Dear parents, caregivers, students and friends of the school. Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

We are already in week four and the term is flying past with lots happening at school. Like me, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcements made by the Prime Minister. Today, from mid-day we move to COVID-19 Alert Level 2.

This means we are no longer able to hold our information evening for year 6 students and their parents tonight. Instead we offer the following opportunities for families considering our school.

1. Parents are invited to contact the school office and make a time to visit the school. We will arrange for two student leaders to take you for a tour of the school including our specialist classes. A member of our senior management team will endeavour to meet with you as well.

2. We are putting together a series of videos about the school which can be viewed on our school website. This will include a virtual tour of our school facilities and students in action.

We will now hold our open night on **Wednesday 9th September, 2020** from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Since the last newsletter, we have had students competing in the Winter Sports Tournament, the Interschool Basketball Competition, Table Tennis and school sports teams for hockey, netball and basketball in local competitions.

Our next major event is Tournament Week, which starts on Monday 7th September 2020. Our Ōtūmoetai Intermediate students are eagerly preparing for this opportunity to pit themselves against other athletes in the Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Poverty Bay regions for their age level.

Alongside the wide variety of activities and events offered this term, a keen focus is continuing to be kept on all students’ academic progress in reading, writing and mathematics. Our school goal is for at least 85% of all students to be at or above curriculum level in all three areas and an aspirational goal is for a 90% at/or above curriculum levels. We believe that the most important thing we can do for your children is to thoroughly prepare them for the next stage in their learning at secondary school.

Nga Mihi Nui

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- FROM THE BOARD

The school Board of Trustees met on Thursday 30th July, outlined below are some highlights from that meeting:

- The focus for our meeting this month was to explore and ‘have a play’ with the online writing tool ‘Writer’s Toolbox’ which our students are using in classrooms. It is a powerful writing coach using artificial intelligence to assess the writing abilities of each student and then providing an individualised learning journey to develop greater writing skill. We all agreed that learning wasn’t nearly as much fun when we were at school!

- An important role of a Board of Trustees is to review school policy to ensure we are meeting the needs of our diverse community. This month we reviewed and approved the use of the Traumatic Incident Management Plan. We continue to work alongside Senior Leadership to develop our Inclusive Schools policy.

- Later in the year staff will be involved in professional learning and development in implementing the new Digital Literacies curriculum. We are confident that our school is well resourced with the right tools in classrooms to make good use of this PD.

- Our next meeting will be held at school in the Learning Centre on Thursday 27th August at 7.30 pm.

Nga Mihi Nui.

Fiona Matthews, BOT Secretary

THANK YOU TO TECT
TAURANGA ENERGY CONSUMER TRUST

We would like to express our appreciation to TECT for their recent grant of $100,000.00 towards the canopy on the top astro turf.

TECT continues to support schools and other community organisations through grants and donations. These are made to many sectors and initiatives throughout the TECT district and our school has been a beneficiary over past years.

On behalf of our school community: a big shout out/thank you TECT
ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

We are pleased to advise our community that we are now accepting enrolments for the 2021 school year. Families considering making an out of zone application are welcome to contact the school office for an enrolment pack. We anticipate we will be able to take up to 70 students from out of zone next year based on our roll predictions.

TEACHER ONLY DAY REMINDER

A reminder that there is a NZEI Accord Teacher Only Day on Monday 17th August 2020. Our school will be closed for instruction on that day. This Teacher Only Day is being held alongside our six contributing schools - Ōtūmoetai Primary School, Bethlehem School, Brookfield School, Bellevue School, Matua School and Pillans Point School.

BACK TO COVID-19 STAGE 2 ALERT LEVEL

Today, the Prime Minister advised that from mid-day today we will be moving back to COVID-19 Alert Level 2.

What you need to know:

Alert Level 2 is not life as normal. Your child can still come to school, but they should:

- keep their distance from other people in public
- wash their hands. We encourage them to bring their own hand sanitiser and we will reinforce hygiene at school. Each class has a sanitiser pump and the toilet washing facilities are well equipped.
- sneeze and cough into their elbow.
- keep a track of where they’ve been and who they’ve seen. At school we maintain a register of all students, staff and visitors for contact tracing purposes.
- wear a mask if they can. Although not compulsory, we will try to normalise the wearing of masks and encourage physical distancing on school site.

