



Pegasus Bay

Te Kura o Manga Kawari

PARENT HANDBOOK 2021

Please take a few minutes to read through this booklet, it contains lots of information about our school and what you can expect from us – and what we expect from you.

BE THE SOMEBODY



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Our school map

Here is a map of our school. You can access our grounds via the main entrance on Solander Road, through the gate on Whakatipu Street (this gate is locked outside of school hours) and the alley way between the gym and Nga Tai o Mahaanui.



Important notes re parking and safety around our school

- Taramakau Lane is a private lane and the residents there respectfully ask that you do not use it for access to the school, nor use any of the vacant sections for parking.
- The first driveway, alongside Taramakau Lane, which leads to the parking areas adjacent to the gym is for **staff only**.
- Parents may park for short periods in the drive-through parallel parking spaces adjacent to Waikuku and Rakahuri - if there is space.
- Please do not park in any disabled parking space unless you have a valid disabled parking permit displayed on your car.
- Please drive and park safely around our school (did you know there are 143 parking spaces on Solander Road and Whakatipu Street?) and keep in mind the safety of others on the road.
- Please get out of your car to help your child cross the road – particularly if they are Junior or Middle Syndicate children.
- If you live locally, we would prefer not to see your car at school!

About us

Our school was founded in 1873 and we were known as Waikuku School until we moved to this site in May 2014 from our old site on Main North Road. You can read up on our journey here: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/about-our-school>

What's different about us?

We operate in a Modern Learning Environments (MLE) environment and our teachers operate as teaching teams within our ACTive Learning Spaces (ALS). To find out what that means, click here: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/mle>

Our values

 AT PEGASUS BAY OUR VALUES SHOW US HOW WE CAN
BE THE SOMEBODY


VALUES OUR WAY OF BEING

Ako
OPEN TO THE CHALLENGE OF LEARNING

- | Show Grit
- | Am Future Focussed
- | Can Make Mistakes
- | Am A Tuakana & Teina
- | Am Accountable



Kaitiaki
RESPECT MYSELF, OTHERS & THE ENVIRONMENT

- | Am A Guardian
- | Care
- | Act
- | Am Honest



Whanaungatanga
BE AN ACTIVE PART OF THE COMMUNITY

- | Can Communicate Effectively
- | Am A Team Player
- | Show Integrity
- | Am Inclusive



Our ACTive Learner Dispositions:



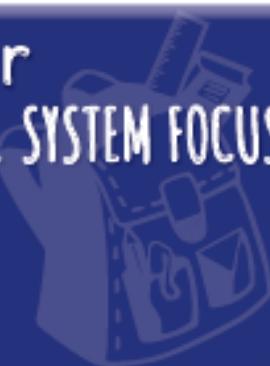
AT PEGASUS BAY THESE ARE THE SKILLS TO BE AN
ACT-IVE LEARNER

ACT-ive OUR WAY OF LEARNING

Adventurer

AN ADVENTURER... SYSTEM FOCUSED

- Plans
- Organises
- Takes Risks
- Makes Decisions
- Is Flexible



Creator

A CREATOR... FUTURE FOCUSED

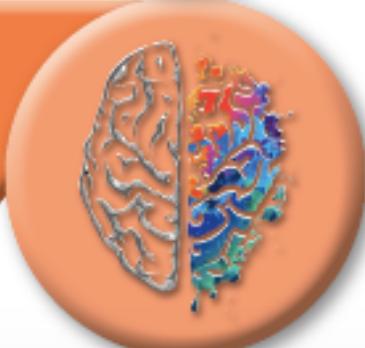
- Can Work by Themselves or Collaborate
- Creates Solutions
- Looks Beyond the Obvious
- Can Imagine and be Innovative



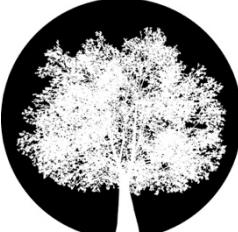
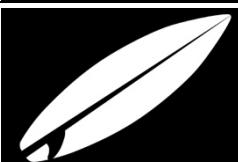
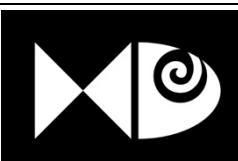
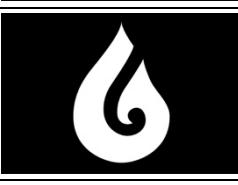
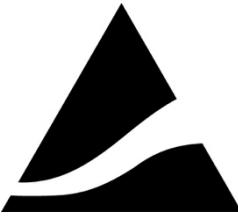
Thinker

A THINKER... FACT FOCUSED

- Gathers Information
- Is Focused
- Is Reflective
- Uses Feedback



Our ACTive Learning Space (ALS):

