



Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

Term 1

Week 5

Tuesday, 27th February, 2018

**Second Sunday of
Lent**



Dates for your Diary:

For Upcoming
Events..... Please see
inside for more details
of other events!

Term 1
concludes:
Friday, 13th April

Term 2
commences:
Monday, 30th April

Term 2 concludes:
Friday, 6th July

Catholic Schools Week 2018

This year from 4th – 10th March, 2018 Good Shepherd Primary School will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Our theme for CSW 2018 is 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LEARNING'.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us at Good Shepherd Primary School on Sunday, 4th March to celebrate with our school and parish community during Catholic Schools Week 2018.

Our school will celebrate by Open Classrooms, Book Fair, recreational activities and a sausage sizzle on Sunday, 4th March. We will also be holding a Liturgy on Wednesday, 7th March commencing at 9.00 am in the Good Shepherd Church.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our community of Good Shepherd Primary School and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of Good Shepherd Primary School and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you on Sunday, 4th March.

Patricia Carr

**Tricia Carr
Principal**

Catholic Schools Week

Every learner, every day:
TRANSFORMING LEARNING

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 4th March - Friday, 9th March	Catholic Schools Week
Sunday, 4th March:	Open Day at Good Shepherd School (10.00 am—1.00 pm)
Sunday, 4th March:	Book Fair commences at Good Shepherd School
Wednesday, 7th March:	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 9th March:	Year 6 visit to St Clare's Catholic High School
Tuesday, 13th March:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Friday, 23rd March:	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Sunday, 1st April:	Easter Sunday
Looking ahead: Term 1 Concludes:	Friday, 13th April



Parish News

Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents & Guardians, our Parish will be holding preparation lessons for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will take place on Monday, 21st May at 7.30 pm in the Good Shepherd Church. Please refer to the attached flyer for all details. If you need to contact the Parish, their number is Ph. 9832 4461.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms for all Volunteers and Contractors

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that all Volunteers and Contractors to our school need to have completed an online form (please see attached forms). Tutors and coaches providing private services to children will also need to apply for a Working with Children Check. The tutor or coach should provide their name, date of birth and WWCC number of parent/carers for online verification. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on Ph. 9836 7100.

2018 Dates

Term 1 Concludes:

Concludes: Friday, 13th April

Term 1 School Holidays

Monday 16th April—Friday 27th April

Term 2

Commences: Monday, 30th April (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 6th July

Term 2 School Holidays

Monday 9th July—Friday 20th July

Term 3

Commences: Monday, 23rd July (Week 1)

Concludes: Friday, 28th September

Term 3 School Holidays

Monday, 1st October—Friday 12th October

Term 4

Commences: Monday, 15th October (Week 1)

Concludes: Wednesday, 19th December

Term 4 School Holidays

Commences Thursday, 20th December 2018

Please note Staff Development Days will occur throughout the year. Parents will be notified of such dates at the start of each term.



OPEN DAY AT OUR SCHOOL!!

Good Shepherd Primary School invites current and prospective families to come and explore our school's facilities at an Open Day this Sunday, 4th March, 2018 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm. Learning Spaces will be open, staff will be available to meet and greet, and a community barbeque will be provided. Hope to see you all there!



Book Fair at Good Shepherd School!

Dear Parents & Carers, in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week and our Open Day this Sunday, 4th March, Good Shepherd School warmly invites you to our Book Fair to be held in the School's

Resource Centre commencing Sunday, 4th March through to Friday, 16th March. Purchases can be made before school, lunchtime and after school. Purchases made at the Book Fair go towards purchasing resources for our school. Thank you for your support.

Road Rules Awareness Week (RRAW) 2018 will be held from 26 February – 4 March 2018. RRAW is a public education campaign to highlight NSW road rules and direct the public to where they can find more information. RRAW provides an opportunity for all road users to improve their knowledge of NSW road rules, including any new or commonly misunderstood road rules. Please see attached flyer.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion 2017

Many thanks to the Plumpton Woolworths Store Manager and Assistant Store Manager for presenting our School Leaders with our 'prizes' from last year's promotion when we collected more than 50,000 stickers.

