



Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

We want to reassure everyone that there are no changes to the times of arrival and departure of the Manurewa & Ihumatao/Pukaki buses. Only the Papakura bus service is in question at present.

I am meeting with the bus company tomorrow about the situation with the Papakura bus as the only that service has been suspended. It is important to note that the behaviour of some of our tamariki are putting our contract in danger of being cancelled permanently. Furthermore, due to a large shortage of bus drivers these contractors can go wherever they like. The worst-case scenario for our kura COULD be that bus companies will not allow us to book with them if it gets out that we are not respectful of bus drivers.

In light of this, we ask that if parents have problems with the drivers, it is imperative that you only come and raise your concerns with me and NOT the drivers. But it is without a doubt, after my investigation with other observers on the buses, that we have a handful of kids that are being mean, rude and not listening to anyone!

Kura Tuarua students are not there to manage them as they have previously been viewed as 'bullying' the Kura Tuatahi students and we are not in a position to put staff on the bus. Therefore, the answer resides in parents sitting down with their children and reminding them that the bus service is a privilege not their right! I am giving final notice to all passengers on all buses that any student big or small identified as being disrespectful in any way will no longer be allowed to ride the bus!

This is a reminder of the rules for all buses:

- No going to the shop after school and making the bus wait as it won't. If it is an older sibling, all children within that whānau will be removed from the bus for their safety, and they will have to find their own way home.
- Students playing loud offensive music on the bus is prohibited.
- No swearing or shouting at each other.
- Standing up on seats or up while bus is in motion is not allowed.
- No throwing rubbish or doing the fingers out the windows.
- No bus hopping or going onto any other bus other than the one you have permission to ride. No friends to travel on buses without my permission.

Please remember that parents are heavily subsidised on this bus service which is supported by school to the tune of \$50k annually. Therefore, we implore you to do your part by reiterating the rules and instructions above as well as reminding your children what the consequences are.

If we are not able to reinstate the Papakura bus, all monies paid in advance will be refunded. Hope we get a good outcome for whānau apōpō and look forward to seeing all Papakura Bus Whānau on the zoom at 7:30pm tomorrow evening.

Nga manaakitanga,
Arihia Stirling