



# *St Michael's Primary School*

## *Newsletter*

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Term 3 Week 8

Thursday 10 September 2020

### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents

### *Sacrament of Confirmation*

Congratulations to the students who have been confirmed or will be confirmed this week. Confirmation gives us a deepening of the gifts received at Baptism. These gifts need to be used if they are to fulfil their potential value. We pray for our children in the words of the celebrant who laid hands on them.

*"Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide.  
Give them the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,  
The Spirit of Right Judgment and Courage,  
The Spirit of Knowledge and Reverence.  
Fill them with the Spirit of Wonder and Awe in Your presence. Amen."*

### *R U OK? Day*

Congratulations to our student leaders who have planned our celebration of R U OK Day.

*"Today Thursday 10 September is R U OK? Day, on each playground is a yellow bench to help kids without anyone to play with to meet friends. Every child in the school participated in a banner, where they placed their handprints. This represents that we are all in this together and everyone should have someone to talk to. RU OK? Day is about encouraging people to ask if they are OK and make a connection with someone new. After today, we hope that everyone can go home feeling like they belong and have someone to talk to. We want to get the message across that everyone has the right to feel OK." Year 6 Leaders*



### *St Michael's Feast Day Celebration Thursday 24 September*

We will be celebrating St Michael's Feast Day with a school Assembly for the children via Zoom.

### *Staff Development Day—Friday 25 September*

Our staff will be undertaking a Religious Education professional learning day on Friday 25 September. The school will be closed and no supervision will be provided. Please make alternative care arrangements for your child/ren on this day.

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## *Classes for 2021*

Early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2021. Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade.

The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs.

If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2021, please put this information into a letter to the Principal.

This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child's teacher. It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2021.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2021. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child's best interest.

On Wednesday 16 December at 2.00 pm our children will have the opportunity to meet their 2021 teacher together with their new classmates.

## *St Michael's Facebook Page is coming soon*

To help us to continue to share all the wonderful learning and teaching happening at St Michael's, we are very pleased to announce that we have created an online school presence using Facebook!



Our students and teachers do so many great things and we would love to be able to share photos and videos with our school community and their families.

With this in mind, we feel it is important to remind all members of our school community about some important communication protocols. The welfare of each member of our school community is everyone's responsibility, so we ask that we all do everything possible to engage online with each other in a way that is always respectful, and acknowledges the dignity of every person.

No social media site should ever be used to criticise teachers, students or other parents. Please think carefully before posting a comment online to avoid causing hurt or embarrassment.

We also remind everyone that as a parent and carer, you are your child's first role model when it comes to online behaviour. Make sure your online conduct demonstrates how they can use social media respectfully and safely. There are also legal implications around what people are able to post and share about others. Behaviour or language that is not appropriate in a school or classroom setting is not appropriate on social media channels created for educational purposes.

The idea of privacy in the online world can be confusing but essentially posting or sharing personal information about another person online requires consent.

If you do not wish for your child to have their image included in Facebook posts, please contact the school to complete an **updated media consent form**.

We appreciate there can be a variety of views about particular issues.

We urge anyone who has a concern to approach the school directly so the matter can be addressed appropriately.

If you are interested in more information about online safety you can visit:

- eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>
- eSafety for parents <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>
- <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central> for more information about Acceptable Use of ICT and Social Media and Responsible Use of ICT and Social Media Student Guidelines within Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

*We wish you every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Danuta Maka*



## 2021 Kindergarten Enrolling Now

To make an interview or discuss your child's enrolment

Phone 9865 1600



We invite New Families to contact us to discuss their child's enrolment for 2021 as soon as possible.

