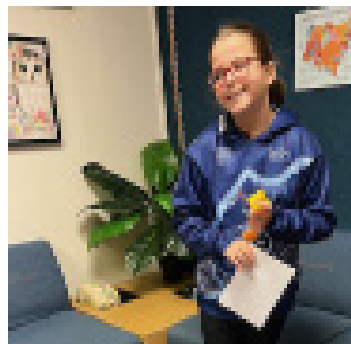
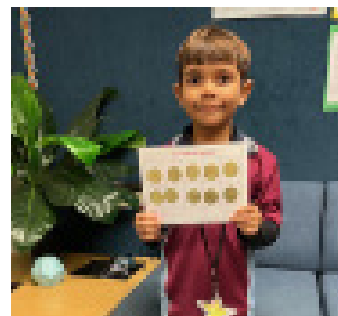
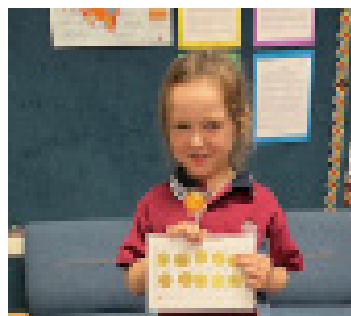
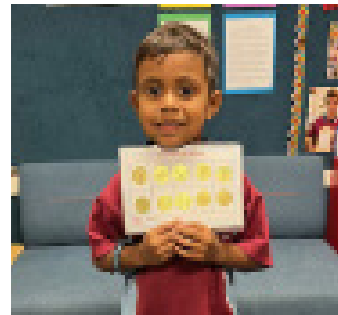
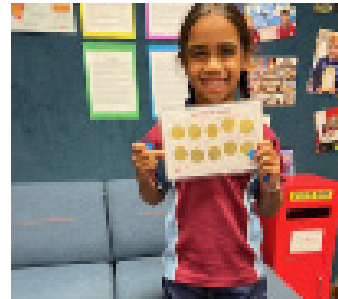


PLATTY AWARD T2 - WK 3 & 4 For being Safe, Respectful & Responsible

Amity Mc	Addison B
Tayleirah C	Jesse F

DIFFERENT TEACHER SAME RESPECT AWARD T2 - WK 3 & 4

Jacob Y	Angus H
Scarlett M	



Award Recipients

BRONZE LEVEL WINNERS TERM 2 - 2025

Clarity B	Alista B	Tayleirah C	Estelle A
Alana D	Jaiahli H	Tallulah H	Azalea-Faith A
Amelia K	Amity Mc	Annabelle Mc	Jaminda B
Georgia M	Adrienne R	Azra W	Payton C
Edward D	Steven D	Brandan E	Makayla G
Enzo L	Tylon Mc	Zach R	Lakayshia W-H
Daniel S	Emberlily A	Sharnee B	Lincoln B-S
Lacy C	Amelia H	Mia M	Jamaul D
Faviola R	Nevaeh S	Ruthy-Jane T	Levi F-B
Charlotte W	Miya W	Jackson C	Jesse F
Marcus E	Lachlan G	Royce G-T	Isaac H
Angus H	Jayce J	Archie M	Traevon H
Orlando W	Jaydan W	Amiri C	Noah R
Jessie C	Zhyianna-Ashlee C	Ariana C	
Sahalia H-C	Skylar J	Zahli R	
Xiamarah B	Kyzel A	Jake C	
Hunter H	Oliver M	Tyga Mc	
Mylz Mc	Jye W	Azariah W	
Blade B	Azalea A	Zayarah R-H	
Kanon B	Lachlan S	Jamaya B	
Hope H	Piper H	Brooklyn T	
Jaymz A	Kobe C	Shiloh R	
Leroy R	Willow W	Summer H-C	
Scarlett M	Ekivah W	Deklyn F	
Jayden G-T	Kaylan T	Emmaleikah B-O	
Charlotte G	Oceana M	Leannah R-C	
Taner B	Jett H	Malekai M	
Jarli P	Flynn S	Dharius T	
Tayha E	Chelcie J	Jahlisa K-E	
Bella P	Kailyn S	Elleanor S	
Kaliah T	Lexcene T	Gregorian C	
Kaydan C	Koby D	Travis P	
Addison B	Payten D	Belicia T	
Lachlan B	Abraham C	Hunter H-C	
Rayne A-S	Kianna A	Arley B	
Zarli F	Alice H	Levi C	
Cooper G	Jamal R	Laureek R	

Our Focus

Our value this week is **CHALLENGE**

- To **challenge** yourself is to push yourself harder.
- By **challenging** yourself you learn you are able to achieve new things in life.
- **Challenges** make you learn and help you to become wiser and stronger.

