

URGENT update from Rotorua Lakes Council and Otonga Road School

This term to ease congestion with the road works we will deliver children to one of 3 pick-up points **after school** (not before school):

1. McDowell St - pick up and then drive through Simmonds to exit
2. Nikau St - come from Devon St, turn left into Nikau St & exit through Jackson St onto Otonga Rd
3. Moncur Dr

Refer to the map below.

Work on the Springfield/Otonga Road intersection upgrade is progressing on schedule despite the wet weather at the beginning of the year. The shared path outside the school front has been completed and work will now continue on the remaining arms of the roundabout. The expected completion date for the full project is mid-April (weather permitting).

To help with congestion issues and delays school staff and the Safe and Sustainable Journeys team have worked together on three **Walking School Bus (WSB)** routes which will be provided so parents can drop their children at an alternative location and teachers and Council staff will walk them from school. **We are seeking interested parents to assist us with leading the WSB's.**

While work is taking place we want to encourage you to consider using an alternative route to get to school or try walking or biking while the weather is fine.

We want to thank you for your patience and apologise for the disruptions caused. We look forward to seeing a safer environment for all users once the project is completed.

For more information about the project or to give feedback visit www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/springfieldupgrade or phone Rotorua Lakes Council on 07 348 4199.

Parents- please let your child know which of the 3 pick-up points you will meet them at after school. Probably drop your child there in the morning. You may need to walk them the first day.

The teachers will walk them after school but your child must be collected from the drop off by 3:15pm or children will be walked back to school.

Safe and Sustainable Journeys Team (RLC) & Otonga Road School

