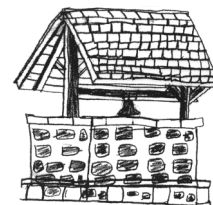


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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Road Safe update

Following a number of situations arising around the school area reflecting Road Safe issues we have some reminders to update you with.

Patrols: DCC patrols will be in the area regularly to keep an eye on traffic flow and parking. Please remember to park a block away if you can so that congestion at the gate can be at a minimal. Please also note that new yellow lines have been put in place to support traffic flow.

Parents have been getting tickets for dangerous double parking near Columba College (ODT 18 May). Parents cannot expect to turn up at the end of the school day and get a park right outside. Parking has never been freely available in that area with three schools and around one thousand students in the vicinity. Although parking has decreased with the construction site, many of the cars parked in Tyne St seem to belong to senior students at the College.

As a parent at one of these schools, strategies I use include: wait until the first wave of parents has left and arrive ten minutes after the end of school. Tell your child to always wait for you to come and get her. If you must be there when the students are let out, plan on getting there half an hour early.

Good on the Council for trying to watch out for our children's safety. Please send someone there particularly on wet days when the traffic density increases, visibility decreases and driver behaviour deteriorates.

Traffic Diversion: We hope we have solved the problem of the diversion around Wright, Tyne and Oban Street. This will be in place 9.15 am – 2.45 pm over the next few days. There has been an increased flow of traffic around the block due to this. Please take care at these times.

Road Crossings: Increased traffic flow and developments at the Ryman construction area have created issues for parking and traffic flow around the school. Please take care at patrolled crossings and remind children that they are to cross at these patrolled areas.

Dear Editor,

The law requires drivers to give way to pedestrians on both sides of all pedestrian crossings unless the pedestrian crossing is divided by a traffic island. Recently I volunteered to do a week of morning crossing duty for my primary school. I considered this would be a good way to support the school and ensure the kids got safely across the road.

Wearing my florescent orange jacket, I was very visible when standing on the crossing on Highgate (close to Wright Street). However, during the time I spent on crossing duty during the week (8.30-9am each day) there were 19 drivers that failed to stop.

Most drivers on Highgate at this time of the morning are likely to be regular users of the road - this will be their usual way to get to school and/or work. Depending on how far they travel along Highgate they may encounter three pedestrian crossings just on this one road.

Last year in Dunedin there were 15 crashes at pedestrian crossings, 8 of these resulting in injuries. To those 19 drivers who failed to stop, please watch out for the parent volunteers who stand on the crossing to tell the children when they can cross safely. Don't be responsible for increasing the injury statistics or, even worse, causing a fatality.

Our children have the right to safely cross the road and drivers have the responsibility to adhere to the law and stop when someone is on a pedestrian crossing irrelevant of where they are on the crossing. Pedestrians on crossings have the right of way!

Yours sincerely,

Barb Long

Thank you for your support with this. We hope that these issues do not go on for long and that we can maintain a safe environment for our children in the mornings and after school.

Nigel Wilson
Principal