### Existing families with Kindergarten 2021 children:

- A place will be offered once your child's Enrolment application and supporting documents have been received and finalised. Please finalise your enrolment as soon as possible.
- If your child has any special needs, physical or learning that you believe the school needs to be aware of before they start in 2021 or you have concerns about your child starting because they are young and you are unsure of whether they should start in 2021 or wait until 2022, please contact the school so that we can book you in for an interview.
- We would like to provide all of our children with the best start to Kindergarten.
- Further information on Orientation will be sent to our enrolled families at the end of September.



Our focus during these past two weeks has been to:

**We use equipment appropriately.**

Please continue to support our Positive Behaviour Support For Learning (PBS4L) by talking with your children about each two week Focus.

## *Medication at school*

If your child needs to take medication at school, parents need to bring the medication to the school office and fill in the relevant medication forms authorising for it to be dispensed during school hours. This includes children who take regular medication.

If your child needs medication on a regular basis, please ensure that you provide a letter of authority from the prescribing doctor and provide the medication in the original labelled container.

It is Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) policy that children are not to be given medication to bring to the school office or to keep medication in their school bags. This is for the safety of all children on site.

Should your child's medical status change at any time or if you have any questions about medication, please contact the school office on 9865 1600.

## *Canteen*

If you have late or changed orders or need to follow up any instances of items not received please contact Healthy Canteen on 9678 9242.

Healthy Canteens will contact the canteen outside of their busiest periods and still ensure all necessary changes are made.

## *Prayers*



Please keep in your prayers Ashton Crawford (5OD) and his family on the passing of his great grandmother.

Eternal rest grant to her Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## *Social Skill Tips for Parents*

### Week 9: Suggesting and persuading (Instead of being bossy)

- Don't be a "bossy boots". Use good ideas and good reasons instead.

### Week 10: Be aware of your facial expressions

- Be aware of your facial expressions. (What are they really saying?)

## *2020 School Fees*

To those families who are not directly financially impacted by Covid-19, we appreciate your continued support in paying your fees (school fees are generally due 30 days from the date of the school tax invoice). CEDP have not included a due date on instalment 3 fees as some families require some flexibility with school fee payment.

If you would like to organise a flexible payment plan for your 2020 school fees please phone or email Rasha Azar at [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Please click on the following link for Covid-19 school fee relief if required:

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/feerelief>

*Please Note all excursions have been cancelled therefore a reversal of a portion of the activity fee will be processed. This includes a reversal for the Year 6 Canberra camp and meal component.*

## Calendar dates

### Term 3—Week 10

Thu 24 Sept	St Michael's Feast Day Assembly End of Term 3—3.10 pm
Fri 25 Sept	Staff Development Day—Pupil Free—no supervision

### Term 4—Week 1

Mon 12 Oct	Staff and Students return for Term 4
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### Week 2 Book Week—'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

Tue 20 Oct	Motiv8 returns after school
Wed 21 Oct	Book Character Parade—COVID Safe

### Week 3

Mon 26 Oct	Staff Development Day—Pupil Free—no supervision
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### Week 10

Wed 16 Dec	Promotions afternoon 2 pm End of Term 4—3.10 pm
Thu 17 Dec & Fri 18 Dec	Staff Development Days—Pupil Free—No supervision

## Staff Development Days

**Term 3 Week 10—Friday 25 September** is a Religious Education professional learning day for the staff and the school will be closed.

**Term 4 Week 3—Monday 26 October** will be an English and PDH professional learning day for staff and the school will be closed.

There is no supervision for children on either of these days. Please organise alternative care arrangements for these days.

## Change in contact details

Please let the school office know if you have any change in contact details such as:

- Change of family circumstance
- Home address
- Phone numbers - home, mobile, work
- Email address
- Emergency contact information - friends, aunts, uncles, grandparents

### Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, one term's notice in writing is required otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement.

Thank you for your understanding.

## People of Beirut Mufti Day

Thank you to our children and families for their support of the People of Beirut Mufti Day held on Friday 28 August . **A total of \$1,892.25** was raised. The money has been sent to the Caritas Australia Middle East Regional Appeal. Your donation will help provide emergency humanitarian aid to survivors of the Beirut blast.

