Dear parents and carers,

This past week we have moved back to our usual drop-off and pick-up procedures and times. This has generally been a smooth process with everyone being careful and considerate. Thank-you.

What has been noticed is the increased traffic on days where it is raining at the start and end of school. It is on these days that we are seeing congestion and blocking of carparks and roads. To ease this, the carpark that runs along Suffolk St and behind our undercover area (Koorongkoorl Mia), will be open for drop-off and pick-up as of Monday 15 June.

When considering which carpark you will use, please be mindful of the following:

* The Bodley Road carpark (next to Coles) should mainly be used by children in the Balga teaching area (Kindy and Pre-primary).
* The Summerville Boulevard carpark (next to our administration building – Baldja) should mainly be used by children in the Wornt teaching area.
* The Suffolk Street carpark should mainly be used by children in the Djaril and Kardan teaching areas.

By distributing the cars entering and exiting across the three carparks we can ensure a smoother and safer journey for all the children at Caversham Valley PS.

For those children that ride and walk the pedestrian gates at Summerville Boulevard and Bodley Road carparks are to be used. There are no pedestrian gates at the Suffolk Street carpark.

As a school we continue to strongly encourage and support children walking or riding to school whenever possible. This has many positive benefits including social, physical and environmental. We also recognise that walking or riding is not always possible.

The gate opening and closing times will remain the same as they are currently. Parents are still not able to enter classrooms, and children are required to remain off play equipment. Caversham Valley PS has greatly appreciated the support parents have provided in this area.

Classroom doors open at 8:15 am with learning beginning promptly at 8:30 am. If a child is at school before 8:15 am by themselves, they are to wait at the Wornt teaching area with the staff member on duty. If they are with an adult, they can wait quietly out the front of their classroom. Any child arriving after 8:30 am is required to get a late note from the front office before they will be able go into their classroom.

A few staff will remain out on duty at drop-off and pick-up to ensure children enter their classes promptly. We ask that parents continue to encourage their child’s independence by not carrying their bags for them, or unpacking their bags. Part of schooling is learning to be more independent and self-sufficient in a supportive and nurturing environment.

George Craig

Principal

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