

Hector's Christmas message

Thursday, 11 December 2008

Hector the Road Safety Cat will visit Larrakeyah Preschool at 10.30am today, to deliver to schoolchildren his road safety message STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK.

This will be Hector's last school appearance of the year. He will be demonstrating to students the correct way of crossing the road, wearing seatbelts and bike helmets.

Children are our most vulnerable road users, and this year Hector saw more than 16,000 children across the Territory, making a record number of school visits.

Apart from attending schools, Hector also appears at a variety of special events and festivals throughout the year. These include the NT Kids Expo, Walk Safely to School Day, Back to School displays and the Defence Force Family Fun Day.

The Territory road safety mascot has been teaching road safety rules to schoolchildren for more than 30 years. Hector wants everyone to stay safe over the school holidays and is looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Today, Larrakeyah Preschool children will be able to give Hector a hug or a 'high-five' and wish him a Merry Christmas too.

Hector went online this year at www.hectorthecat.nt.gov.au. Teachers and parents can now log on to see Hector's Diary, photographs of his appearances, and download weekly safety messages.