What is still possible:

- Gatherings of students up to 100 people. This means sports practices and games will continue.
- Regular classes and class trips.
- Wearable Arts Competition tomorrow.
What is not possible:

- Our open night for 2021 year 7 students and their families. This has been postponed to 9th September, 2020.
- Showcase. We are going to make a call about this on Friday or Monday at the latest. Our Plan B is to film all the acts and create a video for distribution.
- Large sports events such as the inter-school cross country planned for Friday. This has been cancelled.

Summary

The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected.

You can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, who our staff and students have been in close contact with and take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe.

Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. We do, however, know it is challenging in schools, so good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are even more important here. This includes staff and students coughing into their elbows, handwashing and drying and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

Our school has safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site.

It’s important, however, that not just at school, but at home, safe hygiene habits are practiced by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: https://covid19.govt.nz/
SCHOOL NOTICES

Attendance
We expect all students to arrive to school on time, be at school every day and to be well prepared for their learning. School starts at 8.40 am and students who are late often miss the early notices, key instructions or even the mathematics, reading and writing programmes that commence before 9.00 am. Students arriving late for school need to sign in at the Absentee Desk in the Resource Room. If your child is absent, please ensure your message contains your child’s first and last name and their room number.

Bike Lock Up
All bikes and scooters need to be removed from the bike lock up areas after school as these lock ups remain open after hours. Bikes remaining after school may be at risk.

Lost Property
Please could all parents/caregivers ensure all students clothing and sandals/shoes are clearly named, ie names under sandal straps. Use laundry marker or twink to name the back of jumpers, inside of jackets, hats etc. Every endeavour is made to return named items to the student, however, this is impossible if items are not named.

Please reinforce that clothing is not to be left on the field or around the school during break times. The lost property is stored in the hall and available for viewing from 8.00 am – 4.00 pm for parents who would like to search for their child’s missing item/s.

Medical
Parents to be aware that our school does not have a School Nurse on site. If your child is sick or requiring medical attention before the start of the school day, please keep them at home. If they have injuries that require physio or strapping, this needs to be arranged from home.

Wet Weather Arrangements
Please discuss with your child your plan for after school pick up if it is raining as the office phone is for emergency only. We have many students who are requesting to use the office phone as they don’t know their after-school arrangements on wet days.

Traffic is very busy on wet days and a good pick up point is at Carlton Reserve as there is plenty of car parking spaces available and students can walk to Carlton Reserve from behind Rooms 21 to 26.
HEALTH INFORMATION AT ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

What is Health Education About?

In health and physical education, the focus is on the well-being of the students themselves, of other people, and of society through learning in health-related and movement contexts.

(NZ Curriculum)

In health education, students develop their understanding of the factors that influence the health of individuals, groups and society. They will:

- Develop competencies for mental wellness and safety management.
- Develop understandings of nutritional needs.
- Build resilience through strengthening their personal identity and sense of self-worth, through managing change and loss, and through engaging in processes for responsible decision making.
- Learn to demonstrate empathy and develop skills that will enhance relationships.

Students use these skills and understandings to take critical action to promote personal, interpersonal and societal well-being.

(New Zealand Curriculum, page 23)

School-wide, we have an unrelenting focus on a culture of care and personal responsibility. All students have a right to a safe physical, emotional and social environment in which to learn and interact with their peers. This means everyone looking out for each other, showing respect for themselves and others and making safe choices.

For us, health education is also about enabling students to build life skills where they can identify unsafe situations in an increasingly complex world and know how to keep themselves safe.

Year 7 Programme

This is aimed at levels 3 and 4 of the New Zealand Curriculum. In this programme students will:

- Describe the characteristics of pubertal change and discuss positive adjustment strategies;
- Describe how social messages and stereotypes, including those in the media, can affect feelings of self-worth;
- Understand and describe constructive use of the internet and mobile technologies;
- Understand and discuss the potential impact of cyberbullying and online activities, thus preventing them becoming victims or perpetrators;
- Investigate and/or access a range of community resources that support wellbeing of community members (link to Communities – Social Sciences);
- Specify individual responsibilities and take collective action for the care and safety of other people in their school and in the wider community (link to Communities – Social Sciences).
Resources used to deliver this programme include:

- **Pubertal Changes** - Sexuality Education Levels 1-4 (pg 10-11) and Positive Puberty
- **Cyberbullying** - www.netsafe.org.nz; DVD’s – At a Distance, Let’s fight It Together; www.digizen.org/cyberbullying/fullguidance (John Parsons Workshop)
- **Keeping Ourselves Safe** (modules 1 and 2 only)

Parents will be invited to a meeting later in the year where these resources will be shared and a discussion held.