We received basketball and netball hoops, portable soccer goals, balance equipment for Infants, a variety of balls - soccer, netball, basketball, football, volleyball etc and a storage system for them.

We also received boxes of grapes, apples and bananas for free which were given to the students during the day.

Many thanks once again for your outstanding support of our school. Mrs Cooke



The Good Shepherd School Community would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work and dedication throughout the past week. These awards are presented for cooperation, respectfulness, responsibility, care, compassion, fair go and integrity.

KB	Scarlet Nguyen	KG	Robin Cruz
KR	Catherine Palu	KW	Maci Brayshaw
1B	Raphael Dominguez	1G	Isaac Narayan
1R	Tiana Vaifale	1W	Janaya Habito
2B	Malakai Setefano	2G	Lena Rizeq
2R	Aarav Sharma	2W	Fatima Kamara
3B	Prahalika Panuganti	3G	Emmanuel Ibanez
3R	Olivia Espinosa	3W	Giezelle Autor
4B	Andrei Jambalos	4G	Josephine Telea
4R	Louise Reyes	4W	Reuben-Marcel Frias
5B	Marsha Szulgit	5G	Tanielle Farrell
5R	Luke O'Rourke	5W	Tristan Dennis
6B	Enivee Peniata	6G	Christoffe Ablaza
6R	Jeyanthan Albert Jeyathanan	6W	Darren Mensah

“Take your hat off inside”



School Banking

★ Just a reminder that School Banking day for
★ students is Tuesdays. Thank you.

Our school has joined the Coles Sports for Schools program for this year. The program starts on 7th February and continues until the 11th May. For every \$10 spent in any participating Coles, you receive one Coles voucher. Bring the vouchers in to school and hand them into the office, to your child's class teacher or directly into the collection box which is in the student foyer. Ask family, friends and neighbours to start collecting! The more vouchers we collect the more sporting items we can purchase. Thank you for your ongoing support! Mrs Cooke



Dear Parents,
accounts for the first instalment of school fees will be posted out very shortly and payments will be due March 2018. Any family who may experience difficulty paying their fees this

year please contact the School Office for an appointment to discuss options available under the Catholic Education Office financial hardship policy. Catholic Education Office is also offering a Flexible Payment Plan (FPP) for your 2018 School Fees—details will be included with your school fee statement.



Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school **in writing or by email to:** goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au)

PRIOR TO PICKUP. This policy is effective immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A black tactical backpack with a circular patch on the front pocket. The patch features a central emblem surrounded by text. The backpack has multiple straps and buckles, suggesting a rugged design.

Dear Parents, please note we have received a delivery of the new School Logo Bags—they are available for \$40.00 from the School Office & Uniform Shop (Cash Only).

We are expecting further deliveries in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your

cooperation in this matter.

Please note as of **Term 1 2019** all students (except Year 6 2019 students) will be expected to be using the Good Shepherd Logo Bag.

Wednesdays & Fridays 8.30 am—9.00 am

Parent Helpers are urgently required please. If you can spare an hour or so on Wednesdays and/or Fridays, would you please leave your details with the School Office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please note **only Cash** is accepted.



Contact details:
As part of maintaining a safe environment for all students and staff at Good Shepherd School, we conduct regular Emergency

Evacuation and Safety Drills. You may have information come home from your child regarding an Evacuation Practice, please be assured in the event of a real emergency all families will be notified at the earliest possible time. **Please inform the office in writing if you have changed your contact details.** Thank you.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Chloe Vere, Alivia Cobban, Pualani Penitani, Shay-Lee Paris, Aahish Mann, Marley Tamani, Isaac Langi, Lena Rizeq, Amellia Deja, Jasmine Eskandari, Zaevar Orayenza, Bianca Cailao, Ethan Nunag, Seraphina Vaasili, Christin Jane, Laraine Chicote, Ryan Giles and Peighton Laurente.

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child that arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.

Car Park Safety

Due to the need for increased safety measures in the Parish and Hall car parks, the following safety procedures are enforced:
The ONLY DROP OFF AREA in the mornings is the drop off bay at the front of the school. No other students are to be dropped off in the Parish car park OR the Hall car park.

If you are entering the Parish car park or the Hall car park, YOU MUST PARK YOUR CAR AND WALK YOUR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

As always, hold your child's hand when walking through car parks. As always, display courtesy towards other drivers – it makes the trip to and from school more pleasant.

