

Meadowbank Millepede Walking School Bus



The Meadowbank Millepede Walking School Bus was established in 2002 in an effort to ease traffic congestion and offer pupils a safe, supervised walk to school.

Parents are rostered to walk with the children to school each morning (at this stage there is no Walking Bus operating back from school in the afternoons). A parent “driver” and “conductor” pick up children at Walking Bus Stops along designated routes. Parents of participating children are expected to volunteer as drivers once per week (the number of duties required depends on the number of families involved).

Other benefits include healthier, more active children as well as practical road safety education for them.

Attached are copies of the Meadowbank Millepede Walking School Bus Guidelines and Consent Form. If you are interested in joining or finding out more please contact Jill Hanson (tel: 521 1986).

The current bus stops (marked by Millepede Walking Bus signs on lamposts) are at 22 Fancourt St, 68 Temple Street, 58 Meadowbank Road and on the corner of Maungarei and Koraha Street.

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Guidelines

1. Timetable

The bus leaves the bus stop at...	Time
22 Fancourt St	8:10am
68 Temple Street	8:20am
58 Meadowbank Road	8:30am
Cnr Koraha Street & Maungarei Road	8:10am

The bus route finishes at the Meadowbank school patrol on Waiatarua Rd. The Koraha Street and Maungarei Road finishes at the patrol on Kelvin Road.

2. Safety

There are three simple Safety Rules which we ask all children using the bus to respect:

- A. Walk between “Driver” at the front and the “Conductor” at the back of the bus.
- B. Do what the duty parents ask
- C. Keep other children safe – walk don’t run, stay on the footpath, keep boisterous play for the playground, no scooters or balls on the bus

Parents should speak to their own children about road safety before permitting them to join the Walking Bus and it is a good idea for the driver/conductor to give newcomers a brief reminder also.

3. Behaviour

The same standards of behaviour apply on the bus as at Meadowbank School. Where a child’s behaviour is inappropriate or unsafe, the conductor and/or duty parents will speak to the child to ensure that the bus trip remains safe and enjoyable for all. In the first instance they will contact the child’s parents. If misbehaviour continues on subsequent days, this will be drawn to the attention of

Meadowbank School's walking bus contact person. Currently that is Associate Principal, Lurette Callister.

4. Bus Stops

We aim to keep the bus moving. If a child is not at the bus stop the bus will continue without them. Children and parents must have their own contingency plans if the bus is missed.

5. Duty parents

It is the responsibility of the duty parent to arrange an alternative person (from the walking bus contact list) to take over their duty should they be unable to walk, e.g. due to sickness, holiday etc.

6. Cancellation

In very wet weather the bus may need to be cancelled. The decision to cancel is made jointly by the parents rostered on walking duty that day. If a decision is made to cancel the bus then the duty parents will arrange that all people on the contact list are notified of the cancellation by 7.50am at the latest. This allows everyone time to make alternative arrangements to get to school.

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PARENT CONSENT FORM

1. I wish my child to use the Meadowbank Millepede Walking Bus.
2. He/she will join the bus at (please tick)

22 Fancourt St	8:10am	
68 Temple Street	8:20am	
58 Meadowbank Road	8:30am	
Cnr Koraha St/ Maungarei Rd	8:10am	

3. I realise that my child's journey to and from school is still my responsibility even though they will be using the bus.
4. I have explained to my child the Safety Rules and standards of behaviour expected on the bus.
5. **Please print CLEARLY:**

Parent's name	
Child's name(s)	
Class	
Address	
Phone no.	
Work phone/ mobile	
Email	

6. My child will be using the bus at these times (approximately):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					

7. I am available to walk as a "duty" parent on _____
(choose one or more days of the week).

Signed: _____ (parent)

Date: _____

CHILD'S UNDERTAKING (to be signed annually)

I understand and will follow the Safety Rules and I will behave as I am expected to at school:

Signed: _____ (child) **Date:** _____