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WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, will be visiting two schools to encourage participants in the annual Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 2 May.

In the morning he will be walking with the Dunlop family from their home in Lakelands to Biddabah Public School.

In the afternoon he will visit Wyee Public School.

The event, organised by the Pedestrian Council of Australia, helps to ensure that active kids are healthy kids.

The national event encourages parents and carers to take time out of their busy schedules and walk with their children all or part of the way to school.

"It's great to see this idea catching the community's attention," said Mr Piper.

"There will be health benefits and schoolkids will learn that they don't need to be car dependent."

"Traffic around schools is a hazard for kids, so this will improve safety. It's also important that drivers are aware of school children at these times, even away from schools."

Pedestrian Council of Australia chairman Harold Scruby said "Walk Safely to School Day is a fun and easy way to remind people about the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle. It is also a great opportunity to learn about safe pedestrian behaviour and teach young Australians about sustainable methods of transport."

National Walk Safely to School Day is a genuine community event that boasts the support of schools, national state and local governments and businesses across the country.