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IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR TERM THREE RETURN TO SCHOOL

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You will have experienced the work taking place along McAlister Street to replace one of the two watermains that supplies the CBD and surrounding area.

Over the next two weeks drilling to position the new pipe will be taking place along the school section of the road. We have planned this work to coincide with the holidays to minimise, as much as possible, disruption to the school community.

When school comes back for the new term there will be some changes to parking and footpath access.

- The **footpath and parking on the school side of the road will be closed** (except for access into school from the school pedestrian crossing).
- There will be an exclusive **Apanui School drop-off and pick-up zone on the opposite side of McAlister Street, from Louvain Street to Merritt Street; and also along Merrit Street (to the Bowling Club).**
- **Traffic speed along McAlister Street will reduce to 30 kph to protect the safety of pedestrians and our contractors.**

These measures will stay in place until the end of September; this is how long it will take to complete the watermain project and then reinstate the footpath.

Before school returns, we will be placing VMS (mobile digital signs) on Domain Road and Commerce Street to encourage commuters to bypass McAlister Street to lessen the impact on the school and residents. We will also promote the changes through print and social media.

Thank you for your patience while we complete this project to ensure safe water supply to meet the needs of our growing town centre for coming decades.