The best learning happens when we challenge ourselves.

Ms G. Speck
Instructional Leader



Please send in your plastic milk bottle caps for our preschoolers!

Educators will be writing a letter of the alphabet on each one. They will be used in class learning for children to spell their name.

P&C News

Hello parents, carers and school community

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Mother's Day Stall. Special thanks to the SRC for helping on those days.

The P&C Beef Week Fundraiser will be held Friday 30 May. **The school canteen will be closed on this day** and we will sell the following:

- Sausage sizzle \$3.00
- Poppers \$1.50
- Water \$2.00
- Cookies, slices, cupcakes and jelly cups \$0.50c - \$4.00

At recess, volunteers will sell drinks, ice cream and chips from the canteen. All purchases made need to be in cash, as we do not have EFTPOS facilities. Our **next P&C meeting is Tuesday 17 June** at 3.30pm in our school library with light refreshments.

Thankyou kindly
Jasmine Baran
P&C President

Attendance Matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Attendance Term 2

Well done to the following classes:

Week 3

K-6M 93%, K-6S 91%, KM, 3/4N & K-6R 90%

Week 4

K-6M 93% & K-6S 91%

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
M T W T F
M T W T F

=

4 weeks



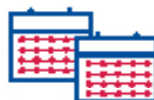
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Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
M T W T F
M T W T F

=

8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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Happenings

Term 2

Term 2 - 2025	
Monday 26 May	National Sorry Day
Wednesday 28 May	KM, 1C & 2R Military Museum & Picnic Excursion
Thursday 29 May	Charlie Cox Beef Week Cup CANCELLED
Friday 30 May	SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED
	Casino West Public School Beef Week Celebrations
	P&C Beef Week Fundraiser Food Stall
Tuesday 3 June	Dance group travel to Tweed Heads
Wednesday 4 June	Dance group performance at Twin Towns, Tweed Heads Dance Festival
Thursday 5 June	Dance group return from Tweed Heads
Monday 9 June	King's Birthday - Public holiday
Wednesday 11 June	Dorroughby Excursion - Support Classes
Thursday 19 June	Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation Hearing check visit
Friday 20 June	Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation Hearing check visit
Wednesday 25 June	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Thursday 26 June	Bike Incursion - road rules, maintenance and safety
	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Monday 30 June	NAIDOC Assembly 9:45am and Celebrations at Casino West. All Welcome.
	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Tuesday 1 July	NAIDOC class celebrations Infants
	Healthy Harold Life Education visit
Wednesday 2 July	NAIDOC class celebrations Primary
Wednesday 2 July	Gold Rewards - hot dogs
Friday 4 July	Last Day of Term 2

Term 3

Term 3 - 2025	
Monday 21 July	Staff Development Day - staff only
Tuesday 22 July	Students return to school
Friday 25 July	Mitch Tambo 2:00pm - 2:45pm
Friday 1 August	School Athletics Carnival
Friday 8 August	Meerkat Performance 9:15am
Tuesday 23 September	Gold Reward - ice cream van
Friday 26 September	Final day Term 3

Community News

BEEF WEEK

CASINO NSW 2025

Beef Week 2025

NEW INITIATIVE! Calling all children and teenagers in our area for entries for a "hands-on" Beef Week project. There are certificates and prizes to be won in different age categories.

Preschoolers Beef Week Project (5 and under)

Preschool children are invited to submit their own model of a beef cow made with playdough. The model needs to be submitted standing on a paper plate or piece of cardboard with the name, preschool name and age of the child and the chosen name of the cow.



Diorama Project (Kindergarten to Year 10)

Create your own diorama (model in a box) depicting the life of a beef cow. You can use a variety of craft materials to make your diorama attractive. The dioramas will be judged on creativity, effort and attractiveness. Students from Year 5 and above need to attach an information paragraph about their diorama. This can be glued to the side or the back of the box. Suggested size for the diorama is a shoe box but not much bigger than this please. Make sure your name, school and age are clearly on the diorama.



All projects need to be submitted to your preschool or school by Wednesday 21 May 2025 so I can pick them up. I will be judging these with a pencil, organising the certificates and the prizes to go back with them to the schools. All entries need to have name, age and school on them. They will be displayed in the Casino Library. I am looking forward to seeing lots of entries!