	<p>Peka Peka</p> <p>After taking flight the journey takes us to the edge of the forest along the coast – known as Peka Peka. It is also the former name of village we know today as Woodend. Symbolised by the beech tree - once very prevalent in this area, our new entrant and Year 1 children are based here.</p>
	<p>Rakahuri</p> <p>This is the Māori name for the Ashley River – children learn about the river and the creatures that live on, under and near it. Symbolised by the fish-hook our Year 2 & 3 children are based here.</p>
	<p>Waikuku</p> <p>Waikuku has one of the largest estuaries in New Zealand. Children learn about the importance of estuaries, the creatures who live there and the threats they face. Symbolised by the surfboard, our Year 2 & 3 children are based here.</p>
	<p>Ngā tai o Mahaanui</p> <p>Ngā tai o Mahaanui means 'the tides of Mahaanui' (Mahaanui is the name of Māui's waka) – children learn about the beach, the bay and ecosystems and food chains. Symbolised by the fish, our Year 4 & 5 children will be based here</p>
	<p>Taerutu</p> <p>Taerutu is the name of the first Pā in our area. It was located at the site of a fresh water spring. There is a water fountain marking its location in a small lake at the Pegasus Golf Club. Symbolised by a Māori fish-hook in a drop of water, our Year 4 & 5 children are based here.</p>
	<p>Manga Kawari</p> <p>Known locally as the Taranaki Stream, this is the formal name for the stream that connects Waikuku and Pegasus. Once an important feature for local Māori who lived here – it was not only a source of water it was also a means of transport and a provider of kai moana. Symbolised by the stream growing, our Year 6 & 7 children are based here.</p>
	<p>Maungatere</p> <p>This is the Māori name for Mount Grey – believed to be the launching point for spirits leaving the South Island. Here we reflect on their final years at primary school before 'launching' into our last year of primary school. Symbolised by Mount Grey, our Year 6 & 7 children are based here.</p>
	<p>Ka Rere</p> <p>Ka Rere means taking flight. There is a time when it is necessary to leave the nest and take flight. This LC is symbolised by the kahu (hawk), which is a kaitiaki of the pā – an 'indicator of wellness'. Our Year 8 children are based here, for their last year of primary school before they take flight and head to high school.</p>

Communicating with us

Children's absences

You must let the office know if your child is going to be absent from school, and the reason for the absence – **before 9am each day**.

To notify us of an absence you can either send a notification via the **phone app or phone the school, before 9am, and dial 1 to leave a message on our absence line**. By all means, email or text the home group teacher too, just be aware that they will not usually pass the message on to the office.

Unexplained absences will be followed up with a telephone call to the contact numbers you have given to us. This is to ensure that the child is somewhere safe and also so that parents are aware that their child has been noted as absent from school.

Contacting us

The school office is open for phone calls and visitors from **8:30am to 3:15pm**. During these hours Mrs T or Dedrie will usually be available, or you can leave a voicemail message. The school office is closed during school holiday breaks.

During break times and staff meetings, our phones will divert to voicemail if there is no one available to answer the phone. If you would prefer not to leave a message, please call outside of break times.

PHONE NUMBER: (03) 920 7000
E-MAIL: admin@pegasusbay.school.nz
WEBSITE: www.pegasusbay.school.nz
ADDRESS: 5 Solander Road, Pegasus, 7612

Teachers and teacher aides are unavailable to answer phone calls, emails or attend meetings during learning time. They may be contacted during break times, so long as they are not on duty or in a meeting.

Please keep your contact with our staff to our school emails and school phone numbers. You can find all of our emails here: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/our-staff>

It is not appropriate to make contact with staff about a school related topic via their personal cell phone or social media accounts – please keep it on school email or school phone number.

Who do I talk to?

If you have concerns about your child's happiness or learning you need to approach their home group teacher first. If you feel your concerns are not addressed, your next contact should be with the ALS Leader. The flow of communication from children and parents to school works like this:

- Always the home-group teacher first.
- If there is no success then please see the ALS Leader.
- If the situation remains unresolved or is significantly serious, please ask Micky to book a time for you to talk with Di or Jared.

Concerns relating to staff members or general school procedures should be directed to Di or Jared. For formal complaints, you should refer to our complaints policy on SchoolDocs: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/our-policies>.

Who does what in the office?

Corinda Thompson (Mrs T) Our School Secretary, Finance Manager and 'front of house' person. She is the person to get in touch with about absences, school accounts, sick-bay and general information.if Mrs T doesn't know the answer to your question, she will know who does! She also looks after our finances including school accounts, supplier invoices and banking.

Dedrie Trnjanin (Dedrie) Works with Mrs T on the front desk and can help you with enrolments, accounts, absences and general information. Like Mrs T, if she doesn't know the answer – she will know who does!

Micky Brosnan (Micky) Jared's PA and the school's Business Manager. She provides support to Jared and also looks after our human resources administration, school suppliers, facilities and communications. She is also our Board Secretary and the best person to speak to if you need to book a time to see the Principal or the Deputy Principal.

