



## TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOL

Dear Families,

As we return to the new school year and we familiarise ourselves with school drop off and pick-ups, it seems opportune to share the following information regarding the traffic systems around our school.

Over the years our School Council has worked with Boroondara Council, VIC Roads and our local Member to discuss and implement strategies to support student safety when travelling to and from school. **Whilst I appreciate it isn't always simple to get to school with the volume of traffic, it is important to follow the traffic rules around the school to ensure the safety of the children and families.**

Therefore, please can I ask you to remember a few important details when driving to and from school as we have a number of systems in place to support the safety of our students and families, please also refer to the map attached.

- **It is a 40km zone at all times.**
- **There is a traffic system around the school at peak times, which means the flow of traffic should be going 'one way' in Milverton and Merton Street to assist with traffic movement. There are signs at the end of Milverton Street and Oberwyl Road clearly showing this information.**
- **There are 5-minute Parking along Oberwyl Road. There is NO OTHER 'drop and go' or 'stop and collect' area.**
- **You are NOT ALLOWED to park in the bus zone along Oberwyl Street.**





Other key points to be aware of:

- Please cross the road and be on the school side to pick up your children. The roads are busy and young children should not be crossing these independently.
- Please be respectful of our neighbours. It is vital to ensure they have access to their driveways at all times.
- Please be aware of children riding their bikes. We have seen a significant increase in students riding to school and ask that you support them in slowing down when driving.
- In front of the main Milverton Street gates are two designated spaces for disabled parking. We have families who need to access these spaces, so please do not stop or park in them.

Thank you to parents who are walking to school to collect their children or parking a short distance away and walking down to the school; this greatly supports safety during these times.

**My other very simple request would be to stop and allow families to cross the road safely when possible.** We are waiting for a foot crossing to be installed near the intersection of Milverton Street and Oberwyl Road and this will assist us moving forwards.

I am aware there are issues with the Crossing Supervisors currently and I have reported this to Boroondara Council. If you have concerns about any traffic areas, contacting the Council or Vic Roads can certainly support changes to traffic management.

I am aware that everyone has somewhere to be and on behalf of the students at Hartwell, you as parents, our neighbours and our School Council, **I am politely requesting that we all show a degree of patience and kindness in the morning and afternoon.**

Thank you in advance for your support. If you can help us in ensuring we all follow these simple steps we can support and enable the safety of the children and each other.

Kind regards,

*Lisa Banks*

Principal