Stephen Schofield (Local Teacher and Farmer) ph: 0430912612



Authorised by the Georgie King Beef Week Co-ordinator 2025



**Come & join us
for our community women's yarn
up day with NSW Health**

THURSDAY, 05TH OF JUNE
Coraki Youth Hall, 77 Bridge Street Coraki
10:30am - 01:00pm

BBQ Lunch provide
Yarn about health and wellbeing

For more information call Rhiannon or Emanuel, Ngunya Jarjum 02 6626 3700 or Roslyn Northern NSW Local Health District 02 6620 2843



**Northern NSW
Local Health District**



The Centre

Northern Rivers
Community Legal Centre

Free Legal Advice

Our outreach clinic at Casino Library begins on Monday 14th April. Starting in May we will be at Casino Library on the last Monday of each month. Please call us to make an appointment.

Our Centre provides free legal advice by telephone and in person on:

- Credit and debt issues
- Consumer complaints
- Disaster recovery related matters
- Discrimination
- Family violence
- Family law
- General civil matters including employment
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Traffic matters
- Victims services

We do not provide criminal law advice.

**The last Monday of each month
at Casino Library.**

Enquiries or to make an appointment:
nrclc@northernriversclc.org.au or call 1800 689 889

Taekwondo

CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Tuesdays
4-5 pm
Starts 6 May**

**\$15 per session
+ after school care fee**

**! We are Child Care
Subsidy approved!**
CCS available for eligible
families (up to 95%)

**Join
now!**



Call 0429 640 075 (9am-3pm Mon-Fri)
Email rrkassist@nrcg.org.au
Web nrcg.org.au/rrk


Rainbow region kids

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL
hours childcare**

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Early Years Education

Healthy Harold products
Bring Healthy Harold home with you




				
Healthy Harold Plush Toy Small 20cm Large 35cm \$8 \$15	Healthy Harold Lunch Bag \$14	Healthy Harold Drink Bottle \$10	Healthy Harold Backpack \$20	Healthy Harold Value Pack \$39.95

				
Healthy Harold High Bounce Ball \$3	Healthy Harold Temporary Tattoo 50c	Healthy Harold Pencil Case \$5	Healthy Harold Stikki Note Pad \$1.50	Healthy Harold Keyring \$4

How to order Healthy Harold merchandise online:

- 1 Visit the Healthy Harold Online Store: Go to <https://bit.ly/healtharoldshop> to access the store
- 2 Select your customer type: Choose 'Parent/Carer ordering for child' to have your child's items delivered during their Healthy Harold visit at school.
- 3 Place your order: Once you've selected the items you'd like to purchase, simply add them to your cart and proceed to checkout.
- 4 Important Dates: Orders for the school delivery open six weeks before the Healthy Harold visit date, and close one day prior. Be sure to mark your calendars and place your orders in time!
- 5 Delivery: All orders will be conveniently delivered directly during your child's Healthy Harold visit at school.



Otitis Media Awareness Day

July 7th

FREE
Ear health checks for children
No appointment necessary

Free services on the day include:

- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Ear health checks for children.
- Information and resource pack.



Casino Plaza 10am-2pm

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health and Bulgarri Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service- Casino.



In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school. Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which has been sent home, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>














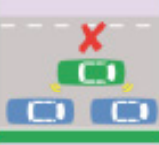





Community News

Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk.



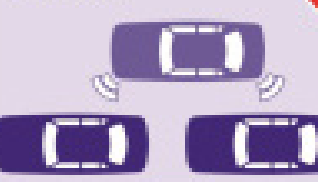

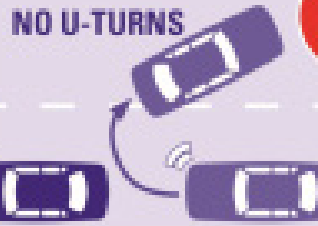

The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. Please choose safety over convenience.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS \$410 	(School Zone) 2 
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS \$227 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS \$410 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS \$544 	(School Zone) 2 
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS \$410 	(School Zone) 2 
	You must not stop on any FOOTPATH or NATURE STRIP , or even a DRIVEWAY crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS \$410 	(School Zone) 2 

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Safety tips for school zones:

EXITING THE CAR  Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	APPLY BRAKE  Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
PARKING  NEVER double park.	CROSSING  NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.
NO U-TURNS  NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	NO 3 POINT TURNS  NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

Safety tips for students:

BUCKLE UP  Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	STORE ITEMS  Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	BE READY  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	EXIT SAFELY  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear foot path-side door.
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Demerit Points:

* The **Demerit Points Scheme** is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has 'zero' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record.

If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits-offences/