Nic Mathwin (Mrs Mathwin) Nic is our Learning Support Coordinator. This a role that the Ministry of Education have created to support the learning journey across our school. You can find out more about this here: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/learning-support>

Di Murphy (Whaea Di) Di is our Deputy Principal and she supports Jared in overseeing teaching and learning in our school. She is also responsible for managing our IT systems, school bus, pastoral care and is our SENCO (Special Needs Coordinator).

Jared Kelly (Mr Kelly) Jared is our Principal and he oversees the teaching and learning in our school. This includes ensuring our curriculum is robust and that our staff have the tools, knowledge and training to deliver a quality education. He also manages our budget and ensures the business side of the school runs smoothly.

Catching up with Di or Jared

Between 8:30 and 9am and 3pm to 3:30 each school day, Jared and Di will aim to be available – though this may not always be possible. If you see them in the office during the day, and they don't have someone in with them, by all means, pop in and say "g'day!" If you come to talk to them about a concern, don't be offended if you are redirected to a Syndicate Leader if you haven't been there first.

Contacting your child during the school day

If you need to **urgently** contact your child during school hours, you may do so by either calling or visiting the School Office. Emails and text messages to staff are not checked regularly, so are not a reliable way of getting an urgent message through.

We will do our best to pass on URGENT messages in person, however cannot guarantee that any messages left after 2pm will be delivered.

Student message book

As you can imagine, if the office staff are off delivering messages, they are not there to answer the next phone call or greet the next visitor. With this in mind, we have a 'student message book' at Reception and if you think you may need to confirm arrangements with your child during the day, you can ask them to check at Reception to see if you have left a message for them in the book.

Student cell phones at school

Children may bring cell phones to school and they need to handed in to Reception before school, where they will be stored safely until 3pm. Some Intermediate pupils use them as web browsers during class time. This is permissible and the safety and security of the device is the responsibility of the child.

Communicating with you

We use our weekly whānau hui, newsletters, our phone app, the website, Facebook and our Student Management System (SMS) Hero to keep in touch with you – visit this page: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/communicatingwithyou> for information on how this works. **As part of the enrolment process all parents commit to engaging with our SMS and regularly reading the messages that are sent to stay informed.**

Reporting to you

We do things a little differently here, because we want to make sure you have a thorough understanding of where your child is at, and how they are progressing. Visit this page on our website for more information on how this works:

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/reporting-to-you>

Our team

School staff

We have an awesome team here at Pegasus Bay and you can find a list of all of our current staff – including photo, their role and contact email addresses here:

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/our-staff>

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the school. They are the employer of all staff in the school, and are responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students and for ensuring that the school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students, curriculum, policies, property, finance and administration.

The day-to-day operational management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal.

For more information - including a list of our current Board members, bios and photos, meeting information and contact details, click this link:

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/our-board-of-trustees>

Our daily schedule

Monday to Thursday timetable

8:30am	School grounds open to students and parents
9:00am - 10:30am	Morning school
10:30am – 11:00	Snack time and playtime
11:00am – 12:30pm	Morning school continued
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Eating lunch and playtime
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon school
3:10pm	School bus departs

Friday timetable

8:30am	School grounds open to students and parents
9:00am - 10:30am	Morning school
10:30am – 11:00am	Snack time and playtime
11:00am – 12:30pm	Morning school continued
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Eating lunch and playtime
1:15pm – 2:45pm	Afternoon school
2:55pm	School bus departs

Before 8:30am and after 3:15pm your children are your responsibility, and they should not be at school. You can contact M*A*S*H to discuss enrolling your child in the before or after school programmes if you need childcare for these times.

Lunchtime

Children eat their lunch at the start of the lunch break with teacher supervision. Visit this page on our website: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/school-lunches> for information on our rubbish free policy, guidelines for drinks and lunch content and what other lunch options we have.

What you've given permission for when you enrolled

When you enrol your child at our school, your signature confirms a number of consents, as detailed on the enrolment form. Over time some of the consents we require may change or be added to, and these changes are advised to you in our newsletters. Your acceptance is deemed to be given unless you specifically write to the Principal to advise otherwise.

Here is a reminder of the consents all parents have agreed to unless you have contacted us specifically to discuss and agree a different approach:

Enrolment scheme:

I/We confirm that the address given at the time of application for enrolment is our place of residence. I understand that this means if we currently live at an in-zone address but move to an out-of-zone address I must inform the school immediately. In this event, I understand that the conditions in the "enrolment zone" document will apply to us. The Enrolment Zone Policy can be found on the enrolment page of our website.

Engaging with school communications:

I/We agree to regularly engage with the school's current Student Management System (SMS) and will read the notices that are sent so that we are informed.