## Changeover into Summer Uniform

### Term 4

Children will continue in their winter uniform until the end of Term 3.

**However, children may wear their summer uniform if the weather turns warm before the end of the term - as a guide 25°C or above.**

Should this occur, children must either wear their full summer uniform or full winter uniform on these hot or cold days until the end of Term 3.

From Term 4, all children are expected to wear their full summer uniform.

Please label all items clearly, especially hats and jackets. Children are responsible for their own belongings. Lost property is placed in a tub outside the Mercy Room (near the canteen).

Uniforms can be ordered through the QKR App, OzFashions.

## Christmas Card Competition

This annual competition organised by David Elliott MP will take place from until Friday 16 October, whereby students in the local area are invited to submit artwork for publication of his Parliamentary Christmas Cards.

The theme is "Three Wise Men".

All designs will be displayed in the Baulkham Hills electorate office.

Entries are to be sent by post to Suite 1, 25-33 Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills 2125.

Entries will be judged by Mrs Elliott and winners will be notified in late October. A \$100 Castle Towers voucher is up for grabs for the students.

## Water bottles

A reminder that the school bubblers are closed. Please send your children to school with one or two water bottles so that they stay hydrated throughout the day.

Please ensure that each water bottle has your child's name on it so that it can be returned to them if left on the playground. Thank you.

## Motiv8 Clothing

If your children are participating in Motiv8 on Tuesday afternoons, **please ensure that you check that they have all items of clothing before they leave the premises.**

In recent weeks, a number of shoes, hats and jackets have been left behind without names on them.



## Jersey Day—Friday 4 September





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## 2F—Miss Flannery

Over the past weeks, 2F have been discussing and exploring people from our past and present who have changed our world.

In Religious Education, we are learning about Jesus' Mission and what our own Catholic mission is.

In History, we are exploring the past and how technology, ideas and mistakes have affected how we live our life now. We have investigated why we celebrate different events.

In English, we are acknowledging wonderful authors and people that affect us in our daily lives.

We have been looking at important people and their individual missions:

- Will D - "Nathan Gremmo saved lives by donating his organs".
- Trisha and Tayah - "Mary MacKillop educated little kids and became the first Australian saint. She built orphanages."
- Mia & Celia- "Catherine McAuley was a Mercy Sister. She was dedicated to providing education to the poor."
- Isaac, Mila B & Charli- "Jesus' Mission was to die for us so he could forgive our sins. He taught us what is right and helped us to be better people."
- Dom - "Dr Fraser was the first lay principal (not a Nun). Her mission was to make this school a great school."
- Madie - "Malala's Mission was to get girls to go to school. Girls couldn't go to school and she wanted to learn. She thought it was very important."
- Josh - "Ann-Marie Quinn was the first principal of St Michael's."
- Harry - "Mother M Clare started the Mercy Sisters in Ireland and then she came to Parramatta. The Mercy Sisters followed in God's footsteps and started this school."
- Isabella - "Thomas Edison created the phonograph and changed our lives by allowing us to listen to music from the comfort of our homes."
- Connor - "Elena Piscopia was the first woman ever to get a PhD. Ever since she first started to learn, she never wanted to stop. She wanted to learn everything!"
- Sofia - "Mary raised Jesus and taught us how to be kind."
- Mila J - "Everybody is important. Our mission is to forgive others and make the world a better place."
- Gabby - "Teachers are important because they teach us."
- Kiara- "Dr Jane Goodall is important because she cared for Chimpanzees. She wants us to take care of the environment."
- Daniel - "St Patrick because he freed the Christian captives. He is a Saint from Ireland."
- Ryder - "Pope Francis tells us to forgive others and share with them."
- Cruz & James - "Father Paddy is important because he created the school. He wanted people to learn and have knowledge."
- Ashton & Zach- "God is important because he made everyone."
- William A - "Zacchaeus taught us that we could change our ways. He gave back four times the money to people that he cheated money from and then became a follower of Jesus."
- Travis - "Nelson Mandela invited the lawyer and the person who put him in jail to his house. He was teaching us how to be kind and to be forgiving."
- Jason - "Aboriginal Elders have been here for 65,000 years. They taught their children about the land."
- Lily - "Our Dads look after and love us. They even give us lollies and treats."
- Charlotte - "Grandparents are important to us because they care about us and take us to places."

