



Walk to School Sets Off

Primary school students across South Gippsland have begun the Walk to School Program with the beginning of the new school term.

Walk to School encourages young students to walk, ride or scoot to school during the month of October to build healthy habits.

As part of the opening of the program Cooper Simcock of Korumburra Primary School and Tahnee Halligan of South Gippsland Specialist School were awarded as winners for the Footpath Sticker Design Competition.

Both Cooper and Tahnee were presented with \$20 vouchers for Sports First, Leongatha and have their designs on safe routes to schools in Korumburra and Leongatha respectively.

Rural students will have the opportunity to take part in the Trail Blazers competition where they are encouraged to utilise rail and walking trails close to their schools. Prizes will be awarded to students who walk the furthest in each year level.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Social Planning Officer Vicki Bradley was pleased to see the program begin.

"It is fantastic to see our students taking advantage of the spring weather as part of the Walk to School program.

"This is a timely reminder to drivers to be particularly careful when driving around school zones as many students will be out and about as part of the program.

"Students are reminded to press the button at pedestrian crossings, particularly at the Leongatha lights on Long and Ogilvy Streets and drivers need to observe the new turning arrows," said Vicki.

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