



Safer Communities Australia

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# Safety Ambassador Newsletter

# Thank you!

EVERYONE at Safer Communities would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our Safety Ambassadors for 2008.

You have helped to make your schools safer by teaching other students about ways to *stay safe*. Your work has been very important and we appreciate your efforts.

You might like to thank your teacher who has worked with you this year to help you in your role as a Safety Ambassador.

Your enthusiasm has been wonderful and we have very much enjoyed working with you all.

We trust that you have enjoyed your time with us and have gained new skills through working with the students at your school.

Thank you again and best wishes for the future.



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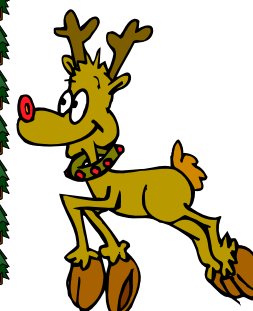
### Dates to remember:

- Carols at the Academy

Friday 12 December 2008  
at Fort Largs Police Academy



Merry Christmas  
Safety Ambassadors  
from Safe T Hound and  
everyone at Safer Communities



# Stay Safe in school holidays

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS are about to begin. Please take care and *stay safe*.

Share these messages with other students.

*Going down to your local shop?* Make sure you go with a friend and check out where the **Safety Assist** locations are before you set off.



*Heading down to the beach?* Always swim between the Surf Life Saving flags. Look out for the **Safety Assist** sign at the beach patrol base - you can go there for help if you are lost, hurt, frightened or need assistance for any reason.

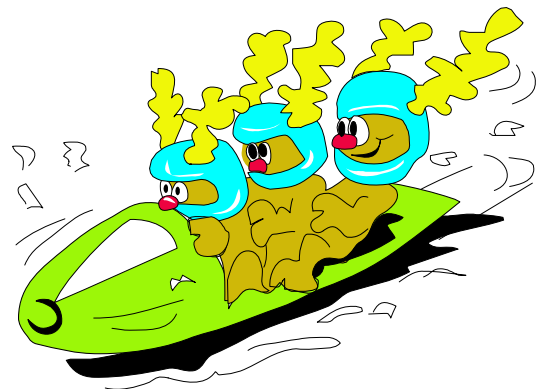
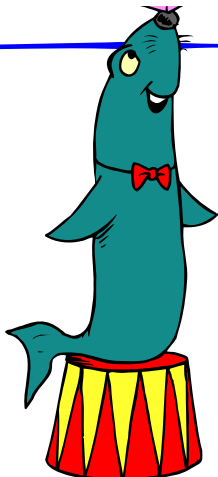
*At a large shopping centre with family or friends?* Many centres have **Safety Assist** signs on the information counters, so look for the sign if you become separated. Plan beforehand to meet at the **Safety Assist** sign if you get lost, or go to the nearest shop and ask for help.

## What to do in December

**ENJOY** the end-of-year celebrations at your school.

\*\* **HAVE FUN** in the holidays.

\*\* **STAY SAFE.**



## What we have sent you

\* A **Christmas colouring-in sheet** which you can copy and give to other students

\* A little **magnetic calendar** — just for you — as a thank you from all of us.

# Safety Ambassador Awards

The **2008 Safety Ambassador Awards** were presented by our Patron, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia, at a special ceremony at Government House recently. The nominations for the awards were impressive and highlighted the outstanding work and achievement of Ambassadors. We received a large number of nominations and it was very difficult deciding the winners. Your efforts are much appreciated. *Well done!*

## Safety Ambassador School Award 2008

### Blakeview Primary School

*Ambassadors:* Madison Watts, Terry Moeung, Jessica Walker, Nicole Wood, Megan Weston and Rebecca Cliffe-Farmer

## Highly Commended School Awards

### Blackwood Primary School

*Ambassadors:* Reinette Hamman, Natalie Hamdorf, Bethany Lee, Alison Ozgo and Sarah Barker

### Freeling Primary School

*Ambassadors:* Alana Chase, Jade Anesbury, Shannon Bubner and Ashleigh Ruediger

### Solomontown Primary School

*Ambassadors:* Jade Simmons and Joseph Atkinson

## Outstanding Achievement Award

Jasmine Mitchell-Harding and Brodie Rossiter of **Elizabeth Downs Primary School**

## Merit Awards

Lauren McManus, Zac Clarke, Margaret Watson, Tori Ferguson and Erin Norman of **Whyalla Town Primary School** and

Tegan Barclay-Murray, Mitchell Parham, Rori Eglinton and Thomas Milham of **Gumeracha Primary School**

## Inaugural Safety Ambassador Teacher Award

Sharyn Tompkins of **Elizabeth Downs Primary School**

### Commendations to:

Dianne Deed of **Blackwood Primary School** and

Heather Tonkin of **North Ingle Primary School**

## Appreciation Award

Lizzie Treloar of **Yunta Rural School**



## Well Done, Teachers!

THIS YEAR we introduced a new category in our Safety Ambassador Awards: the **Safety Ambassador Teacher Award**. This award was introduced to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of teachers who work so hard to help you in your role as a Safety Ambassador.

Sharyn Tompkins from **Elizabeth Downs Primary School** was the winner of this award. *Jasmine, one of the Safety Ambassadors at the school, said the following of her teacher:*

Sharyn has helped me in many different ways. She's helped me be confident in what I do. She's helped me teach other kids what Safety Assist is and what it can do for you. She's helped me with our lessons which are really good for kids and me and my partner Brodie because we learn something new.

She makes up books so if we see something unsafe we can write it up and when it's fixed we tick it off.

Sharyn helps students with their problems when they are angry, when they are upset and they need company. She runs programs in our school like North On Target, "DRAGS" Student forum days, Well Being groups and SRC. She's kind, caring, friendly, loving and amazing.

Congratulations to Sharyn Tompkins and the 2 runners-up: Dianne Deed of **Blackwood Primary School** and Heather Tonkin of **North Ingle Primary School**.

Thank you, teachers — your work is truly amazing!



# Safe T Hound's busy year

**SAFE T HOUND** has had another very busy year so he is looking forward to a holiday. We checked his diary and he has been working very hard. *Safe T Hound* has:

- \* Travelled to lots of **country areas** including Whyalla, Wallaroo, Freeling, Riverland, Port Pirie and Port Augusta
- \* Partied at a **Blue Light Disco** at Gilles Street Primary School
- \* Helped with **Safety Days** at many schools
- \* Handed out certificates to Safety Ambassadors at the Children's **Safety Celebration** at Mitcham Schools



\* **Visited schools** for assemblies, talks and safety presentations.

At each visit, the children learnt about ways to stay safe - and **Safety Assist** was the main message.

**Safe T Hound** would like to thank you for inviting him to your schools. He had a great time and he is looking forward to helping Safety Ambassadors in 2009.



## Will you be in high school next year?

OUR SAFETY AMBASSADOR program has now been running for over 11 years in primary schools in South Australia. Next year we are looking at introducing the program into Year 8 level at a number of high schools.

**Will you be in Year 8 in 2008?** Would you like to be a Safety Ambassador at your new school?

*Let us know if you might be interested in taking part in this exciting extension of our Safety Ambassador program.*



**Need help?**

**Look for the  
Safety Assist  
sign.**