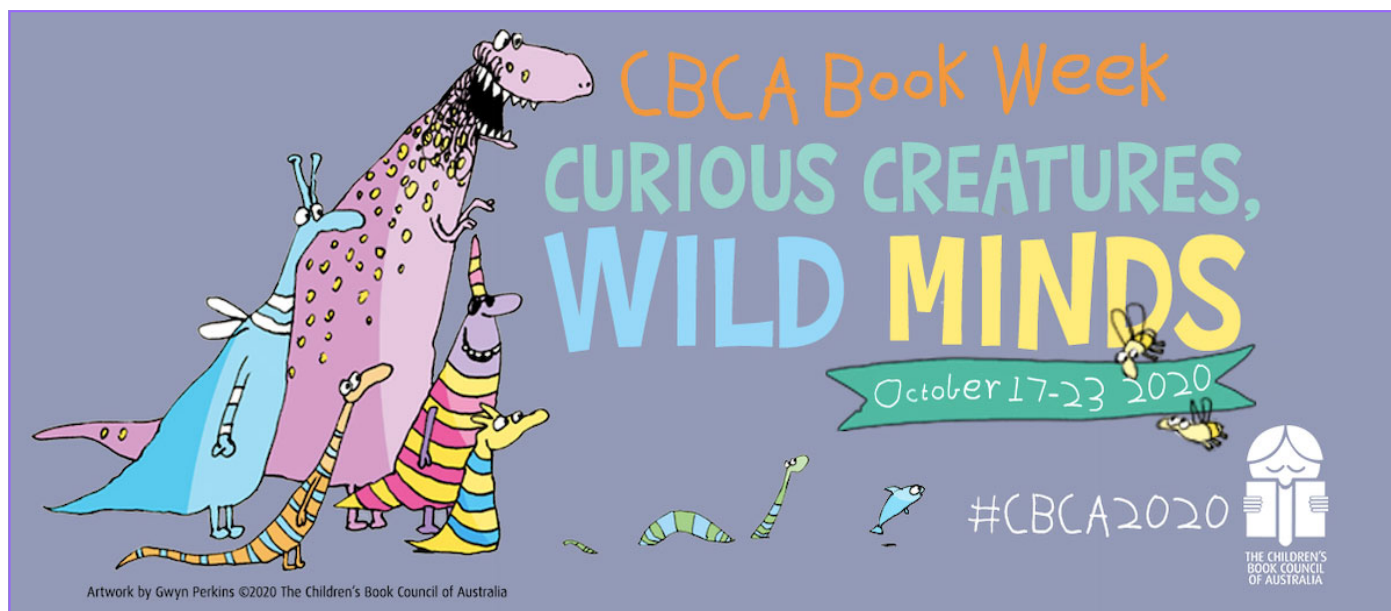
## Year 3

*"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers and singers of songs." Pam Brown*

Year 3 have reflected on the important male figures in their lives, identifying their hobbies and special qualities that they each possess. They have used their artistic skills to sketch, paint and decorate terracotta pots and fill them with a plant. These plants will act as a constant reminder that with love and care we can all grow to display these qualities like our fathers.

We would like to share some of our designs with you, and hope that all our fathers enjoyed Father's Day!





## Theme: Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Term 4: October 17-23\*

**Reading** is the key to success and August is the month to celebrate **Book Week** [usually during this current week]. Covid19 has impacted on this event, and The Children's Book Council of Australia **moved the date to October 17-23**.