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/communicatingwithyou>

Cyber safety:

I/We have read the Internet Safety Policy and I am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cyber safe learning environment. I also understand the need to make my child aware of the safe use of computers and the internet. I consent to my child's safe use of computers and the internet on this basis.

Bus code of conduct:

I/We understand and agree to the Pegasus Bay Bus Code of Conduct and understand that non-compliance with this document may result in my child being unable to use the school bus. If my child is travelling on the school bus, I accept that it is the driver who is responsible for the safe transporting of my child, and they will determine if my child's behaviour is acceptable or warrants being recorded and reported to school staff.

Education outside the classroom:

I/We agree to the participation of my child in activities outside the classroom (EOTC) that are within walking distance from Pegasus Bay School without the need for additional consent. We understand that permission for events that require transport will be requested as and when events arise. More information on our EOTC policies can be found here: <https://pegasusbay.schooldocs.co.nz>

Medical assistance:

I/We give permission that in cases of serious illness, emergency, or in the event of an accident, when I/we cannot be contacted, the school will arrange for my child to be taken to an emergency/medical service. I agree to meet any cost incurred for treatment and/or transportation of my child to receive medical attention.

Pain relief:

I/We give permission for the school to administer pain relief (i.e. Pamol/Paracetamol) if required. All medication administered is recorded.

Publication of student images:

I/We give permission for my child's photo to be taken whilst participating in school activities. Photos may be used for promotional purposes in the schools newsletters, website and school social media apps.

School account

I/We understand that all costs incurred in the recovery of overdue funds including but not limited to debt recovery charges and legal fees may be added to the balance of my account.

Our school bus:

By using the bus, you are deemed to have read, understood and agreed to the 'Bus Code of Conduct' (you can find the code here: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/enrolments>)

We currently have two bus runs each morning and one in the afternoon. Safety of children is paramount, and behaviour on the bus is ultimately the bus drivers' responsibility – with support from Bus Monitors and school staff. Any child who misbehaves or is disrespectful will be reported to the Deputy Principal for follow up. There are cameras operating on our buses.

If you have any questions about the bus, please contact Di Murphy (Deputy Principal either by phone or email dimurphy@pegasusbay.school.nz

All children who live in our home zone, aged from New Entrant to Year 8 and who live more than 3.2kms from school are entitled to travel on the school bus. Children who do not live on a bus route but would otherwise qualify may be eligible for travel assistance. You can contact the school Reception for further information on this.

Morning bus runs**Tulls Road run:**

First pick up at 7:50am at 131 Tulls Road* travels west to Coldstream Road*, turns left down Smarts Road* and then left at Rangiora Woodend Road*, left into Gressons Road*, left on to Main North Road* (pick up at The Brick Mill Café at approx. 8:05) and north to Geisha Road where it turns around and head south on Main North Road* turns in to Pegasus and drops off at school at approx. 8:15am.

Waikuku Beach run:

First pick up at 8:20am at Northside Drive on Waikuku Beach Road turns left in to Kings Avenue and stops at 37 Kings Ave, 27 Queens Ave, 20 Allan Drive and the Metro bus stop on Park Terrace at approximately 8:30).

Afternoon bus run

Departs school at approximately 3:10pm and travels north up Main North Road, stopping at The Brick Mill Café (The BMC) at approx. 3.14pm then turning into Waikuku Beach Road and stops at Northside Drive at approx. 3:16pm. Turns left into Kings Avenue and stops at 37 Kings Ave (approx 3.20pm), 27 Queens Ave (approx 3.22pm), 20 Allan Drive (approx 3.24pm) and the Metro Bus Stop on Park Terrace (3.27pm). The bus then returns towards Main North Road from Waikuku Beach Road. It heads north to Geisha Road and does a u-turn on Geisha Rd (no exit - 3.30pm). The bus heads south and turns right onto Tulls Road. It stops at 131 Tulls Road (approx 3.35pm), then heads west towards Coldstream Road. Left down Smarts Road and stops about 30m before Rangiora Woodend Road (approx 3.40pm). The bus then turns left onto Rangiora Woodend Road, left into Gressons Rd and stops (approx 3.42pm). It travels down Gressons Road and stops about halfway (approx 3.45pm). The last stop is just before the intersection of Gressons Rd and Main North Road (approx 3.48pm).

