Car Parking at Glen Iris Primary School

Wednesday, May 26th, 2010

Dear Parents,

Although parking and traffic flow around schools is constantly a matter of concern, recently there seems to have been more difficulty than usual near our school. I am hoping that by setting out the school’s expectations and arrangements related to parking, we can avoid further accidents, arguments and inconvenience for us all.

Council By-Laws

The parking regulations are clearly signed in the streets surrounding the school. These signs indicate the length and availability of parking. These include:

- Disabled Parking - 2 spaces near the front of the school. These spaces are only available for cars displaying a “Disabled Parking” sticker. Please be aware that these spaces are urgently required by some of our school families every day.
- No Standing zones – Area immediately north of the school crossing in Glen Iris Road. Cars must not stop during times indicated.
- No Parking zones – cars must not be left unattended during times indicated.

Public Parking:

Off street parking is available behind the High Street shopping strip, between the shops and the apartment block.

Parking is not permitted:

- In the Church / Kinder car park, unless you are dropping off or collecting a kinder child.
- In the staff car park area at the school between 8.15am and 4.30pm. This parking area is for the use of staff, visitors and people with a “Disabled Parking” sticker if other disabled parking spaces are occupied.

Alternatives to parking chaos:

- Consider parking a short distance from school and walking a couple of blocks.
- Compare the time taken circling the block with the time taken to walk the short distance.
- Drop off a couple of minutes earlier than usual.
- Try to remain patient and good humoured. Everyone is busy and in a hurry.

School Council Action:

Our School Council is currently making an approach to authorities to consider the installation of flashing “40” signs and a mirror near the exit point from the lane behind the High Street shops to Glen Iris Road. We are also requesting that By Laws Officers patrol our traffic zone more frequently, which could result in offenders being prosecuted.

Community Support

It is everyone’s job to make sure we provide a safe environment for the students at our school. We also want to preserve the excellent relationship that exists with our neighbours at Glen Iris Road Uniting Church and Kindergarten. It is not the role of teachers and parents to patrol and police the parking behaviour of others in our school community.

If we each take responsibility for our own behaviour, we are best able to ensure the children’s safety when coming to and from school.

Yours sincerely

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