

Paraparaumu Beach School

Traffic Issues and Parking Restrictions

Dear Parents

We are reviewing traffic and parking activity by the Gray Avenue school entrance at school start/finish times with representatives from the Council, Police and the Board of Trustees.

While the majority of parents are considerate drivers, a minority are causing ongoing safety concerns.

On the following pages, we have outlined what to do on clearways, at drop-off areas and in the school grounds (plus, what not to do on yellow lines and driveways). Please pass these notes onto anyone else involved in dropping off/picking up your child(ren).

Meanwhile, our School Community Police officer has offered some suggestions to help reduce the parking congestion in Gray Ave, these are:

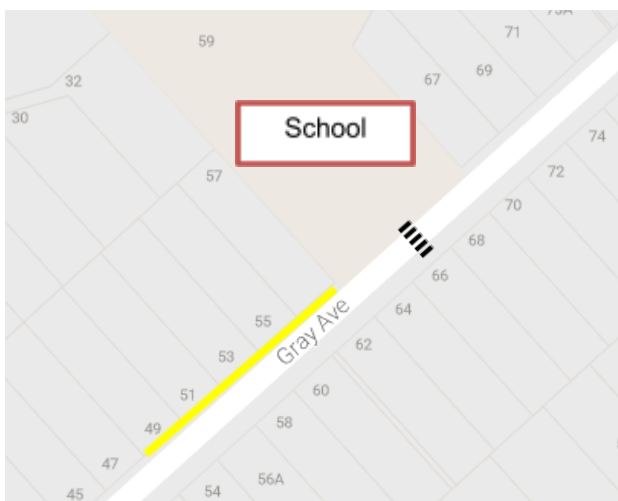
- To take advantage of the drop off zone, get your child(ren) to wait beside it so you can drive in, pick up and drive on with no delays. If they are not there waiting for you drive further down the road and park or drive back around
- Get your child(ren) to wait in school for 5 – 10 minutes so you pick them up at 3.10pm
- Drop off/pick up your child(ren) on Martin Road by the other road patrol crossing. There are more parking areas there
- Park well away from the Gray Ave gate and allow your child(ren) to walk the last metres to/from school

Clearways

Please be aware of the 'clearway' signs located along parts of Gray Ave. The clearways operate between 8.30am until 9.30am and 2.30pm until 3.30pm and are shown in yellow on the map below.

These are in place to allow traffic to move in both directions when there is congested parking on the other side of the road to the clearway.

Parking in these areas is illegal and vehicles that do so, during the times indicated, cause an unsafe situation and are at risk of being towed away.



The clearway runs from outside 49 Gray Ave to outside 57 Gray Ave as seen in the map above.

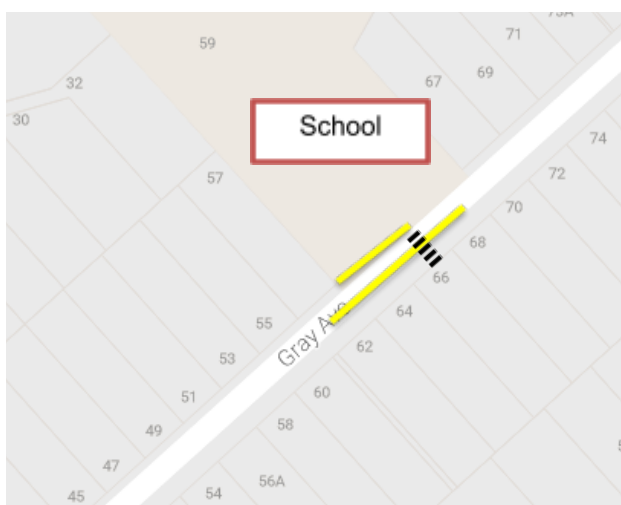
Drop-off Area

School drop off zones require a quick turnaround and are designed for people to **Stop, Drop Off/Pick Up** and **Go**. Parking is not allowed in these areas. If there are no spaces, please move on, as stopping to wait for a space causes congestion at the pedestrian crossing. Child(ren) should exit from the left-hand side passenger doors only and be ready to get straight out of the car and onto the footpath.



Yellow Lines

Yellow dotted lines around the school gates and pedestrian crossing signify **“NO STOPPING”** at any time, even to drop off/pick up your child(ren) or waiting for a carpark. Doing so can cause an unsafe situation. Police randomly monitor school traffic and may issue an infringement notice for the offence.



There are yellow lines outside the school gate to past the pedestrian crossing and outside 62 Gray Ave to 68 Gray Ave, as seen in the map above.

Driveways

Please do not stop over our school’s driveway or the driveways of our neighbouring properties. These need to be kept clear at all times. Once again this is considered illegal parking and may incur an infringement notice from the police.

Staff Car Park / School Grounds

Please do not use the staff carpark or drive into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your child(ren). Special circumstances must be approved by the Principal/Deputy Principal or Assistant Principal.



Also, the school drive is not to be used as pedestrian access during school hours.

With courtesy, patience and common sense we can improve traffic congestion, parking, and the safety of our child(ren) whilst getting to or from school. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation and support for this.

Regards

Vicki Wilson (Assistant Principal)