

Dear Parents

**Bus Transport 2010: Papamoa/Mt Maunganui/ Matua/Otumoetai students'**

The Tauranga Network Transport group is struggling to meet the costs of buses which travel from out of zone areas. As a result there has been a decision to review and re-organise routes and fees. The new routes and new fees are now available on the transport network site:

[www.schooltransport.org.nz](http://www.schooltransport.org.nz)

Students who live in Mt Maunganui will now have to make their own way to school via Bay Hopper or private transport.

If there was sufficient demand from families, the school is prepared to approach Bethlehem Coachlines to quote for a fee paying bus to travel daily from Bayfair via the bridge to Tauranga Girls' College and possibly Tauranga Boys' College and Tauranga Intermediate. No subsidy is available for this as all students live within the 4.8km distance.

Tauranga Girls' College students who live in Papamoa will only be able to travel on Bus 47 and the cost for this bus will now be \$300 annually for students who meet the distance criteria for free transport to their nearest school.

Priority for transport on this service will be given to students under 16 who are in Years 9 – 11 and payment for the year needs to be made as soon as possible in February. Fees must be paid no later than **Friday 19 February 2010**. (No fee payment will be accepted until late January 2010).

Some students in the Papamoa area may be able to travel via Buses 50 and 51 which are the daily fee paying buses from Te Puke. These buses travel into Mt Maunganui as far as Girven Road so it may also be possible for some Mt Maunganui girls to use these too.

Students who live in the Matua/Otumoetai area are required to pay an annual fee of \$450 per year. The service will operate in Term 1 at a cost of \$150. If sufficient students do not use the bus the service may be discontinued.

Yours sincerely

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