**Year 8 Programme**

This is aimed at levels 4 and 5 of the New Zealand Curriculum. In this programme students will:

- Access and use information to make and action safe choices in the context of personal safety involving drugs and social interactions;
- Describe how social messages and stereotypes, including those in the media, can affect feelings of self-worth;
- Identify the effects of changing situations, roles and responsibilities on relationships and describe appropriate responses;
- Understand and describe constructive use of the internet and mobile technology;
- Understand and discuss the potential impact of cyberbullying and online activities, thus preventing them becoming victims or perpetrators;
- Recognise instances of discrimination and act responsibly to support their own rights and feelings and those of other people (link to Human Rights – Social Sciences).

**Sexuality Education**

During previous consultation with parents, our parents overwhelmingly felt that secondary school was the appropriate time to cover topics such as contraception, sexually transmitted diseases and other sexuality topics. We do, however, cover self-image in both Year 7 and 8, especially around the influences of media on individuals.

Resources used to deliver this programme include:

- **Keeping Ourselves Safe** (modules 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- **Cyberbullying** – www.mylgp.org.nz (John Parsons Workshop)
- **Drug and Alcohol Education** – amped4life – Pat Buckley
- **Human Rights** (integrated with Social Sciences)
- **Nutrition** (integrated into Year 8 technology programme).

The school uses a presentation to cover a range of Keeping Ourselves Safe topics at Year 8. This is delivered by Pat Buckley in a one-hour presentation. The presentation is called “Destination by Design”, Life Education that is real and relevant. Pat delivered this today prior to midday.
The content is all about making positive choices in all situation’s adolescents could find themselves in. Students are told “your life is like a book and you are its author. All choices have consequences that ripple out and touch others.”

76 pictures are used to address the following topics:

- Drugs, including alcohol abuse;
- Cyberbullying;
- Responsible risk taking and not taking unsafe risks;
- Choosing the right friends to keep you safe;
- Staying involved in positive activities;
- Being a good influence;
- Learning from your mistakes;
- Do the best you can;
- Look after your family;
- Don’t let your past shape your future.

We also use John Parsons from Simulate2educate to present to all students around cyber safety. John was scheduled to speak to parents at a PTA sponsored Information Night on 14th May 2020 but this has not been possible. We are currently working with John to see how we can deliver his presentation with the current restrictions in place. You can access his videos at:

- www.Citizen21.co.nz

John Parsons

John Parsons is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools, the private sector and the health sector, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology.

John is the co-developer of cutting-edge cyber safety Internet Health Safety education now being delivered in Schools and to adult learning groups.

He promotes the rights of children to be judged fairly recognising their rights to use communication technology safely and with respect for themselves and others.

John’s sessions have been widely acclaimed nationally and by our Intermediate parents in previous years. He is highly recommended and parents will come away better equipped to assist their children on the internet.
THE HONORABLE SIMON BRIDGES, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR TAURANGA, VISITS ŌTŪMOETAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

On Monday we had a special guest at our school assembly. Simon Bridges was welcomed to the stage by Student Leaders, Liliana and Liam, and he addressed the school. In his relaxed and friendly talk to staff and students, he spoke of his love of politics and his pride of making a difference to the laws on animal cruelty.

The student leaders asked Simon questions on behalf of the school. When asked “What got you in to politics and how old were you?” Simon knew this question was coming, and he had brought with him a childhood book. He explained how he had bought the book at age 11 years, with his pocket money. This was his first political book, and as a youngster Simon had written this in the front cover; it was on ‘Politics and Governments’. He knew back then, where he would like to head and he told the students to follow their dreams and passions, whatever that may be.

Another question was, “What is the hardest decision you have had to make as a Member of Parliament?” He explained how difficult it was for him to lose his leadership role and how he had to decide whether he should stay or leave politics and do something else. But after writing a list of positives and negatives – he felt he still had much to contribute and decided to stay on as a Member of Parliament for the National party.

