Active School Travel (AST)

Jindalee State School participated in Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel Program from 2010 to 2012 and continues to promote Active School Travel. At the end of 2012 JSS won the runner-up Brisbane City Council’s Award for AST - School of Excellence.

Families are encouraged to actively travel to and from school by:

- Walking – an option for families living close to school.
- ‘Park & Stride’ – an option for families living further away. Parents park at least 500m away from the school and walk or ride with their children the rest of the way.
- Cycling or scootering – there is a bike enclosure for children to secure their bikes. The office can provide the combination code for the lock.
- Carpooling with other families.
- Using public transport.

The aims of the program are to:

- Reduce congestion and improve safety of travel routes around the school
- Encourage environmentally-friendly alternatives to car travel
- Increase opportunities for health, fitness and independence for children

Achievements and Activities:

At the beginning of 2010 only 22% of students travelled actively to school. Over three years, travel data was collected and JSS increased this figure to around 60% on average from the end of 2010 through 2012. BCC support ceased in 2012 but we still like to maintain a high standard of active school travel.

The JSS Active School Travel committee has worked to embed cycle skills and road safety courses into the year 4 curriculum; introduce a school bus service from Sinnamon Park & Seventeen Mile Rocks (BCC Route S776 – see http://jp.translink.com.au/travel-information/network-information/buses/S776); organise activities like ‘Bling your bike day’, ‘Walk safely to school day’, fruit morning tea, ‘Ride-to-School Day’ and the weekly Thursday ‘Walking School Bus’. In 2014, JSS is attempting to ‘Walk around Australia’, with students who participate in the regular AST activities contributing 500m to our 15000km goal. The ‘Golden boot’ and ‘Green boot’ are awarded weekly to the classes with the most active travellers.

Regular AST Activities:

- ‘Walking, wheeling, Wednesdays’ - every Wednesday is an Active Travel Day
- ‘Walk with a mate Thursday’ – ‘Walking school bus’ along Burrendah Rd (opposite Mankinna St) or sign on at Curragundi Rd crossing opposite Arrabri Ave intersection - details on website

The AST committee meets on the first Tuesday of the months at 2.15pm in Mrs Whittering’s office.

Interested parents please contact Louise Whittering, JSS Deputy Principal, 3725 5777