



School Gate Closures & Combined School/P&C Meeting Information

Friday, December 1, 2017.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday (Thursday, November 30 from 10-11am) the school Executive staff and I met with the P&C President Ross Mannell and around 15 parents/caregivers to discuss changes to the school gates, following some concerns and suggestions being made regarding the closure of gates. The meeting was a very productive and positive one and I thank all of those who attended for not only attending but also for sharing their ideas, concerns and messages of support regarding some of the changes.

Information was shared to further clarify the reasons for the change, questions were asked and answered and some great suggestions were put forward. Follow-up resulting from today's meeting will include:

- The Henwood Street gate (oval gate) will be open from 8.30-8.50am for the remainder of Term 4, with a supervising teacher in this area. This teacher is volunteering and the school will look into ways of making this a rostered duty in 2018. Parents/carers are to support the staff completing this additional duty by not requesting they open the gate again after 8.50am, so that the teacher has time to get to their class and learning is not interrupted.
- The Henwood Street gate will also be opened as soon as possible from 2.55-3.10pm. The teacher opening and supervising this duty will do so for the remainder of Term 4 instead of the Library being open at recess. The Library will still be accessible at lunchtime. Again, we will look into ways of making this a rostered duty in 2018 however with all staff already having duties, and with those in attendance at the meeting not wanting to reduce the opportunities for children (ie accessing the library/other extra-curricular opportunities) this may not continue in 2018, but we will keep you informed. Please be mindful that if the teacher on gate duty has to attend to a student who is leaving class late, or if the teacher has to advise a parent who wants to speak to them that they have to open the gate, they may be a few minutes late.
- Over the coming weeks, before the end of Term 4, a working party has been formed to write a proposal to council/the local traffic management committee to consider putting a "Stop and Drop" area on the school side of the road in Randolph Street, as well as a disabled car parking spot. The current proposal is that this is placed on the Main Street end of the bus bay, between the crossing and Main Street.

If you have any questions about the above changes, or have any alternate ideas, please contact the school Administration Office on (02) 64951266 to arrange a time to meet/talk with me, complete the Survey Monkey that we will soon be posting on Facebook and our website, or add your suggestions to the response sheet on the back of this note and return it to the office.

Regards,

Michelle Hulme
Principal

School Gate Closure Response and Ideas

Name (optional): _____

Parent/Carer of (optional): _____ Class/es: _____

Please (tick): ☐ contact me on _____ to discuss further
☐ consider my ideas but you do not need to contact me.

My ideas for consideration

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