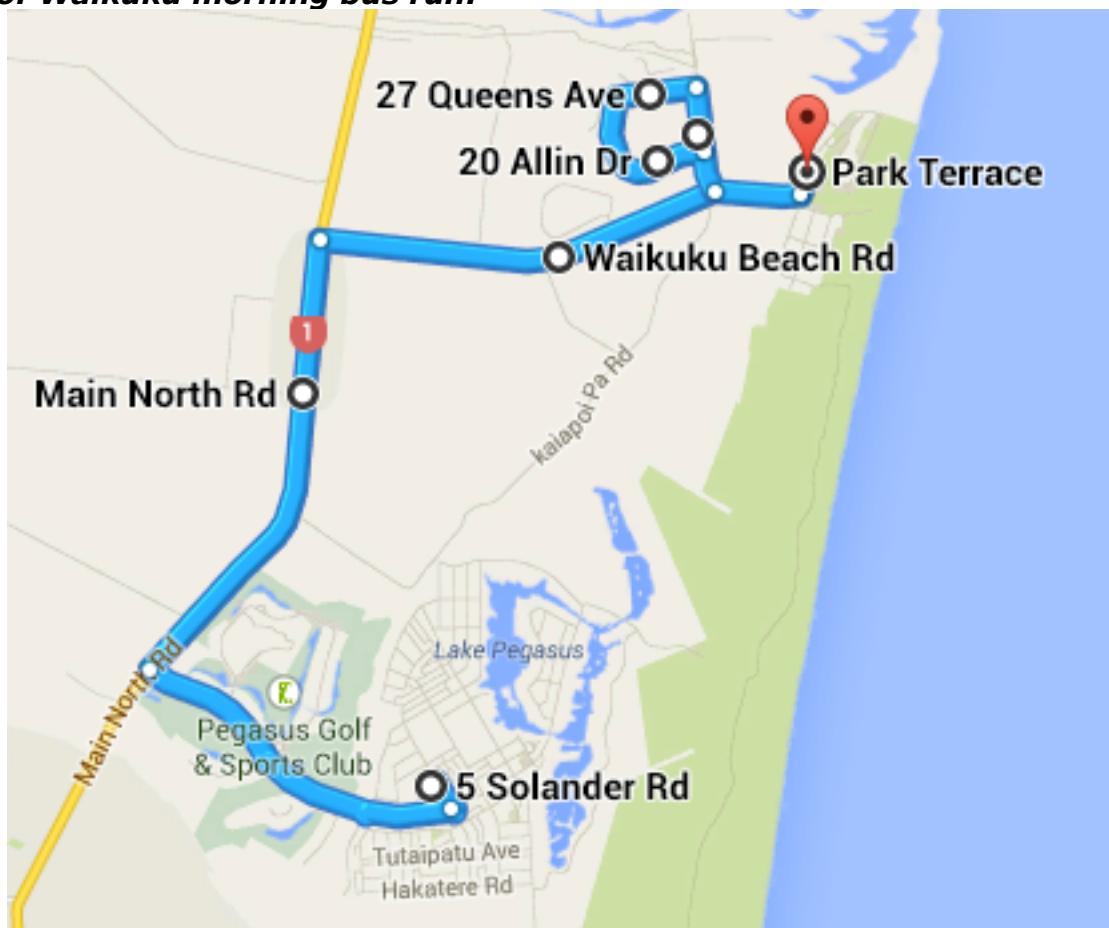
Stops can be made or adjusted if new eligible students need it – this needs to be discussed and agreed with Di Murphy prior to any changes.

*indicates that the bus will stop on demand if a Pegasus Bay student is waiting to be picked up, or asks to be dropped off.

