



The Journey

Sustainable Travel Planning Newsletter

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Bring on 2010!

Welcome back to school! The height of summer is now upon us and what a wonderful time it is to get out of your cars and enjoy the fresh, sweet, summer air. In this issue of *The Journey* we celebrate bikewise month. Read on for details of bike events that are going on around our city and some of the wonderful initiatives that have successfully advocated sustainable travel.



Think Change GO

Think Change Go is all about producing great tools to help you incorporate sustainable travel modes into your day. Our new website is filled with lots of great ideas, handy tips and insightful case studies to help get your creative juices flowing about sustainable travel. Why not check out our website and see for yourself: www.hamilton.co.nz/thinkchange

Sustainability Tip

Most households spend about the same amount of money on vehicle fuel as on energy for their home.



School Travel Planning

School Travel Planning is a full school and community approach to managing traffic, and can result in some rewarding outcomes. As part of the STP, schools develop solutions to suit their needs including: walking school buses, cycle skills training, walking and cycling initiatives. The children learn road safety skills and healthy habits for life, while helping to reduce congestion in the city.

Email STP@hcc.govt.nz or visit the website



Walking School Bus

The beginning of a new year is an opportune time to start new initiatives or breathe life into old ones. Have you thought about starting a Walking School Bus, or adding a new route, or recruiting more walkers? WSB's are part of a School Travel Plan—get talking about walking. Is walking too far? How close do you live to school? Try biking or bussing.



Walking School Bus: Coordinator Training

Learn how to train your deputy drivers! We would like to invite you to the next WSB coordinator training session. After the training will be the opportunity to mingle and share ideas with other WSB coordinators over a "cuppa".

Date: 11th February, 2010

Time: be there for 10am start

Venue: Hamilton City Council 5th Floor Municipal Building—Totara Room

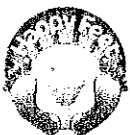
RSVP to register: email STP@hcc.govt.nz



Happy Feet

Happy Feet is a programme that encourages pre-school children (and their parents) to walk, scoot, skate, trike or bike the last 2-5 minutes of their journey. A fantastic starter kit for your pre-school is available NOW.

Email happyfeet@hcc.govt.nz or visit the website for further information.



Transport choices for everyone

February is BikeWise Month



A national celebration for cyclists and a great opportunity for would-be cyclists to give it a try.

Bike Wise Cycle Challenge

Businesses all over NZ are competing in the cycle challenge. Hop on a bike and you're in to win! Sign up to the cycle challenge today. Visit www.bikewisechallenge.co.nz

BikeWise Breakfast

On Wednesday 17th February, Hamilton City Council is hosting breakfast for all those who come to the Heart of the City by a sustainable mode: bike, walk, bus. See you in the Civic Square 7—9 am. Free bike checks, spot prizes and giveaways.

Mayoral Challenge

Come join the mayor and cycle the V8 track on Sunday 28th February 1—4 pm. Meet at Hinemoa Park on Rostrevor Street.

Guess What?

St Josephs had 90 children involved in the cycle skills training in December 2009.
"Way to go kids! The trainers say you were awesome!"



Workplace Travel Planning

Stress levels are often low after a Christmas Break. Why not keep them that way and consider a Workplace Travel Plan? It's easy when you plan for it!

Contact workplaceTP@hcc.govt.nz or visit our website for further information.

Congratulations to the University of Waikato who have just signed off their workplace travel plan—we look forward to seeing lots of staff and students walking and cycling to Uni.

Seasonal Tip

Summer is a fantastic time to hop on a bike for getting from A to B—it's fast and the breeze on your face helps you cool down on the warmer days.

Harold Scruby of Walk to Work Day in Australia says:

"It seems bizarre that some of us drive to the gym to walk on a treadmill!"

Kids Travel Club

Be In town!

Write a story about an interesting experience you have had walking or cycling (or other active mode) to school. It can be true or a "tall tale". Post your story to:

Sustainable Travel Team
Hamilton City Council
5th Floor Municipal Building
Private Bag 3010
Hamilton 3240

Or email to: STTP@hcc.govt.nz



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