



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 2009.

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.

Also, another very big **THANK YOU** to the teacher in our school 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 also 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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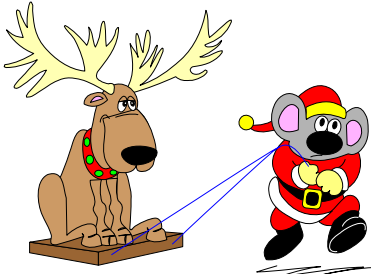
- Carols at the Academy

Friday 4 December 2009 at Fort Largs Police Academy



Safe T Hound and everyone at Safer Communities wish all Safety Ambassadors and Teachers a very Merry Christmas

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.
- ** *And always remember ...* Look for the SAFETY ASSIST sign if you are lost, hurt, frightened, bullied or feeling unsafe for any reason.



What we have sent you

- * A **Christmas colouring-in sheet** which you can copy and give to other students.
 - * A little **wrist band** — just for you — as a thank you from all of us.
- It has the message: **Stay Safe with Safety Assist.**

Safety Ambassador Awards

THE 2009 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 2009

Houghton Primary School

Ambassadors: Sophia Porteous, Maddi Pannell, Stephanie Davies, Courtney Bryant and Sarah Diment

Highly Commended School Awards

Blair Athol Primary School

Ambassadors: Holly Will and Alisha Coonan

Outstanding Achievement Award

Tayla Ross of Seaford Rise Primary School

Merit Awards

Maegan McDonald of Thorndon Park Primary School

Eliza Palmer of School of the Air, Port Augusta

Elizabeth Grove Primary School

Ambassadors: Jayde Edwards, Steven Seery, Tyson Button, Kalesha Crane and Tiffany Wakefield

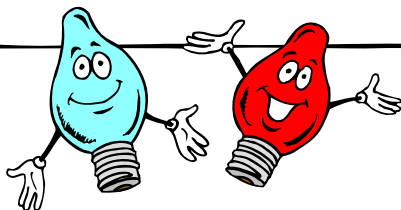


Freeling Primary School

Ambassadors: Alex Hamlyn and Kristyn Beck

Appreciation Awards

Natalie Reed and Clare Flaherty of Streaky Bay Area School



Well done, Teachers!

LAST YEAR we introduced awards for teachers who put in particularly outstanding efforts in helping their Safety Ambassadors throughout the year.

We had many excellent applications and it is obvious that the student Ambassadors appreciate the work that teachers put into the program. *Congratulations to the winner and the runners-up.*



Safety Ambassador Teacher Award

Suzi Vladimirov of Blair Athol Primary School

Safety Ambassador Teacher Commendations:

Barry Stewart of Houghton Primary School

Irene Rose of Seaford Rise Primary School

Cammie Gale of Airdale Primary School

Safe T Hound in Action!



SAFE T HOUND is looking forward to a holiday!

Safety Ambassadors have special priority with visits from our friendly mascot and they have certainly kept him busy.

We checked his diary and he has been working very hard. *Safe T Hound* has:

* Joined in the assembly at the **Children's Safety Celebration** at Coorara Primary School where he handed out certificates to Safety Ambassadors.

* **Visited** pre schools, kindergartens and child care centres.

* **Participated in** assemblies, talks and safety presentations at many schools throughout South Australia.

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 again in 2010.

Safety Assist—helping everyone

These are some examples of times when children have knocked on a **Safety Assist** door when they have needed help.

- **Hallett Cove:** A boy and his dad had become lost on their way home from a skate park. They had taken a wrong turn, it was dark and getting late, and they were very cold. The Safety Assist people gave them some hot drinks and called a taxi to take them home.
- **Trott Park:** A boy was being followed by a man in a car so he ran to a Safety Assist house and the people there called the police.
- **South Plympton:** A child had fallen over and was hurt so he asked for help at a Safety Assist house. His mother was contacted and she came to pick him up.

Remember ... The Safety Assist sign means that someone will help!

Lost? Hurt? Feeling unsafe?

Look for the Safety Assist sign for help.



Need help?

**Look for the
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sign.**

