



Important information regarding: Road Closures April - July 2024

28th March 2024

Dear families,

As you are aware there will be road closures which will significantly impact our daily routine at Holy Cross. I am writing to you today regarding arrangements for access to our car park at the beginning of Term 2. Please see below for further information.

At this stage a section of **Hamilton Road is set to close next Tuesday 2nd April**. On our return to school in Term 2 a single lane of traffic will be open for cars to access our driveway from the Mount Macedon Road side. Buses will not be able to utilise the single lane access.

Bus access:

Buses will enter the 'exit' gate and do a loop around our current staff parking area. No car parking is permitted on the left side of the loop. Please see red shaded area on map below. Cars must give way to buses entering via the exit gate.

Families who use the Mount Macedon / Woodend / Riddells Creek buses will be sent a revised timetable to reflect the road closures. These buses will all still drop off/pick up at Holy Cross as they are dedicated school buses.

Gisborne Transit bus (Gis Bus)

The Gisborne Transit bus is a part of the public transport system. Therefore bus routes will terminate at the train station. A staff member will meet the children at the train station each morning and walk with them to school from there. In the afternoon a staff member will walk the children to the train station and see them onto the bus. We are very grateful that staff have agreed to take on this additional duty to ensure the safety of children using the public bus.

Car access for families:

Cars will enter via the usual entry gate and park at the front of the school, or on the asphalt area. It is absolutely vital that the loop around the asphalt area keep moving so we avoid traffic backlogs. If you would like to chat to your child's teacher or you need more time to say goodbye to your child please park in the centre of the asphalt so that we maintain a flow of traffic.

Supervision of children at drop off and pick up:

Drop off - we will continue to have a staff member supervising the asphalt drop off area. A staff member will also be supervising the area outside classrooms, as per our usual practice.

Pick up - We will continue to have designated staff members supervising the buses at pick up time. Staff members will walk their class out to the basketball court for pick up.

Hamilton Road will reopen on 17th April (approx)

Please also note that Baringo Road will close on 17th April for approximately four weeks. All traffic that usually travels along Baringo Road to access Holy Cross will have to find alternative routes via Gisborne/Macedon.

Pedestrian access to Holy Cross will be maintained throughout the road closures.

We will assess how this system works in the first week of implementation and make necessary changes in line with safety. We are appreciative of your support during this challenging time and request that as a community we approach this with patience. It will eventually be worth it as we will have a safer entry to our school for pedestrians, as well as ease of access to the Sports Precinct.

Kind regards,
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