



William Coutts and William Cain were keen bus students last Friday, the walk coinciding with National Walk Safely to School Day. 100505 15

Walking bus started up

Central Goldfields Shire's Walking School Bus has taken off with a large group of students, parents and supporters turning out in Carisbrook last week.

The bus travelled through the streets of the town, picking up children along a predetermined route, stopping at designated bus stops and delivering the students to school on time.

The enthusiasm of the students was apparent and they were joined in their first trek by Central

Goldfields Shire Mayor, Cr Geoff Lovett and other council staff.

The students were presented with "traveller" certificates in a special morning school assembly.

The Walking School Bus allows a group of children to walk to school quickly and safely under the guidance of trained adult supervisors.

The program aims to reduce traffic congestion, develop vital road safety skills, change lifestyle habits, increase community connectedness, while reducing the level of air pollution.

Carisbrook Primary School is the first school within the shire to implement the program and Kathy Charlesworth has been appointed as the school liaison officer.

The bus is scheduled to run each Tuesday with the frequency to be increased if support for the concept continues.

Adults who would like to volunteer for the program should contact the shire's Walking School Bus co-ordinator, Anne Parry on 5461-4012.



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The group arrives at school last Friday for the first time