When asked whether people younger than 18 years old should vote – his answer to this was “no” – and he emphasised that actually the important thing is, once you get to 18 years old, make sure you come to a decision and actually go out there and vote. He stressed to everyone how important this is.

At the end of Simon addressing the school, we had three amazing school bands perform items for us.

Simon was heading off to media interviews and even some door knocking if he could fit it into his schedule.

We wish you well Simon, and thank you for taking your time to come and share our morning.

Ali McPike
YEAR 8 RUTHERFORD SCIENCE STUDENTS GO OUT TO TEACH

On the last day of Term 2, our Year 8 Rutherford Science students went out to the Year 7 classes to teach them about Ecklonia radiata, the common brown kelp. This was a three-week project.

Week one, the science groups of three or four students did their own research finding information on this species of kelp. They researched things like; naming the features of the organism, how it reproduced, locations where it was found around NZ, what its function is, who eats it, research and explain photosynthesis – a process that this organism does, even though it is not a plant, and then looked at the ecology and how it is used commercially.

Week two, the groups put their lessons together, worked out their roles within their group and sorted activities to reinforce their students’ learning. There were games of Kahoot, word finds, quizzes and anatomy sheets being produced.

Week three, the Year 8 students went into year 7 classes to teach. At the end of their lessons, they had 10 minutes with their students to reflect on their learning. The Year 8 science students loved the experience. They had a debrief time, where they could reflect and discuss what went well and why, and what they could improve on next time. From a teacher’s point of view, it was impressive to watch the Year 8 students perform so well and take things in their stride. They worked well together in their groups, helping each other out and slipping into the roles they were comfortable with. This also gave the students time to show leadership and confidence. There were time constraints, and some students were away due to illness, but their team members stayed calm and took over new roles on the day.

Ali McPike
FROM OUR TRAVEL SAFE LEADERS

We will be running a ‘BE BRIGHT” competition for our cyclists at school. The Travel Safe Leaders are promoting ‘Be bright on your bike’. Simply write us a note why YOU need a set of lights for your bike; remember to include your name and room number. The winners will be drawn in August and announced at an assembly.

There are two cool prizes to win and then additional spot prizes will be delivered to your rooms. Don’t let winter put you off riding your bike. If you are out early in the morning, or go to a late afternoon sports practice, wear reflective gear plus a white front light and a red rear light on your bike. Remember to angle the front light down so it doesn’t dazzle other road or path users. Also, check you have got a rear red reflector!

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sheree Ellis, our Travel Safe Coordinator at the Tauranga City Council for all her help, advice, and support and for providing us with awesome prizes.

Ali McPike

Compulsory Equipment For Your Bike [The official NZ code for cyclists]

✓ A red or yellow rear reflector that is visible from a distance of 200 metres when light shines on it.
✓ Good brakes on the front and back wheels (or, if the cycle was made before 1 January 1988, a good brake on the back wheel).

When cycling at night or when visibility is poor, cycles must have the following:

✓ One or more steady or flashing rear-facing red lights that can be seen at night from a distance of 200 metres
✓ One or two white or yellow headlights that can be seen at night from a distance of 200 metres. Only one of these headlights may flash.
✓ Pedal retroreflectors on the forward and rear-ward facing surfaces of each pedal. If the cycle does not have these the cyclist must be wearing reflective material.

Cycle Lights

There are many cycle lights on the market – some are designed to help cyclists be seen by other road users during times of low light, and some lights are designed to help cyclists see where they are going, like a headlight. When considering lights, it is important to be mindful that:

➢ Headlights should be attached to handlebars and pointing down:

Your lights can be a hazard if used incorrectly. You must not use cycle lighting equipment in such a way that it dazzles, confuses, or distracts so as to endanger the safety of other road users. Angling your front lights down toward the road helps prevent this. Correct use of cycle lighting will make your cycling experience safer and more enjoyable, while ensuring other road users are not at risk.
LOCKDOWN HEROES

After lockdown ended and we came back to school we talked about the people who were our lockdown heroes. Lockdown heroes were people who still worked, whānau who helped us at home, and people who helped the community. We wanted to show our appreciation for all of the hard work Aotearoa put into our lockdown. Students from Room 17, 20, and 29 wrote to a variety of people including mums, dads, teachers, Jacinda Ardern, and Jeff (from Brookfield New World).

