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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

### **READING STREET PARKING UPGRADE:**

We have been advised this week that the parking upgrade project will be starting on Monday 20th March (next Monday). This project is expected to last several months and will impact on the street access to the school. There will not be any parking on Reading Street during the upgrade.

Reading Street will be reduced to one lane (north bound) and there will be no Reading Street gate access during the upgrade. We recognise that this will cause some disruption to the drop off and pick up times. To combat that we have come up with a solution that we hope will mitigate some of the frustration.

#### **From Monday -**

- The school side (south bound lane) of East Street will be for parent parking and drop off/pick up.
- The area to the north of the main gate, where staff usually park, will be available for parking if you are coming into the school with your child or to the office. (picture 1)
- The area to the south of the main gate - that looks like a bus zone - is a drop off zone only - please only pull in to drop your children but do not park your car to keep the traffic moving as much as we can. (picture 2)
- Staff will park on the opposite side of the road so there will be limited parking
- Please consider parking on the Main St side of Stella Bull Park or in Jellicoe Street

(Picture 1 - parking)



(Picture 2 - drop off zone only)



Other Safety Aspects to consider:

- Have a pre-arranged place to meet with your child where they can walk to meet you to avoid gate congestion
- If you plan to park (possibly further away) and come in to school arrange a place to meet your children inside the school, away from the two main gates to avoid congestion by the crossing and gates

While we know that this will be an inconvenience over the coming months, we are excited to see this upgrade happening and it will improve the parking on Reading Street.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and vigilant road safety.

Ngā Mihi Nui

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