Why not park in the Shopping Centre car park and take advantage of our crossing guard? She is there to help us all and keep us safe.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. After all, it is you and your child we are protecting.

Tricia Carr, Principal.



Parent Group News Easter Drive

As Easter is fast approaching we are starting the process of organising Easter Egg baskets. **We would very much appreciate donations of Easter Eggs and Easter goodies to fill baskets and raise much needed funds for our school.**

If you are able to donate something for these baskets, please send the goods to the school no later than Monday, 19th March.

If you have any baskets that are in **good condition**, please send them in to school as well. Thank you.

Raffle Tickets have been sent home—First Prize: Large Easter Eggs Basket, 2nd Prize: Medium Easter Eggs Basket and 3rd Prize: Small Easter Egg Basket. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. Thank you.



No Nut Policy

A number of our students have severe allergies. Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes Excursions! Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.



Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at \$5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday 23rd March).

Meal Deal 1

Egg & Lettuce Roll, Juice Popper & Fresh Popcorn

Meal Deal 2

Meatball Sub Roll, Juice Popper and Frozen Cordial Cup.

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: www.classroomcatering.com.au

Please note when iceblocks are ordered online they need to be collected from the Canteen. Thank you.

Privacy Consent

Dear Parents & Carers,

If you **do not** give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.

Spare Clothes Reminder

A kindly reminder to all parents of infant students, please pack a spare change of underwear, socks and shorts inside your child's bag. As there has been a high number of little accidents over the past few weeks, we have no more spare clothing to change them into. If you do not provide a spare change of clothes, you will be notified and asked to bring these to the school. Thank you.

Office Hours

Parents, please note that the hours of business for inquiries, payments, phone calls etc to the school office are between 8.30 am—3.00 pm. Before and after these times the office staff are preparing for or completing their office duties. If there is a change to how your child will be going home, ie catching the bus, please notify the office prior to 2:30 pm so that the child may be informed prior to home time. We are happy to attend to your queries or any other business during these hours. Thank you.

Visa Updates

If there has been any change to your Visa Status, could you please send in a copy to the school office. It is important that we have the most up-to-date information for our school records.



NSW Government will provide \$100 to help contribute to the cost of each child's participation in sport and active recreation

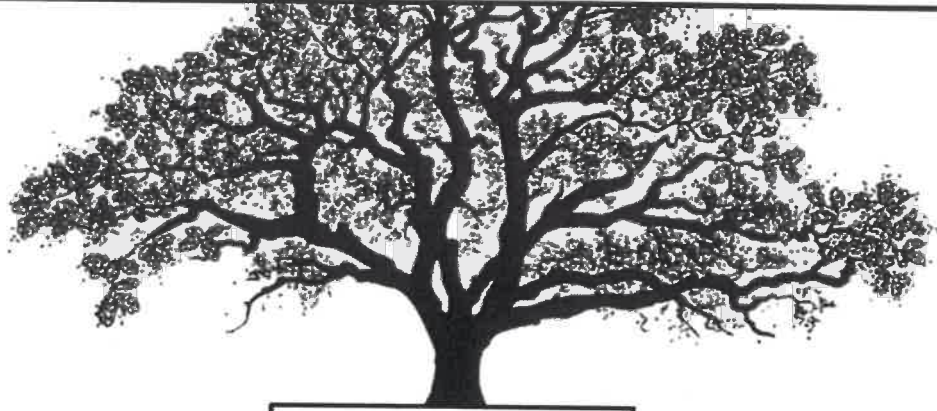
\$100 Sporting Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get active with the new Active Kids program. From 31st January

2018, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a \$100 voucher per calendar year for each student enrolled in school. The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for sport, fitness and active recreation activities. The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. Please click on the following link:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



log

(GREEK)

MEANING:

word, speech

EXAMPLES:

logo, logic



every learner
every day ☒

When is sick too sick for school



If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...

- ✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever
- ✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)
- ✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan
- ✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours

Keep me home if ...

- ✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
- ✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
- ✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
- ✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
- ✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information



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National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence 16th March, 2018

Registrations are now open for the 2018 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) to be held Friday 16 March 2018.