We sent our thank you letters off to Jacinda in Parliament. A few weeks later Jacinda wrote back to us! We were very excited to receive a letter from the Prime Minister. We were thrilled to see that she had written a personal note on the letter!

Miss Smart dropped some cards off to Jeff at New World. A few of us wanted to thank Jeff for all his hard work. He worked throughout level 4 sanitising our trollies so we could shop safely.

Thank you to everyone in our community who helped keep Aotearoa safe.
AUSTRALASIAN ICAS COMPETITIONS

At Ōtūmoetai Intermediate we encourage all our students to enter the Australasian ICAS competition. Below is a timetable of dates and the cost of each exam. Please note that this year there will be no Writing or Spelling Bee exams.

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The closing dates for payment are as above and no late entries will be accepted. Complete the return slip below and return with the correct payment in an envelope and hand into the school office. Please make sure you included your child’s first and last name, year level and room number.

× AUSTRALIAN ICAS COMPETITIONS ×

Child’s Name: ______________________________________________ Room: _______ Yr Level: _______

I would like to enter the following Australian competitions:

☐ Digital Technologies  $15.95  ☐ Mathematics  $15.95
☐ Science  Closed  ☐ English  $15.95

I enclose $_________________________ in payment

Signed: ____________________________

Parent/Caregiver
SPORTS NEWS

Thank You

A big thank you to Brookfield New World for their generous sponsorship of 30 new Sports Gear Bags. They are very much appreciated!

Winter Tournament Competitions

On Friday 31st July 2020 a large contingent of students competed in the inter-intermediate schools’ winter tournament. Schools from as far away as Gisborne, Rotorua, Whakatane, plus our local intermediates competed in rugby, netball, hockey and football.

Football

Boys

On the 31st August, we took two teams to Fergusson Park. The Boys ‘A’ team progressed from their group with three wins and a draw. The Boys ‘B’ played well, a highlight being their 3-1 win over Te Puke. The Boys ‘A’ team progressed to the semi-finals where they lost a tight game 3-2 to Tauranga. The team finished the tournament in third place after beating Whakatane 2-0. Both teams demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Girls

Our Girls football team had an outstanding tournament winning all their pool games - to finish top in their pool. They played Mount Maunganui in the semi-final winning 4-1 and then beat Tauranga Intermediate 4-2 in the final. The team was superbly led by captain Maia Smith with standout performances by strikers Grace Duncan and Lydia Matic who scored 12 and 11 goals respectively in six matches! A great team effort all round and a well-deserved tournament win for the girls.

Hockey

It was a great day out with six games played for each team with tough competition against other BOP schools. Our girls A team placed 7th= with a couple of tough games against Whakatane boys. They also had an exciting game that came down to golden goal. This means that next goal wins and a player is withdrawn from the field every 30 sec. It was very exciting with a 2 vs 2 at the end. The boys A team placed 9th with some great field play and defence shown throughout their games. The mixed A team placed 16th with some outstanding play from Luca in the goal. The teams represented our school very well and it was great to see so much awesome hockey played.
Netball
The Year 7a and 8a Netball teams competed in the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay Intermediate Winter tournament on Friday July 31st. Both teams showed great teamwork, sportsmanship and commitment on the day, playing every game with lots of effort and enthusiasm.

Rugby
Our 15-a-side rugby squad participated in the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay Winter Tournament held at Blake Park in Mount Maunganui.

To kick off the day, Ōtūmoetai competed well against two very strong sides in Te Puke and Gisborne but unfortunately were defeated. They then faced Kaitao and came away with the victory scoring 22 points to 10.

The OIS team finished sixth for the day with Tauranga Intermediate defeating Taupo in a tense final.

Intermediate Sports Competitions:

Basketball
The OIS Girls Green and OIS Boys Green teams competed in the Kaitao Tournament in Rotorua recently. Both teams had a fantastic day of basketball, playing against some tough teams from around the mid-North Island.

The boys team placed an outstanding third place, beating many challenging teams through their pool play and finals. The girls team won two games and lost two games, coming away with a sixth place overall.

Liam has been named in the A Grade Tauranga team, Kurei in the B Grade, Fred and Jack in the C Grade.

