

# WHĀNAU BUS INFORMATION 2021



“ A safe bus is a happy bunch of tamariki”

Whāngārā School Board of Trustees are responsible for the operation of the Whāngārā School Transport.

Whāngārā School has two bus runs which are operated by **Go Bus**.

The Waiomoko/Panikau Bus run is paid for by the Ministry of Education and the Gisborne/Whāngārā bus run is funded from Whāngārā School operational budget with support from whānau.

Gisborne/Whāngārā bus run.  
Fees this year are as follows:

One child, Gisborne to Whāngārā-rtn \$15.00 per week.  
One or more in whānau \$25.00 per week.

Waiomoko Bus Run – Free.

Both these bus runs have guidelines and rules to ensure safety at all times.

This booklet outlines the student code of conduct and expectations that we have of all tamariki on the bus.

It is always difficult to manage the bus behaviour, so we rely on individuals to be responsible for their own behaviour and choices.

We also have bus wardens (senior students) who also manage behaviour and report to staff daily.

Please talk to your tamariki about safe behaviour and remind them about their behaviour. It is a privilege to be on the bus and it is important that the tamariki are reminded of this. Tamariki will be removed from the bus if they are displaying unsafe behaviour on the bus. Parents will be contacted by the school, and alternative transport to school will need to be organised by parents.

Appreciate the support from whānau.

## **BUS TIMETABLE 2021:**

**Driver:** Go Bus Driver (Matua Sam)

### **Gisborne to Whāngārā School: (approximate times)**

8:05am - Depart Lytton High School

8:15am - YMCA Back Carpark (Roebuck Road side)

8:20am - Wainui Road/ Harris Street (close to Gisborne Kindergarten Assn)

8:25am - Kaiti Mall bus stop, Wainui Road

8:30am - Okitu Shop

8:45am - Turihaua

8:55am - Arrive at Whāngārā School

### **Whāngārā School to Gisborne**

2:35pm - Depart Whāngārā School

2:45pm - Turihaua

2:50pm - Makarori pullover

2:55pm - Okitu bus stop

3:05pm - Kaiti School, Wainui Road

3:10pm - Wainui Road/Harris Street

3:15pm - Gisborne Netball Courts Carpark (Childers Road)

3:30pm - Lytton High School

Our bus also connects with town intermediate and high schools, so it is very important for our driver to stick as close to the times as possible. Please be ready at the bus stops. At times there are road works, logging trucks etc which may cause delays – so these times are an indication.

## **MOE Waiōmoko Bus Run Times 2021:**

**Driver:** Koka Anthea Lincoln - Go Bus (Koka Treena Love - relief driver)

### **Morning Run:**

8:00 am - Panikau Road/SH1 Turn off

8:06 am - Wharekiri/Panikau Road Turn off

8:10am - Lincoln's whare

8:16am - Newman's whare

8.23am - Waiomoko Turn off

8.28am - Glenroy Turn off

8:35am - Whāngārā School.

### **Afternoon Run:**

2:25pm - Bus leaves School

2.30pm - Glenroy Turn off

2:40pm - Panikau Road/ SH1 Turn off

2:45pm - Wharekiri/ Panikau Turn off

2:50pm - Lincoln's whare

2:53pm - Green's whare

3:05pm - Newman's whare

Please ring or PM Koka Anthea if your tamaiti is/tamariki are not going to be at school, the driver will not wait out on the road.

# WHĀNGĀRĀ SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUS CONTRACT

## Permission for School Bus (Whāngārā/Town)

- I give permission for my child/children to be transported from Gisborne/home to Whāngārā School return, daily.
- I will ensure that they will be ready for the bus at the correct bus stops.
- If I need to change bus stops, I MUST contact the school - not the driver. The school must know any changes.
- I will contact the school if my child is not attending the school.
- If I have a concern as a parent, I must contact the school staff.
- I or any of my whānau must not discipline other tamariki for their behaviour on the bus. The school staff will investigate concerns and follow through with consequences.
- I understand that if my child's/children's not meeting the behaviour and safety expectations, while at bus stops or during transportation, they will not be permitted to use the bus service for a determined period of time. If the undesirable behaviour continues then they will be removed from the bus service. I will be responsible for my child/children's transportation to and from school.
- The cost for our whānau will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week. I will arrange direct credit/automatic payments with Admin (Koka Anthea).
- I understand that failure to make the payments will result in the withdrawal of my child/children from the bus service.

## Name/s of child/children on the bus:

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- I would like my child/children to be picked up in the mornings and dropped off in the afternoons at the \_\_\_\_\_ stop.

Name of Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Parent/Caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A bus seating plan will be put in place and tamariki are expected to stay in their seats. We could change the bus seating arrangements if the need arises.

If there are issues with the seating plan, please contact the school or myself and we could look at making other arrangements.

**Town whānau:** please stick to one drop off/pick up in Gisborne. It can be too confusing if we have to change places for the tamariki.

If you really need to change plans, please ring the school and make sure that you talk to someone. Do not rely on leaving messages on the answer phone.

**Student Code of Conduct Agreements** are to be signed by the akonga and whānau. These forms must be returned to school ASAP.

**Whāngārā School Bus Contract** also needs to be returned back to school ASAP.

Please take time to encourage safe behaviour on the bus. It is a privilege to travel on the buses to and from kura and positive behaviour is essential.

If you have any problems or questions about the bus transport, please contact the school.

Ngā mihi kia koutou,

na, Koka Lisa