

TRANSPORT REPORT for GC OCTOBER 2019

Buses at EFS

GOOLWA:

The 2020 contract for the Goolwa School Run is due for renewal at the end of December. LinkSA's quote was clearly the best and they have provided the service satisfactorily so far, therefore, we will renew a contract with LinkSA to provide this service between Goolwa and Strathalbyn in 2020. The signing of the contract will require the use of the common seal (to be minuted at GC meeting). The contract is for the same 61 seat bus which was *less* than a smaller 57 seat bus.

Allowing for Year 12 students and others who have left during the year then adding new siblings catching the bus in 2020 we have 57 students - 4 less than we started with in 2019, although we had a small waiting list at the start of 2019 because we were limited to the number of seats on the bus. We make our calculations based on the numbers we know at this time of year. LinkSA has a clause in their contract to allow for fuel price fluctuations and drivers wage changes. The cost to families for 2020 has a slight increase from 2019. The cost in 2020 will be \$38.50 per week per student. In 2019 it was \$34.50 per week per student.

The Goolwa School Bus remains a user pay service and we have continued to ensure the cost for this service is similar to that for other students who travel from out of our catchment area. As an example, a multi trip student fare with LinkSA from Callington to Strathalbyn is \$44 for 10 trips.

We closely monitor payments received for the Goolwa Bus service and most families are up-to-date or on an instalment plan. A small number of families who have defaulted have been sent written advice that further action will be taken if payment is not finalised. We have to be fair to all families and all correspondence contains consistent information about it being a user-pay system.

PARIS CREEK SCHOOL BUS RUN:

The Paris Creek school bus and 2 of our other school runs were held up, temporarily, by the Adelaide Car Rally last week but an immense amount of negotiation between the school and the organisers resulted in minimal disruption to timetables so all students were delivered home safely.

The Strathalbyn Kindergarten are considering a different arrangement for the "Kindy Run" shuttle for 2020 due to a smaller number of Kindy children catching buses to Strathalbyn.

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