

Dear parents of bus one (West bus) children

This letter provides some important information in regards to the school buses.

The bus rules are here: Students who travel on a school bus may continue to do so while they behave in a safe and reasonable manner. The behaviour expected from school bus children can be seen in our bus rules.

Our bus leaders: Bus leaders are Te Raakau children trained in how to support other children by New Zealand police. Their role is to remind children of the bus rules and to inform me when children have been asked to comply and have not done so.

What happens if a child is repeatedly not doing the right thing? If a student behaves in an inappropriate or unsafe manner the school takes steps to manage this behaviour, as in any other area of school life. It is important to note that a student not meeting expected behaviour standards risks losing their place on the school bus either temporarily or permanently. We will contact you if we have ongoing concerns over behaviour.

Keeping your child safe: Please remind children to follow these guidelines to keep your child safe:

- Wait in the designated place – well back from the road.
- Wait until the bus has stopped before getting on or off
- Carry your bag in front of you so it does not get caught in the door.
- If seated, put your bag (and anything else you are carrying) on your lap or under the seat in front of you.
- If there are no empty seats, fill the bus from the back first. Put your bag on the floor and hold on to a seat-back or handrail.
- Get off the bus carefully without pushing.
- Wait well back from the road until the bus has moved away.
- If you need to cross, find a safe place, wait until the bus has moved away and you can see clearly up and down the road, then cross.

Bus roll checking and parents notices: For Te Kaakano children we require a confirmed list of days they will be using the bus from parents. These children will be taken to the bus waiting area (the Te Kaho classroom) by a Te Kaakano teacher.

For other children, they are expected to make their own way to the bus waiting area if they are catching the bus. They must do so straight away after school.

A daily roll is taken off all children using the afternoon bus.

Please use SkoolBag, SMS or phone to inform us of changes to your child's daily bus use.

Problems or questions? Contact Matt at the school matts@whatawhata.school.nz

On the Buses

Let younger children sit at the front of the bus

Listen to the instructions of the driver and bus leaders

Stay sitting down on the seat you choose the whole time

Use your inside voices

Care for the bus and for each other



Whatawhata School Bus Services

All children living on these roads and more than 3.2km from school are entitled to use these FREE bus services. Please get your children to use it whenever possible.

Please make sure you have subscribed to the "Bus Users" group in SkoolBag. To share a bus message use the "Bus Message" form in SkoolBag.

Bus One: The West Bus

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - AM SERVICE

Route	Approx time
Stop at Highbrook entrance	7.35
R Karakariki Road, Karakariki Christian Camp, return	7.40 - 7.45
R onto State Highway 23	7.50
L Glentui Lane. Stop at 15 Glentui Lane then return back	7.55
R State Highway 23. Stop opposite Highbrook entrance	8.00
R Ferguson Road. Continue along Ferguson Road onto Te Pahu Road	8.05
L Te Pahu Road. Continue down Te Pahu Road to 1889 Te Pahu Road and turn around at this point.	8.10
Return back up Te Pahu Road.	
Arrive at Whatawhata School	8.15

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - PM SERVICE

Route	Approx time
Depart Whatawhata School on School Road	14.40
Stop at Highbrook entrance	14.45
R Karakariki Road, Karakariki Christian Camp, return	14.50 - 14.55
R State Highway 23	
L Glen Tui Lane. Stop at 15 Glentui Lane then return back	15.05
R State Highway 23	
R Ferguson Road. Continue along Ferguson Road onto Te Pahu Road	15.10
L Te Pahu Road. Continue down Te Pahu Road to 1889 Te Pahu Road and turn around at this point	15.15
Return back up Te Pahu Road.	
Return to Whatawhata School	15.20