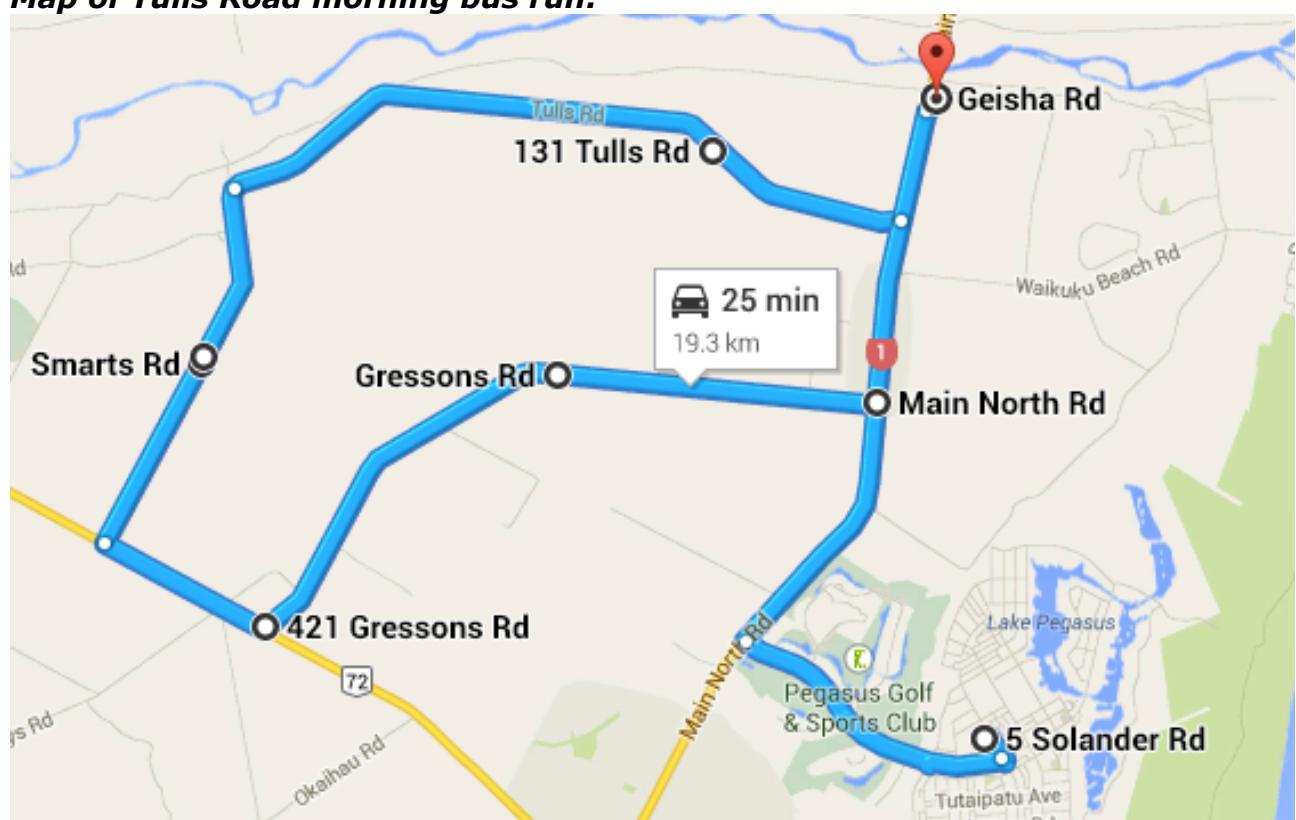
Friday bus home:

We finish 15 minutes early on a Friday; therefore our afternoon bus leaves slightly earlier, departing at 2.55pm.

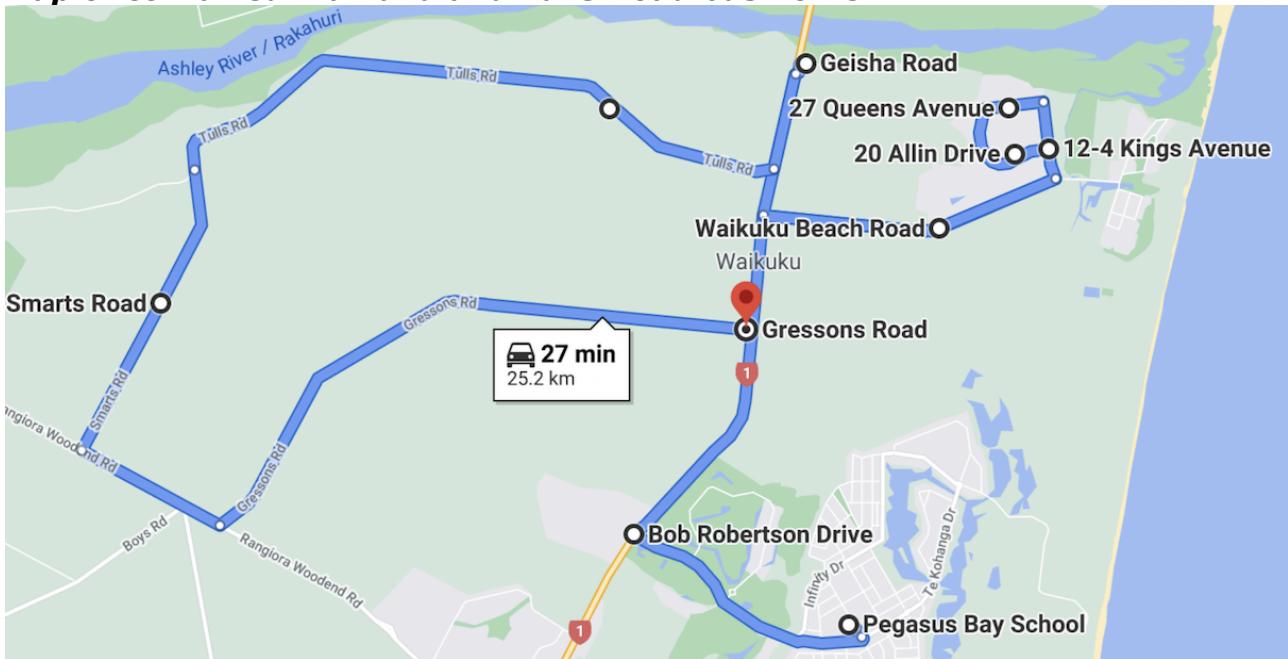
Map of Waikuku morning bus run:



Map of Tulls Road morning bus run:



Map of combined Waikuku and Tulls Road bus home:



What to do if you want to use the bus

Agreement to, and adhering to our Bus Code of Conduct is a condition for all children travelling on our bus. (see <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/enrolments>).