We have made this adjustment and are planning a "Covid Safe" **Book Character Parade on Wednesday 21 October**. Can't wait to see **book characters**! Be inspired by the theme - **book characters** with *Curious minds, wild creatures*.

**Mrs Patricia Lee, Mrs Marianne Seny**

### Canteen - Book week

To help celebrate Book Week the Canteen are offering a **Pre Order Special** through **Flexi Schools Online Ordering**.

Students can pre-order the special for any day 19-23 October, with **presales closing Thursday 24 September**.

## Invitation Catechesis for Adults

### Our Lady of Lourdes 2020

Fr Wim's invitation to all the parents and students over 14 years:

With Father Wim's qualified approval, there will be an opportunity for catechesis at our Lady of Lourdes Parish hall this coming September.

We are living in a time of uncertainty, anguish and difficulty, but God has an answer to all your sufferings, because He loves you.

Come and listen to a series of catechesis for adults (14 years and over). Strict COVID regulations will be observed for those who wish to attend."

Fr Wim Hoekstra.

About the Catechesis:

- Cost: free
- When: Monday & Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm
- Commencing: 14 September 2020
- Where: (1 Canyon Rd, Baulkham Hills) - Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes (Hall underneath the church).

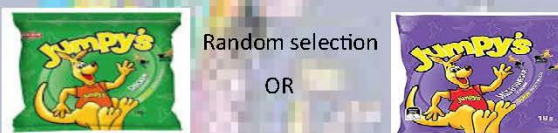
If you have any questions, please contact Lucas on 0428 813 256

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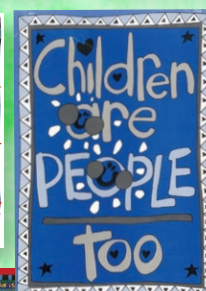
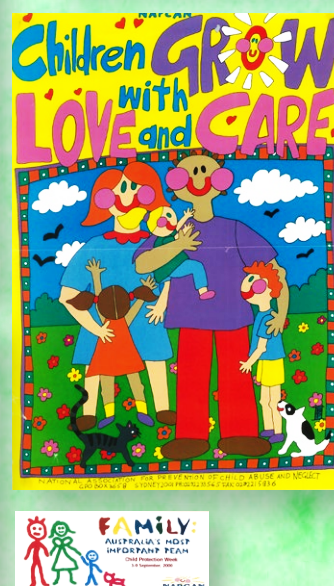
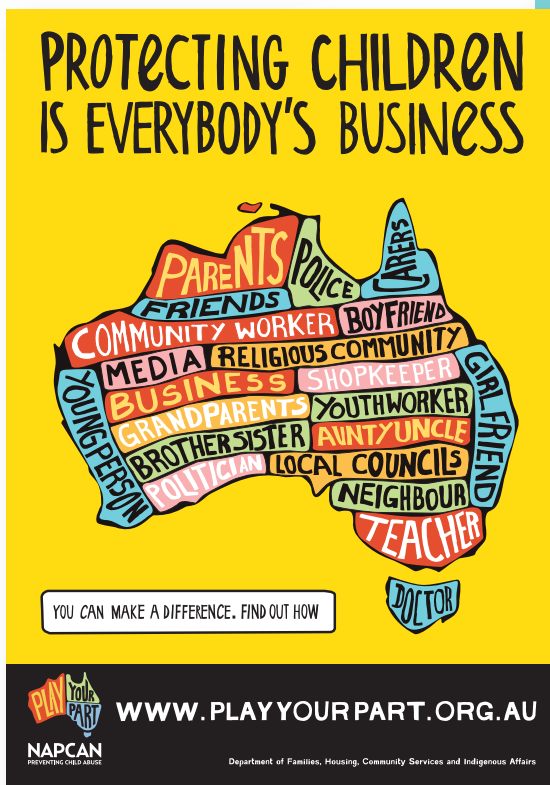




