



The Journey

School Travel Planning Newsletter

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It's Autumn

The weather is cooling and daylight saving is coming to a close. At this time of year it is tempting to use the car more than over the summer months. If you need to use your car 'think smart' and do several things at once— grab those few things from the supermarket when you are doing the pick up from rugby practice instead of making two trips.

Sustainability Tip

Next time you're boiling an egg or cooking your pasta—boil the jug first! It's more efficient than bringing the water to a boil on the stove top.



Cycle Stuff

Aberdeen Primary School is about to undertake cyclist skills training for 120 of their Year 6's to encourage cycling to school.



Walking School Bus

On Thursday 11th February the first Coordinator's Deputy Driver Training was held at the Municipal Building with 12 people attending. It was a great opportunity for those experienced coordinators and drivers to share their knowledge and for others to find out exactly what it takes to run a successful walking school bus. Everyone left with a pack, some tips and plenty of resources!

'It was useful hearing what other buses are doing and getting more ideas'

'I liked the good practical ideas that were given'



School Travel Planning

What's happening?

Melville Primary School –
has 120 children on their walking school buses

Pukete Primary School –
front car park becomes a drive through pick up/drop-off zone

Nawton Primary School –
directs children to the closest in/out of 5 exit/entry points to their home

Deanwell Primary School –
44% of parents do not choose driving as their mode of transport to school

Hamilton East Primary School –
owns a school bus that transports up to 70 children each day

St Joseph's Catholic School –
currently implementing School travel planning into their curriculum

St Pius Catholic School –
Amazing race successfully organised to promote using buses as a mode of transport

Fairfield/Clarkin Rd Schools –
staggering of start times

We invite you to let us know what is working well in your school so we can share your successes with others.



Transport choices for everyone



Workplace Travel Planning

How can you make your trip more sustainable when you have children to drop off on the way?

- Leave earlier and enjoy walking with them
- Combine your travel options—take your bike, or catch the bus the rest of the way
- Join the walking school bus and be a 'driver' once a week

Guess What?

Walking releases endorphins so walking all or part of the way to work really is a way to start the day on a high!"

<http://www.walk.com.au/wtw/Page.asp?PageID=2288>

We all choose to live, work and play in Hamilton as it's a great place to be. Around 140,000 of us live in Hamilton now but by 2044 that number is expected to increase to over 225,000. Are you noticing increasing congestion in our city? If yes, imagine what it would be like in 30 years time if we remain reliant on using our cars for local travel. But it doesn't have to be that way. As a small compact city it is easy to get around easily in a sustainable way.

Steve Taylor, Cycle and Walking Engineer says:

Wouldn't it be great if year round traffic was at school holiday levels?



Happy Feet

We are looking for interest from pre-schools to get involved in this programme. It is about encouraging pre-school children (and their parents) to walk, scoot, skate, trike or bike the last 2-5 minutes of their journey.

Please contact happyfeet@hcc.govt.nz

Kids Travel Club

Be in to win!

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: STP@hcc.govt.nz



Lucky Prizes

Congratulations to
ABERDEEN & DEANWELL

Schools; for winning this seasons' museum passes to give away to their most deserving active travelers.



Seasonal Tip

Autumn is a great time for walking—not too hot, not too cold, just right for appreciating nature's changing colour scheme