If you plan to use the bus service on a regular basis, you must first advise the team at Reception **before** your children travel on it. Their name will then be added to either the Waikuku or Tulls Road bus list.

The list will be printed on a Monday after lunch, and will be displayed on a clipboard at Reception. Please mark a cross (X) on the days next to your child's name that they **won't** be travelling on the bus. Alternatively, phone the office and ask Dedrie or Mrs T to mark off days for you if you're not coming in to school.

If you put your child's name down to travel on the bus you must let us know each time there are any instances when they won't be on the bus going home. This ensures that the bus is not held up looking for children who are listed as using the bus, but have not arrived at the bus stop after school. If your child is regularly noted as being absent from the bus without a notification, their name will be removed and you can add them to the list as and when they need to use it by phoning the office.

Please note: there are two lists - one for the Waikuku bus run, and one for the Tulls Road run.

Note: whilst the bus driver will endeavour to adhere to the times we've listed above, there may be times where the bus is delayed due to traffic or other unforeseen circumstances. Therefore, it's best that you ensure your child is at the bus stop at least a few minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.

School policies

We work with a company called SchoolDocs to maintain, review and update our policies and procedures. Where a review requires parent input, you will be advised of this via our newsletter.

To view our policies and for more information, click this link:

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/our-policies>

Health

Illness

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to come back.

For more information on common childhood illnesses, symptoms, treatment and recommended times to stay away from school, check out this website:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/school-exclusion>

If they have vomited or had diarrhoea, they cannot attend school for at least 48 hours after the last incident.

If your child becomes unwell at school, we will notify you to come and collect them. Please make sure you keep us up to date if your contact details change.

First aid

Most of our staff have current First Aid Certificates and minor accidents will be handled by one of us. If your child suffers an accident at school and it is felt that a Doctor's advice is necessary, then you will be contacted immediately on the phone numbers you have given us. If we are unable to contact you by telephone, then we will make any decisions required and act accordingly.

Medication

Please advise your child's home group teacher if your child needs to take medication during the school day, **and** also complete the necessary forms at reception. Records and medication are kept in the school office for the safety of everyone.

Dental clinic

We strongly urge you to register your child with the Community Dental Services from the age of two and a half years to receive free, regular check-ups and treatment.

Once your child is at school they will be seen when the mobile dental van visits the school once a year. You will be notified of when this is happening via our newsletter, and are welcome to attend with your child if you wish.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Dental Technicians (ph 0800 846983) with any queries you may have regarding your child's dental care.

Additional health services

The school maintains contact and utilises, where necessary the following services: Hearing and Vision Specialists; Speech and Language Therapists and Public Health Nurse

As a parent you may request any of the above services by contacting the Learning Support Coordinator at school. In all cases the parents and school are kept fully informed.

Learning support

Nic Mathwin is the Learning Support Coordinator at our school, and she is the person to speak to if you feel that your child may need extra learning support, learning extension or

well-being support. Visit our Learning Support webpage for more information:
<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/learning-support>

Costs associated with school

Uniform and lost property

Our school uniform is compulsory. It encourages a sense of belonging and identity – our pupils are proud to be recognised as Pegasus Bay children.

You can only purchase our uniform from The Warehouse in Rangiora. There is a uniform price list, including images, prices and style numbers on The Warehouse website: <https://www.thewarehouse.co.nz/c/schools/pegasus-bay-school>. Please visit our website for more information on our uniform: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/our-uniform>

Lost property

Our lost property box can be found just outside Reception. Please come and check through the box if you are missing anything. Named items are always easier to find and return to their owner. We regularly clear the bin and send non-school items to the clothing bank, and uncollected school items are washed and re-sold as second hand uniform.

Stationery

Stationery can be ordered throughout the year through Office Max either online at myschool.co.nz or by telephone on **0800724440**.

At the end of each year staff will put a list of the following year stationery requirements on our website. Once the ACTive Learning Space lists are uploaded to our website (<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/school-stationery>) you can go ahead and order your stationery from Office Max, as detailed above. There is no stationery for sale at school.

School donation

Our Board of Trustees asks for a voluntary donation of \$60 per child annually – which equates to just \$15 per term. This donation is used to supplement the cost of activities and events that we would not otherwise be able to offer. Things like art and music supplies, library books, subsidised school trips, cultural activities, iPads for students and lots more.

Camps and trips

Payments for camps and trips must be made prior to your child attending them unless you have contacted the Principal to make other arrangements. As these types of activities incur costs from external suppliers that must be paid upfront.

iPad charges

We supply our Year 5 to 8 children with iPads to use each year at school. This ensures that everyone has the same capability in terms of the device, and we can offer a variety of fabulous learning through iTunes U and other educational apps. We apply an annual charge of \$30 each year for this to cover the cost of any breakages.

