



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 11: Friday 11 April 2025

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ōrana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālō nī, Kamusta, Salam, Bula Vinaka, Namaste, As-salamu alaikum, Guten tag!



WOOHOO!!! In the past four weeks, we've been super delighted to have school-wide student attendance **in the 90%s** AND in this last week of the Term, we've had some consecutive days **in the 90%s** too! Now that we've achieved a new height of success, we strive to sustain it ❤️ Let's **KEEP** this as our new norm, into next Term as well.



With such a positive start to the year, we celebrate a learning-full Term! Super proud of ākonga working enthusiastically on their reading, writing and math goals. Ka rawe Y7/8 students exploring new learning in your Specialties and Technology programmes. Ākonga have enjoyed their "Journey" theme studies, highlighting their cultural, family, and learning-journey achievements and aspirations. I thank our wonderful teaching, leadership and support staff for collective efforts this Term, making a positive future-difference for our students ❤️ Check out R16 Pepeha (who also made confident oral presentations), R24 posters and R8 reflective 'Journey' poems (p.2).

School Assembly: Thank you parents/whaanau for joining us yesterday. We hope you enjoyed the Junior School students' waiata and dancing. Super proud of their excitement to perform, showing our VS Value **KAIRANGI**, and collective class efforts, showing our VS Value **WHANAUNGATANGA**. Ka rawe Molisi and Stacey being responsible Assembly Leaders this Term, showing our VS Value **MANAAKITANGA** 🙌 Tino pai ākonga who received School Values Certificates, soaring to new heights of success ❤️



Tino pai to the many students who've made 100% attendance this Term! Ka rawe to **Room 5** winning **1st place**, **Room 6** in **2nd** and **Room 8** in **3rd** for the Top Term Attendance Award, acknowledged at School Assembly.

Student Achievement: Teachers have been monitoring students' learning and have completed some 'Overall Curriculum Judgments' about your child's achievement this Term. This information will feed into your child's Mid-Year Report and our **Whaanau/Parent Hui/Fono** next Term.

Board Update: We've had a lot of building refurbishments happening this Term. During the holidays there will be some property remediation work. The MoE and Board advise the community with health/safety notices (p.4, 5).

Reflecting on our collective efforts, I close with this whakataukii: **He rau ringa e oti ai** (many hands, working together). We've appreciated your support, visits and chats this Term! I hope that you have some special time with family/aiga/whaanau and friends during the holidays 🌺 Take care, we look forward to seeing you all for a fabulous Term 2 🌺

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌺
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal





Room 24



Room 16



Room 8

Life is a journey, a winding road,
With twists and turns, a heavy load.
Through sun and rain, we make our way,
Each step we take lights up the day.
With hopes and dreams our spirits soar,
Until the journeys at heaven's door.

On my adventure ready to learn, there will
be many ups and downs, twists and turns.
When it comes to math I have no clue,
"Let's just disappear out of the blue".
I struggle in Maths, that's no lie,
But once it's Writing I fly high.
It's always good to have a try,
Succeed, achieved, and reach for the sky.

So when at first you don't succeed,
Don't give up, just proceed.
Down the avenues, crescents and streets.
In between you will meet,
Your biggest accomplishments, tasting
sweet.

Author: Hadassah R8

My journey begins with a 5 year old ready to
learn. Realising that in School, I will have to
take a new turn.

Growing more and more from day to year,
behaviour sharper than a warrior's spear.
Prioritising my work and doing my best, when
necessary, I have my head down and talk less.

Learning about numbers, graphs, and
calculations in math, spelling every Friday, I
learn the words fast. Better understanding
when I start reading. Better language
features when I begin writing.

Year 8, I've got to make this year count.
Friends and journeys are what I've found.
As I enter College, I can't play around
anymore.

As a teacher, Doctor or therapist, I just want
to help people, and that's for sure.

Author: Fihi R8

TERM TWO 2025: Monday 28 April – Friday 27 June
TEACHER ONLY DAY NEXT TERM: Tuesday 3 June, so the Teachers can
complete their MoE new Curriculum professional development.
Thank you parents/whaanau for your support & understanding 😊

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS ☺ See previous Newsletters emailed to you and on our website.
2025 Y7/8 Immunisations: We have been informed from Te Whatu Ora, that these immunisations will take place next February, March, June and December. If you have any queries, please call the Office.

Student arrival and leaving times

- Please arrive by 8:30 am. School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm.
- If late, students must sign in at the Library and go straight to class (learning time has already begun)
- If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment, call the Office in advance. **Children must be collected and signed out from the Office only between 11:30 to 11:45 am**
- 3 pm is home time for all students. There is no supervision after school. No students should return to School after hours. Let's all keep safe.
- Safely walk on the paths and use the pedestrian crossing

Drop off / Pick up:

- Only use the Manukau Rovers car parks and/or surrounding streets. When parked in Rovers, please follow the safety layout, traffic flow, exits and staff on duty. **No stopping or parking at the cones**
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in or drop off inside the School gate (this is for staff parking and regular utility vehicles need safe access to our drop off and exit areas). Safety first please ☺

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch is available. Any dietary needs/changes, please contact the Office. We provide free fruit daily. **If packing your child's own food, please pack healthy foods, not high sugar foods**
- Water only (no fizzy or juice) – students bring a bottle to fill with water each day
- No sweets or gum. We do not have class parties/party food (health/allergy reasons)
- **Any food wrapping brought to School, goes home with your child/in their lunch box 'Pack In Pack Out'.** We are a health promoting School, please consider healthy snack options, rather than highly processed foods