Netball
On Sunday 2nd August 2020 the Year 7A team also competed in a tournament at Harbourside. They played really well coming second on the day.
COMMUNICATING WITH PARENTS

More and more of our school information is available electronically and we have two apps which are great for your mobile phones:

- The Findus App at www.findus.co.nz/ōtūmoetaiintermediateschool enables you to access the information shown below.

- The Skool Loop App enables you to access our school calendar directly on your mobile phone. This is updated regularly. To download this app: In Google Play & App Store search ‘Skool Loop’ and choose Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School once installed.

All families who have provided us with their email addresses have been loaded onto our School-management system and will receive notifications and other school information via email.
Thanks to the following businesses for sponsoring our school app:

- **Need help finding the right loan?**
  - Karen Raggett
  - Mortgage Adviser

- **TYREM MASTER**
  - 30 YEARS, STILL LOCAL, STILL INDEPENDENT

- **TECTUM CONSULTING PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

- **Bay Physiotherapy Centre Limited**
  - Taking care of you and your family
  - Tap here for more information

- **Residential Property Management**
  - Tauranga, Mt Maunganui, Papamoa

- **Tauranga Hardware & Plumbing**
  - Celebrating 90 years
  - Saving the day
  - 1913-2013

- **first credit union**
  - A great first savings account for kids!
  - It encourages good money management and lets them see their savings grow!

- **be alarmed COMPLETE SECURITY SOLUTIONS**

- **Smile Art Braces**

- **PLUMBING WORKS**

- **TAURANGA TENPINO**
TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

Bus Transport

No student should be travelling on a Tauranga Transport Network rural bus without a Term or annual bus pass. If you have not yet purchased your child’s bus pass, please be aware that students will not be admitted on the buses without a pass.

Coming to School by Bicycle

Students are welcome to cycle to and from school in their PE gear for better visibility but must change into their uniform for the school day. Please remember cycle helmets must be worn. Cycles are stored in our two secure cycle enclosures. Students should also secure their own bike to the bicycle stand. Although the cycle enclosures are locked daily, the school takes no responsibility for stolen bikes or helmets. We will however, follow up any attempted or reported thefts. Fortunately, these are extremely rare occurrences.

Coming to School by Scooter

Last term a number of students came to school on scooters. In previous years these have been banned from school along with skateboards because of the danger these have posed to the rider and other pedestrians. We will look closely at student behaviour in the first few weeks of this term and reserve the right to ban scooters from the school should problems arise. The school will not take responsibility for the security of scooters and will not provide storage for them in classroom areas. Scooters may be locked into the bike stands alongside bicycles. Skateboards are not permitted on school site at any time unless we are holding a skateboard day.

Coming to School by Car

A big thank you to all drivers who are complying with the clearway signs at the front of the school and parking safely on authorised carparks. If you are a regular driver, please make arrangements to pick up your child in Queen Road or Ngatai Road.

Picking Up and Dropping Off Students - Parents and Caregivers become part of the solution

Please pre-plan your pick up and drop off of students at the car park Carlton St reserve off Ngatai Road, avoid Charles Street altogether and let your student walk up to the school. The Carlton St reserve, off Ngatai Road below the school, provides plenty of free vehicle parks and students can walk safely to and from school.
The congestion in Charles Street becomes unsafe and it is important for buses to use this area. It would also leave this small street accessible for parents picking up a student in emergencies.

Please do not park on the yellow lines at the front of the school.

Consider Park & Stride

This means you park approximately 500m away and walk to meet your child. The benefits include: less congestion and improved safety around school gates, developing your child’s road sense and mood boosting exercise. Carlton Reserve is ideal, it’s only a short stroll away and has 130 parking spaces.

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Safety Concerns in School Carpark

Some mornings before school there are sports training sessions. Consequently, there are often students around our school earlier than normal. All too often we are seeing parents who are clearly in a hurry to drop their child off and get to their own work, who drive into the front carpark at really excessive speeds.

They usually then continue with the speed and exit by the top cycle enclosure. Others drive into the exits at similar speeds. Numerous times, other drivers have had to stop their car, or get out of the way on foot as this happens. Our main concern is for those students on foot who are also early for a training session. We would like to appeal to our parents dropping off a student to put student safety first when entering or exiting our car park.

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