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Families,

As the wellbeing and welfare of students are the highest priorities of Wallacia Public School, I need to provide you with the following information.

Last Friday week, two boys were walking home after school were spoken in a potentially threatening way by a man sitting in the passenger seat of a white van that pulled up next to them in a nearby street.

As soon as the students reported this matter to the school, I called the police, talked to the boys and their parents, then notified students and parents at an assembly the next school morning.

A similar incident occurred last Friday, this time involving a student walking home after school and a man in a white parked van speaking to the student in a threatening way. The van drove off after the student called out for help. In this instance, the Students family contacted the Police to report the incident including giving Police a description of the man and details of the van.

I have been contacted by a parent who had noticed an older white van driving in the vicinity of the school.

All Wallacia Public School staff are ware of these incidents, and I have notified our neighbouring schools, parents at this morning's morning assembly.

We discussed with every student today the importance of Stranger Danger, along with strategies of what to do if students are approached by someone they don't know. The school will also inform local shops and surrounding houses of these incidents.

As a further precaution, the school gates will be locked after school starts and before school finishes for the day. A sign on the gates will ask visitors outside these times to phone the school office for a staff member to let them in.

Police have told me they will be patrolling our area regularly, with the specific intention of looking for this van and the person making threatening comments to students.

Families can help ensure the safety of students by reminding their children of the Stranger Danger message.

Regards
Trev
Principal