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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our usual Newsletter will be going home on Friday this week, but as there is some information you need to be aware of I am sending this letter home today.

POSTPONEMENT OF WAITOMO CAVES TRIP

Owing to the recent amount of rain which the North Island has received, the water level in the Waitomo Caves is at an extremely high level. Unfortunately, due to safety reasons, this has necessitated the postponement of our planned trip. This excursion will now be organised to take place in Term 3.

PORTFOLIOS/SCHOOL BOOKS

To enable you to view your child's progress over the term, Junior Portfolios will be brought home today and Senior children will be bringing their School Books home. Please return the Portfolios as soon as possible, but School Books must be returned tomorrow as children will need them for class work which will be continuing to the end of the week. If you would like to discuss your child's progress, teachers will be available in their classrooms between 8.00a.m. and 8.30a.m. each morning or you may phone the Office to arrange an appointment.

SACRED HEARTS / ST. JOHN'S VISIT

A reminder that representatives from the Catholic Colleges in Hamilton will be visiting our school on Wednesday 2nd July. Any parents who are interested in hearing about these schools are most welcome to join us at 1.30p.m. on this day.

NEW BUS ROUTES

I am writing to let you know of the changes to the present bus routes. A new Naikē bus will transport children who live in this area, to the Ruawaro Hall where they will be picked up by the Rotowaro Bus. The new Rotowaro (Pukemiro/Huntly) bus run will start from Pukemiro School and continue through Waikokowai/Ruawaro/Hetherington Road route (see map overleaf) picking up children from the Ruawaro Hall on the way. However this new 'Rotowaro' route will not be able to pick up children living between the Huntly and Rotowaro section as the bus will be starting from the Pukemiro School and will be left there overnight and during the day. Children living in this unserved area will need to catch the bus at the intersection of Rotowaro Road/Cordenville Road (Waikokowai) at approx. 7.40a.m. The bus will not be deviating from the marked route, it will be dropping off students at the college and continuing directly to St. Anthony's via the main road, dropping off children then proceeding back to Pukemiro to pick up and deliver their students to school. Therefore we would not anticipate a problem with overcrowding. In the afternoon it will be exactly the same in reverse, it will not be going to any other schools.

I have been given another 'User Pays' bus route which will cater for the local children (see overleaf). The run will start at the depot and proceed to pick children up from the Huntly East area then proceed across the river picking up children and dropping them off at Huntly West School and Rakaumanga and then returning back towards St. Anthony's dropping children off at other schools on the way (yellow). At the moment the only definite pick up points are marked with an X but these may be added to as needed by the bus company. The cost of each trip is \$1.00.

The only guide to times, is the fact that the bus will be leaving the depot at 8.00a.m for the local route and the 'Rotowaro' bus will be leaving Pukemiro School at 7.30a.m. After the first few runs, the pick up and delivery times should be set and be more precise.

I hope this has given a clearer picture of the routes. If you live more than 2.5 kilometres away from any of these designated bus routes, you may qualify to apply for Transport Assistance. These changes will take effect from the beginning of Term 3.

God bless,

Hazel Rayner
(Principal)