This annual positive day of action provides a national focus for school communities to talk about the importance of 'taking a stand' against bullying and violence. Each official NDA school will have access to a range of downloadable resources and materials to make the day your own, including parent and student tips, lesson plans, classroom discussion starters to encourage students to say 'Bullying. No Way!'.

Join the movement now and register for the NDA. All Australian schools are invited to register as an official NDA school and start planning early! [The Bullying. No Way!](http://TheBullying.NoWay!) website offers schools a range of resources, materials, lesson plans and classroom discussion starters to support NDA activities. For more information and to register visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



From the Bishop's Office

2018 Lenten Message from Bishop Vincent

To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full and watch the video, please visit: goo.gl/2F77m9

Pre-marriage preparation courses

The Life, Marriage and Family Office are again offering Pre-Marriage preparation courses for couples intending to marry. Couples are invited to book online to attend either a weekend course or individual couple preparation. The website for online booking is www.parracatholic.org/pmp. The dates for all courses in 2018 will be found online. Further enquiries: 02 8838 3460.

Walk the Lenten Journey on your mobile phone

The Xt3 Lent Calendar App 2018 is available for download on Apple and Android devices (search for Xt3 Lent) and can be viewed from the website: www.xt3.com/lent

The Lent calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent. The theme for the Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 is "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus."

Positions Vacant

Family Life Coordinator - Blacktown Parish, Blacktown

More details at: www.mqofblacktown.org.au

Housekeeper/Cook (p/t) - Sydney Archdiocese Bishop's Residence

Donation Relations Officer (casual) - Sydney Archdiocese (casual)

More details at: www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Maintenance Manager - St Anthony's Primary School, Girraween

More details at: www.parra.catholic.edu.au/positions-vacant

Good Shepherd Primary School

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Email: goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au - Website: www.gsplumpton.catholic.edu.au

Must be submitted ASAP to the parish office

- 1) Children must be 10 years of age on or before 14th May 2018
- 2) Photo-copies of 1st Holy Communion and Baptism certificates must accompany enrolment forms.
- 3) Sponsors must be 16 years of age, confirmed, & practicing catholic.
- 4) Siblings of candidate, or grandparents can be a sponsor, but not a parent.
- 5) A person cannot be a sponsor for two children in the same ceremony.
- 6) Sponsors can be the Godparent from their baptism.
Only ONE sponsor is needed.
- 7) A Saint's name must be chosen for Confirmation.
- 8) If child's baptismal name is a Saint's name you may use it if you wish.

Lesson dates: Sundays at 10:30 AM in the classrooms of Good Shepherd School

Lesson 1	April 22	@ 10:30am
Lesson 2	April 29	@ 10:30am
Lesson 3	May 6	@ 10:30am
Lesson 4	May 19 (Sat)	12n-3pm (<i>Theme- Witnessing to Jesus</i>) this will take place in the church

Godparent/sponsors must be in the church at 2:30pm for rehearsal

Full attendance at all of the above dates is a must!!

What to bring to class/lessons:-

- Bible
- pen/and or pencil
- notebook

Confirmation date: May 21 (Monday) @ 7:30pm
(must be in the church with godparents by 7pm)

Attire:

Boys – White, light colour shirt, (No prints) winter school trousers acceptable
or suitable trousers, NO Jeans or cargo pants

Girls – White or light colour dresses.



Parents Representative Council

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PARENTS MATTER



How can our parents really engage with our schools and our teachers?
Parent involvement vs. Parent engagement – how this helps your child

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Mrs Danielle Cronin

Chief Governance and Strategy at Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 5 March 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

**(Term 1 - PRC Annual General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)
at Patrician Brothers College, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown**

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!



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OPEN DAY

MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018

Guided Tours begin at 5.30pm

Information Session commences at 6.30pm

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Register your interest at

<https://www.trybooking.com/TZEZ>

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Road Rules Awareness Week

----- 26 Feb - 4 March -----

About

Road Rules Awareness Week (RRAW) 2018 will be held from **26 February – 4 March 2018**. RRAW is a public education campaign to highlight NSW road rules and direct the public to where they can find more information. RRAW provides an opportunity for all road users to improve their knowledge of NSW road rules, including any new or commonly misunderstood road rules.

