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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

An update for you all .....

Over the last few weeks we have been met with some challenges regarding the school access gates from Chartwell Ave and Archers Road – namely someone, unnamed, decided that during a weekend they would superglue the locks on the gates shut! Although now fixed, this has led to a few problems with the opening of the gates.

Also, if you push the gate before lifting the locking device, it will not open.

The **gates are unlocked** at about 8.25 each day and remain closed but not locked, so access for our parents is available. They are then relocked at about 3.40 each day.

### **Pick up and Drop off**

As previously said in the newsletter in Week 11, it has been hugely beneficial for our children gaining independence. Drop off works very well as children are arriving to class settled and in charge of their belongings, ready to start their day. Again, if you wish to see the class teacher, or artwork, you can come in and see them. This has always been the case since Week 11 of Term 2.

The gates have been opened physically from 2.50pm for pick up and it is up to parents whether they wish to enter school to pick up or not. They need to let the teacher know of their intention, so we can ensure that those children who are being collected from gates by their parents are taken to the correct gates.

If parents wish to collect their children from classes, please be aware that your child's teacher might be on gate duty and not available, and again on Monday and Tuesday nights teachers are involved in meetings from 3.10pm until 5.00. If you go into a classroom, please remember to scan the Q code at each door for contact tracing purposes.

### **Playgrounds**

If your pre-schooler is on our school site after 3:10pm, the playgrounds can be used – under your supervision.

### **Assemblies**

I am aware that at present due to our hall becoming a classroom, we have limited space for a whole-school or senior/junior assembly where you can celebrate your children's successes, but I know that teachers share these successes through certificates and via class dojo or the seesaw App. with you. It is not ideal, but we all feel it is important that you are all informed of what your child is doing.

Finally, please remember that you are all an important part of our school and its evolving life and I can be contacted via email or by appointment if you have any concerns. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

Kind regards

**Sue Buckley**  
**Principal**