

Thursday 13 JULY 2017

BACK TO SCHOOL- 40KM SPEED ZONES BACK IN FORCE

Term 3 begins on Monday 17 July when school zones come back into operation after the school holiday break.

The 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm and the 40km/h speed zone limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen. The gazetted 40km/h speed zone applies on all gazetted school days in all NSW schools and includes pupil free days and staff development days.

Narrandera Shire Council is reminding all drivers that school hours are busy times, especially school opening and closing times. During these times there can be an influx of pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Extra care is required in school zones as children are vulnerable road users and can be unpredictable.

Kym Snow, Narrandera Shire Council's Road Safety Officer is reminding motorists to be aware of the school zone signs, pay attention to school crossings, parking signs, school buses and your speed.

"Every school in NSW has a set of flashing lights which, in conjunction with 'dragon's teeth' and 40km/h stencils on the road, alert motorists to slow down when they approach a 40km/h school zone."

"So let's keep our children safe when driving in and around our school zones. Being cautious and slowing down will not make much difference to your travel time but it could save a child's life. Obey the 40km/h speed limit as it's there to protect our children" said Miss Snow.

Higher fines and demerit points apply if you are caught speeding in a school zone.

For further information on school zone safety please visit The NSW Centre for Road Safety
<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/>



School zone flashing lights show 40 km/h speed zones are back in force as Term 3 commences

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