Year 7 and 8 manual training

Our Year 7 and 8 children attend Kaiapoi Borough School for “tech” and the programme is divided into three sections – home craft / workshop, technology and graphics & design. Groups are rotated around these topics. Children travel to and from the Technology Centre at Kaiapoi Borough School by bus – which departs from school at 8:50am. Attending tech is part of our curriculum, and is not optional. There is a charge levied for materials used and the Board of Trustees covers 50% for you.

How to pay

Periodically you will receive a statement of your account with school. This will list all the charges that have been made to your account, as well as any payments we have received from you. You can check your account at any time via Hero. You can pay your account either in person with cash at Reception or by internet banking.

Internet banking

Our bank account is with Rangiora branch of ASB, and our account number is:
12 3616 0031685 00 Our account name is: Pegasus Bay School Board of Trustees. Use your child's first initial and their surname as the reference. If you're making a one-off payment for a specific item (e.g. school donation or a trip) include a reference to this if you have space.

Many parents find it easier to set up a direct debit to our account at regular intervals (e.g. \$5 or \$10 per week). This has proved particularly useful for those with more than one child at school.

Account recovery

All costs incurred in the recovery of overdue funds including but not limited to debt recovery charges and legal fees may be added to the balance of your account.

Books, library and Scholastic Book Club

Library

We are fortunate to have a well-stocked school library in our Student Common. All children are encouraged to have library books out on loan at all times so that they will always have a book to read, either at home or at school.

Library books are expensive to buy and we would appreciate it if you could ensure that books are returned to the library in a similar condition to that in which they went out.

Lost books

Where books are lost or damaged beyond repair, a fee, dependent on the type of book, may be charged.

Library hours

We have a part-time Librarian on staff, Paula Van Meer, and she is responsible training our student librarians as well as the overall running of the student common space.

Student Common is normally manned by trained student volunteers at break times during the day, and children are encouraged to take books out at these times. ALSs also have set times that they use this area during class time.

Book club

We operate the 'Scholastic Book Club' scheme within the school. It gives children and parents/caregivers the opportunity of buying quality books and computer software at reduced prices.

Twice each term brochures will be available from Reception and we will advise of this in the newsletter and home page of the website. Books arrive in bulk about a fortnight later.

Curriculum

Detailed information on the New Zealand curriculum can be found here:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-at-school/new-zealand-curriculum/> .

Outside school activities

We are committed to providing a wide range of challenging experiences both in the ALS and outside. We are always sensitive to cost requirements and we believe that no child should miss an opportunity because of financial reasons. You should always know that financial options can be discussed in confidence with Jared or with Mrs T.

There are a variety of activities with which the children may be involved outside the normal school programme. The majority of these involve the middle and senior sections of the school and include: Ashley and Christchurch Music Festivals, Cantamaths competition, as well as various promotional competitions, sporting activities and local community activities.

Sport

School activities are guided by the overall policy that children should be introduced to a wide variety of sports as well as achieving some ability in the more common ones. On a yearly basis the sports programme may include swimming, basketball, hockey, softball, T-ball, cricket, netball, rugby, soccer and athletics. You can find out more about our school sports here: <http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/sports>

North Canterbury Primary School's Sports Association

Through NC Sports, our school takes part in the swimming sports, winter tournament and twilight athletics championships. Some children will also have the opportunity to attend championship events at Christchurch. There is more information on their website.

WaiSwim programme

We take part in the Mainland sponsored WaiSwim programme that is run at the local council run pool for Year 2 to 6 children. Swimming is part of the school curriculum, and is therefore not optional – all children take part.

Academies:

We operate a number of Academies at school and you can keep an eye on our newsletter to find out more about these. Some are for specific age groups (e.g. Science is for Year 5 and older) and some are for specific skill groups (e.g. surf academy students must have a certain level of ability).

Music, skate, surf & dance lessons

Christchurch School of Rock provide lessons each week during class time for those who sign up. You can find enrolment forms and more information here:

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/music-dance-lessons>

Bookings are made on a Term-by-Term basis - ask at reception for a registration form. Invoices for this are to be settled directly with the Christchurch School of Rock.

Digital safety

There are some great resources for you to use in order to help teach your child to use the internet responsibly. Check the NetSafe website www.netsafe.org.nz and also the Kids Spot website www.kidspot.co.nz

Did you know that for most social media sites users need to be at least 13 before they can create an account and legally access them? This is because research shows that children younger than this are not mature enough to be able to manage social media.

Enrolments and our enrolment scheme

You can find everything you need to know about enrolling at our school here:

<http://www.pegasusbay.school.nz/enrolments>