



# BUCKLANDS BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Travelwise  
School

20 March 2013

Dear Parents

BBPS is becoming a Travel School in a special assembly ceremony on Friday the 17th of May attended by Mayor Len Brown. The assembly will run from 2.15 until 2.45pm. You are welcome to attend.

For your information, these are our current Initiatives:

- 1. Walking School Buses:** Three currently operate:
  - along Clovelly Road and Patros Place
  - from Aylmer Court and Vivian Wilson Drive through to Eastern Beach Road
  - outside 137b Bucklands Beach Road, past Whitcombe Road and McCrystal Avenue.Application forms are available at the office.
- 2. Walking to / from School:** Students are encouraged to walk to school, for fitness and to relieve traffic congestion. Where possible, walking in groups is advised and children are told to go straight home after school unless supervised by a parent.
- 3. Scooters:** Racks are provided and students are expected to follow the scooter trails on our paths. Scooters should be pushed in congested areas, especially on the courts. Helmets are encouraged.
- 4. Parents of Year 6 students** may write to the Deputy Principal seeking permission for their child to ride to school and racks are provided. **N.B.:**
  - **All care / no responsibility** is taken for bikes and scooters.
  - **Skateboards** are not permitted at school at any time.



## New Proposals

The Auckland City Council has done a comprehensive audit of the area, including several local schools as far as Macleans College. Recommendations have a high likelihood of implementation within the current year. Intersections adjacent BBPS will be upgraded to provide safer pedestrian traffic and the Waller exit from school will be much improved. With these improvements there will be more yellow dotted lines, which will reduce stopping outside the school. The board has been in negotiation with traffic engineers to communicate the importance of parking outside the school and we have been successful in retaining more parking than the original plan proposed.

## Drop off / Collect Bay at BBPS

The B.O.T. is responsive to the needs of parents who need to commute their children to and from school. It is providing a drop off / collect bay within the school premises and this will be trialled in the coming weeks.

The turnaround will be at the entrance of the staff car park and will be operational by Friday or early next week.

In the initial time of change, we wish to avoid confusion, maintain safety and inform our parents clearly about how the Drop off / Collect Bay will operate.

Increased traffic is expected and so we will have some very tight rules everyone needs to adhere to.

Your co-operation in the correct use of the turnaround trial is essential.

### **DROP OFF / COLLECT ZONE RULES:**

Quick drop off / collect of less than 30 secs.  
(Driver does not get out of car so “Kiss & Cuddle” at home!)

Left turn only when exiting (No right turn)

Drop off / Collect only in allocated area

Keep pedestrian crossing free. (Do not back up and queue across pedestrian crossing. You may need to go around the block rather than queue or drop off at the rear entrance)

Drop off zone will be closed in the afternoon until 3.10pm, so pedestrian traffic can clear the area prior to cars coming in. This will aid congestion in the area

All children waiting for collection by car at the drop off / collect bay will congregate under hall verandah

### **Waller Ave Entrance**

Until the proposed changes occur, supervision of children crossing the road is recommended, especially as there may be increased traffic along Waller Ave. Cars are asked to be vigilant and look out for children crossing before and after school. Cars waiting to collect children from the Waller entrance are asked to abide by the council’s parking restrictions.

The Travel Wise initiatives and proposed changes are designed to improve access to school and keep our children safe. As with any change, we will all need to be patient and especially careful until the new routines become a habit. By working together our children will remain safe.

N.B. A friendly reminder: The Council supervises driving near the school on occasion, so please remember the road rules to avoid a fine!

Dorothy Bodley  
**Principal**