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# TIPS FOR TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY



Article 12 of the United National Convention on the Rights of the Child states that **children have the right to have a say in matters that affect them, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.**

## WHAT WE KNOW:

- Children have the right to feel able to speak up, and to be listened to, respected and believed.
- When we “tune into” children in everyday situations about even small worries, children are more likely to trust us and feel comfortable to tell us if something big is wrong.
- Speaking regularly to children about their safety is a powerful way to build open communication with them.
- It is always the responsibility of adults to keep children safe from harm – child abuse is never a child’s fault.



## IDEAS FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS:

- Help children to identify trusted adults (both within the family and outside) they can talk to, if they are worried, upset, or don’t feel safe. Create a list together. Make sure the trusted adults know they are on your child’s list.
- Remind children that they can talk to you or a trusted adult about anything, no matter how big or small their worry might be.
- Talk to children about how they know when they feel safe or unsafe. Help them to listen to their early warning signs (how their body feels), and to trust their feelings and instincts.
- Use everyday activities (such as preparing meals and snacks, going for walks, playing, shopping) as opportunities for conversations. If children are used to having lots of communication, it can make it easier to talk when big or tricky issues come up.
- Be open to talking about all kinds of feelings, including anger, joy, frustration, fear and anxiety. This helps children to develop a ‘feelings vocabulary’.
- Show children that you can respond sensitively to negative emotions as well as positive ones when they express their anger, embarrassment, sadness or fear.
- Don’t rush into problem-solving. Your child might just want you to listen, and to know that their feelings and point of view matter to someone.

## OTHER RESOURCES AND INFORMATION:

- 7 Steps to Safety - a tool for families to give children the skills and confidence they need to feel and be safe at home: [www.territoryfamilies.nt.gov.au/children-and-families/7-steps-to-safety](http://www.territoryfamilies.nt.gov.au/children-and-families/7-steps-to-safety)
- Australian Council on Children and the Media: [www.childrenandmedia.org.au](http://www.childrenandmedia.org.au)
- Office of the eSafety Commissioner: [www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent](http://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent)
- Raising Children Network: [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au)
- Talk soon. Talk often.  
A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex: [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S\\_T/Talk-soon-Talk-often](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Talk-soon-Talk-often)
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (United Kingdom): [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)
- Net Aware (United Kingdom): [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)



*If you work in an organisation that would like to know more about how to create a child-safe culture, contact NAPCAN about available training.*

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Don't forget to use your Active Kids Rebate - the \$100 voucher can be used to pay for registration fees

Plus all new junior registration **receive a free glove!!**

Go to our Facebook page **St Michael's Softball Club** for online registration details

We look forward to seeing you on the diamond.

Enquiries: [president@stmichaelssoftballclub.com](mailto:president@stmichaelssoftballclub.com)

Julianne McCaffery – 0422 316 255

## Early collection of children from school

If there is a need to collect your child early from school, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning and proceed to the school office when you arrive. On your arrival at the school office, staff will contact the class teacher and your child will then meet you at the school office. While you are waiting for your child, you will be asked to sign them out of the school.

Parents are not permitted to go directly to classrooms or other areas to collect their children.

Recess is from 11.00-11.30 am

Lunch is from 1.00-1.40 pm

If you are collecting your children around Recess or Lunch, we suggest you arrive at the school prior to, or after, Recess and Lunch times.

Please allow plenty of time as it will take a few minutes to contact your child, have them pack their bag and walk to the school office.

## The Wiggles Video: Helmet safety

Emma from The Wiggles has a message for you ahead of your next riding adventure. If families are out exercising on bikes or scooters make sure everyone is wearing a helmet and your child rides in a safe place away from vehicles. Every Journey should be a wheely safe one! They're counting on you.

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