RRAW 2018 will comprise:

- **Media announcement** – a media release will be issued
- **Facebook Live** – a Q&A event with Bernard Carlon, Centres for Road and Maritime Safety where members of the public get the chance to clarify any misunderstood road rules in real time. The event is scheduled for Thursday 1 March at 5:30pm.
- **Facebook posts** – we'll be posting animations, infographics and other content regularly on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/nswroadsafety) in the lead-up to, and throughout, the week. We would greatly appreciate you sharing any relevant posts across your own channels.
- **Bus CCTV and train station 'crosstracks'** – will feature multiple choice road rule-related questions.
- **Service NSW centres** – for the first time, quiz questions will be displayed on screens in 27 Service NSW centres across NSW. The locations were chosen based on crash data and represent the areas with the highest road trauma.
- **Orientation Week events** – road rules awareness will also be promoted as part of Service NSW's participation in events at the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University (Parramatta), Charles Sturt University (Bathurst), Macquarie University, University of Newcastle, and the University of Wollongong.
- **CRS website** – 'Top 10 misunderstood road rules' animations and brochure will be published on the CRS website.

Get Involved

We are asking our road safety partners to get involved to promote Road Rules Awareness Week through their channels and in their communities. To assist with this we've created this road safety partner toolkit. The toolkit contains the following assets which you are invited to use throughout the week:

Website

Our website <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/roadrules.html> includes a suite of animations commonly misunderstood road rules, for example around intersections, roundabouts and overtaking.

Suggested Facebook post

Road Rules Awareness Week (RRAW) 2018 is on from **26 February – 4 March 2018** providing all road users an opportunity to brush up on their road rules. Follow www.facebook.com/nswroadsafety for updates and to test your knowledge of the rules or visit <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/roadrules.html> for more information.

Facebook schedule key dates:

Tues 20 Feb – First post goes out on Facebook in the lead-up to the campaign

Mon 26 Feb – RRAW officially launched, announced in media and through social posts on Facebook

Thu 1 March 5:30pm – Live, interactive Q&A with Bernard Carlon, Executive Director, Centres for Road and Maritime Safety on Facebook www.facebook.com/nswroadsafety

Quiz

questions: which you can post on your own Facebook page, website etc

Q1: A red flashing man at a pedestrian traffic light means you must:

- a) Turn back if you're already crossing the road
- b) Race across the road
- c) Stop and wait for the green light

A1: If the red man at a pedestrian traffic light starts to flash, continue to cross if you're already on the road, but don't start to cross.

Q2: You can perform a U-turn on roads marked with:

- a) Broken white dividing lines
- b) A single unbroken dividing line
- c) Double unbroken dividing lines

A2: You can perform a U-turn on roads marked with broken white dividing lines, unless otherwise signed.

Q3: Learner P1 and P2 drivers can use their mobile phone when driving for:

- a) Navigation tools eg Google maps
- b) Listening to music
- c) It's illegal for Learner, P1 and P2 drives to use their mobile phone for any reason when driving

A3: It's illegal for Learner, P1 and P2 drives to use their mobile phone for any reason when driving.

Q4: Wig wag lights flash on the back of buses to:

- a) Warn drivers the speed limit is 40km/h when passing the bus
- b) To warn drivers the bus is picking up or setting down children
- c) Both a and b

A4: Both a and b

Q5: At a stop sign, you must come to a complete stop for:

- a) One second
- b) Three seconds
- c) Until it's safe to proceed

A5: Until it's safe to proceed.

Q6: Being awake for 17 hours can have a similar effect on driving performance as a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05?

- a) True
- b) False

A6: True.

Q7: When entering a roundabout you must give way to:

- a) Vehicles on your left that have not entered the roundabout
- b) Vehicles on your right that have not entered the roundabout
- c) Any vehicle already in the roundabout

A7: Any vehicle already in the roundabout

Q8) Motorcyclists may only lane filter when:

- a) they are travelling less than 30km/h
- b) they have an unrestricted rider licence
- c) the length of road is not a school zone
- d) all of the above

A8) All of the above.

For any questions regarding RRAW please contact Cassady.Southern@transport.nsw.gov.au