

Transport 2009

Public transport

We are still waiting for the final arrangements concerning public transport to be confirmed. We are currently negotiating with the bus company and various government departments to ensure that we receive the best possible service for our needs.

At this point in time we are looking at the following trains.

MORNINGS

Upper Mountains students:

Mount Victoria	8.07
Blackheath	8.13
Medlow Bath	8.19
Katoomba	8.26
Leura	8.30
Wentworth Falls	8.36
Bullaburra	8.42
Lawson	8.45

Please note that we are only able to provide supervision from Katoomba. If your child needs to board at a station before this PLEASE CONTACT ME as there are a variety of options/solutions.

Lower Mountains students:

Penrith	8.15
Emu Plains	8.18
Lapstone	8.24
Glenbrook	8.28
Blaxland	8.33
Warrimoo	8.37
Valley Heights	8.41
Springwood	8.45
Faulconbridge	8.49
Linden	8.54
Woodford	8.59
Hazelbrook	9.03
Lawson	9.07

We intend to provide supervision from whichever is the furthest away station from Lawson for PS age children, as is our current practice. PLEASE CONTACT ME if you are interested in this position, want more information or know of somebody else who may be interested.

All children will travel by bus between Lawson and the school, before and after school.

AFTERNOONS

We are hoping to be able to access the following trains in the afternoon:

Upper Mountains students:

Lawson	3.45
Bullaburra	3.48
Wentworth Falls	3.54
Leura	4.00
Katoomba	4.04
Medlow Bath	----
Blackheath	----

Lower Mountains students:

Lawson	3.43
Hazelbrook	3.46
Woodford	3.51
Linden	3.55
Falconbridge	4.00
Springwood	4.05
Valley Heights	4.08
Warrimoo	4.12
Blaxland	4.16
Glenbrook	4.21
Lapstone	4.25
Emu Plains	4.34
Penrith	4.38

Our current negotiations are focused upon trying to get buses to take our students to Lawson in time for the 3.43pm and 3.45pm trains. It may be that this is not possible; however, if they cannot do this they are able to provide buses at 3.40pm which will travel along the Great Western Highway to Katoomba and Springwood. Until we receive written confirmation of the bus schedule, we are not able to give you definitive arrangements. We are fully aware of the need for you to be able to plan ahead and wish to reassure you that every effort is being made to finalise arrangements before the end of term. Failing this, we will send emails, letters etc to inform you as soon as possible.

Current Bus Service for Hazelbrook

There is a bus which stops at the Hazelbrook station ramp at 8.50am and arrives at the corner of Redgum Avenue & Hall Parade at 8.54. This bus fits with our scheduled times for next year. This is a loop service so other times are available.

There will be a teacher on duty at Redgum Avenue at 8.54am to escort children from Redgum Avenue to the school site.

For further information concerning bus travel, visit the Blue Mountains Bus Company website: www.bmbc.com.au

Public Transport Etiquette

We shall be speaking to all children at an assembly next week concerning travelling to school via bus or train. If your child is unfamiliar with public transport, please assist by having some practice sessions before school begins.

We shall inform you before school begins as to which carriage the children are to use, the name of the supervisor and the station s/he will be boarding.

Car Pooling

I have heard from several parents that they have already organised car pooling for next year. This is wonderful! If you would like to car pool but haven't found a link yet, let me know and I can try to help.

Bus and Train Passes

We strongly recommend that you complete and return these applications before the end of term, even if you are still not sure whether or not your child will be using public transport.

Contact

Our new phone number at Hazelbrook is 47 58 7466. The school office will be open from January 6th and there will be someone available to answer questions.

Please feel welcome to email me with any questions, offers of help, etc! My email address is nancy.oosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au (noosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au also works). I shall be checking my emails regularly throughout the holidays.

Nancy