



Special Newsletter – Bus Incident

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Kia ora koutou

This afternoon we had a bus incident outside our bus bay at 3.10 pm as students were finishing school for the day and heading home.

The Brunswick bus pulled out of the bus bay area and hit a car travelling along Purnell Street. The bus then proceeded to hit another car (with no-one inside the car) parked on the other side of Purnell Street and accelerated up the driveway of a house on the opposite side of the road; the first car (with a driver inside) spun into our green wooden fence opposite the school library.

It is extremely fortunate that no students or adults were hit by the bus or car at any stage of the incident.

Students on the Brunswick bus moved onto the next available bus and on to the Whanganui City College bus inter-change area, and their various journeys home.

Police Officers, Transit group bus representatives, a first responder and an ambulance quickly arrived on the scene and the road was blocked from traffic at both ends of our school on Purnell Street while initial assessments were carried out.

Many of our staff members and members of the public assisted and worked together to keep the situation as calm as possible for everybody involved. Some students will still be shaken by the incident. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns.

Ngā mihi nui

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