Uniform, stationery & devices:

- Viscount School uniform is compulsory. Please purchase the collar top, with the shorts. The Sports Tee is only for Y7/8. The hat is compulsory for all students Term 1 & 4. Black sandals Term 1 and 4 or dark/black shoes – **NO crocs** or 'rolling ball' shoes (these are unsafe). The fleece pullover full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3. Students can wear the free black jacket or the uniform jacket. Black trousers are optional in Term 2 and 3.
- To buy uniform, please visit the Papakura shop or order online from our School website: <https://www.uniformhub.co.nz/collections/viscount-school> We supply free stationery for your child
- **No student cell phones at School. It is illegal (as is smoking and vaping onsite)**

Queries, concerns, School info, Policies:

- See your child's teacher first. You may then like to see the Team Leader, DP, AP or Principal. You're welcome to visit, call the Office or email the teacher, TL, DP or Principal. Please do not delay
- Our Policies are found on our School Website. **We welcome your review of Term 2 Policies ☺**

Viscount Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some free healthy kai in the Hall 8:20 am – 8:45 am

Enrolments:

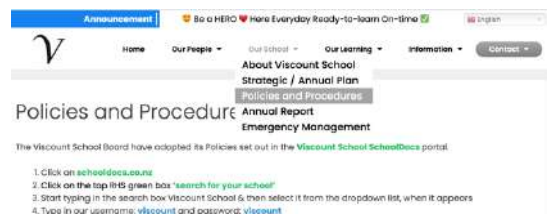
- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child. Also see our School Website

Wheels – bikes, scooters:

- Students are responsible for their own bike/scooter. Students must wear helmets and are responsible for securing their own bike/scooter. Wheels must be walked in School grounds. See the DP for information about safety routines

Notices, Newsletters:

- Emailed to parents/caregivers Friday fortnightly (let us know if your details have changed)
- Also posted on our School website www.viscount.school.nz (our online communication)
- Download the KiwiSchools App to your mobile (see link on our School Website)
- **Board Meetings** – twice a Term, Mondays (for dates, please see our [School Website Calendar](#))





Notice of Asbestos Removal Work

To the Viscount School community,

Reliable Contracting Group Limited a licensed Asbestos Removalist (WorkSafe **Class A Licence: number RA21090043** & **Class B Licence: number RB20040012** will be undertaking removal work of some Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) from **Viscount Primary School, Main Building, Ground Floor, Room 7.**

This removal work will be conducted between the hours of **6 AM to 6 PM** on **12/04/2025**, and is expected to finish on **26/04/2025**. This work may need to be re-scheduled in the event of bad weather.

WorkSafe NZ was notified on **00158045** that this licensed asbestos removal work is to be undertaken.

Viscount Primary School management and Board have been consulted about the nature and timing of this work, together with the safety measures to be used.

The following safety measures will be put in place and maintained for the duration of this project:

- Signs, barriers and/or temporary fencing will be installed.
- PVA solution or water will be applied to asbestos containing materials to prevent airborne asbestos fibres dust (as required).
- Asbestos containing materials will not be broken, where possible.
- Plastic will be used to cover horizontal surfaces and surrounds.
- Asbestos containing material will be wrapped on site and disposed of at an approved tip site
- Air monitoring at the work site boundary will be place for the duration of the work. If asbestos fibres above the allowable safe limit are detected, work will cease immediately and corrective measures applied
- An independent party will carry out an inspection of the site on completion of the work, and issue a clearance certificate.

The Ministry of Education website has further information about the management of asbestos and procedures to ensure the safety of all involved in or affected by the work, at the school and community. This can be found on: www.education.govt.nz/school/property-and-transport/health-and-safety-management/asbestos

Additional information about asbestos removal and/or Asbestos Removal Licences can be found on WorkSafe NZ's website on www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/asbestos or by phoning **0800 030 040 (24 hours)**.

If you have any questions or concerns about this removal work, please feel to contact either **Reliable Contracting Group Ltd** on **020 414 62339**, or the **Steve Fair from Conduct Projects Ltd** on **021990568**

April 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians

Important Notice – Road closure affecting travel time to and from school

Auckland Council will be starting construction on the Te Ararata Creek Flood Resilience Project mid-2025. To complete this work as quickly as possible we need to close the Walmsley Road Bridge to road traffic for up to seven months.

We want to inform you about an upcoming traffic detour that may affect travel times to and from school.

Key Information:

Affected Areas

- Walmsley Road will be closed to all vehicles between McKenzie Road and Hall Avenue from late July 2025 to February 2026.
- A traffic detour will be put in place, which means more vehicles will use Bader Drive, Elmdon Street and Hall Avenue. There will be signs in place telling you where the detour is.
- You will still be able to walk or cycle along Walmsley Road as a temporary pedestrian bridge will be provided.

Expected Delays

- Travelling by car or bus might take longer, so please allow extra time.

School Bus Services

- 309 and 309x will be re-routed and will not stop at the bus stops near Hall Avenue, near the Māngere Samoan Church and near the Mobil gas station.
- School buses will still be able to use these bus stops.

We understand these changes may cause inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation. Our priority is ensuring that all students can continue to travel to school safely and efficiently.

For further information on the project and traffic diversions, please contact the project team on the details below, or scan this QR code.

Kind regards,

Leighton Gillespie
Project Manager



Need further information?



Visit: aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/te-ararata-creek

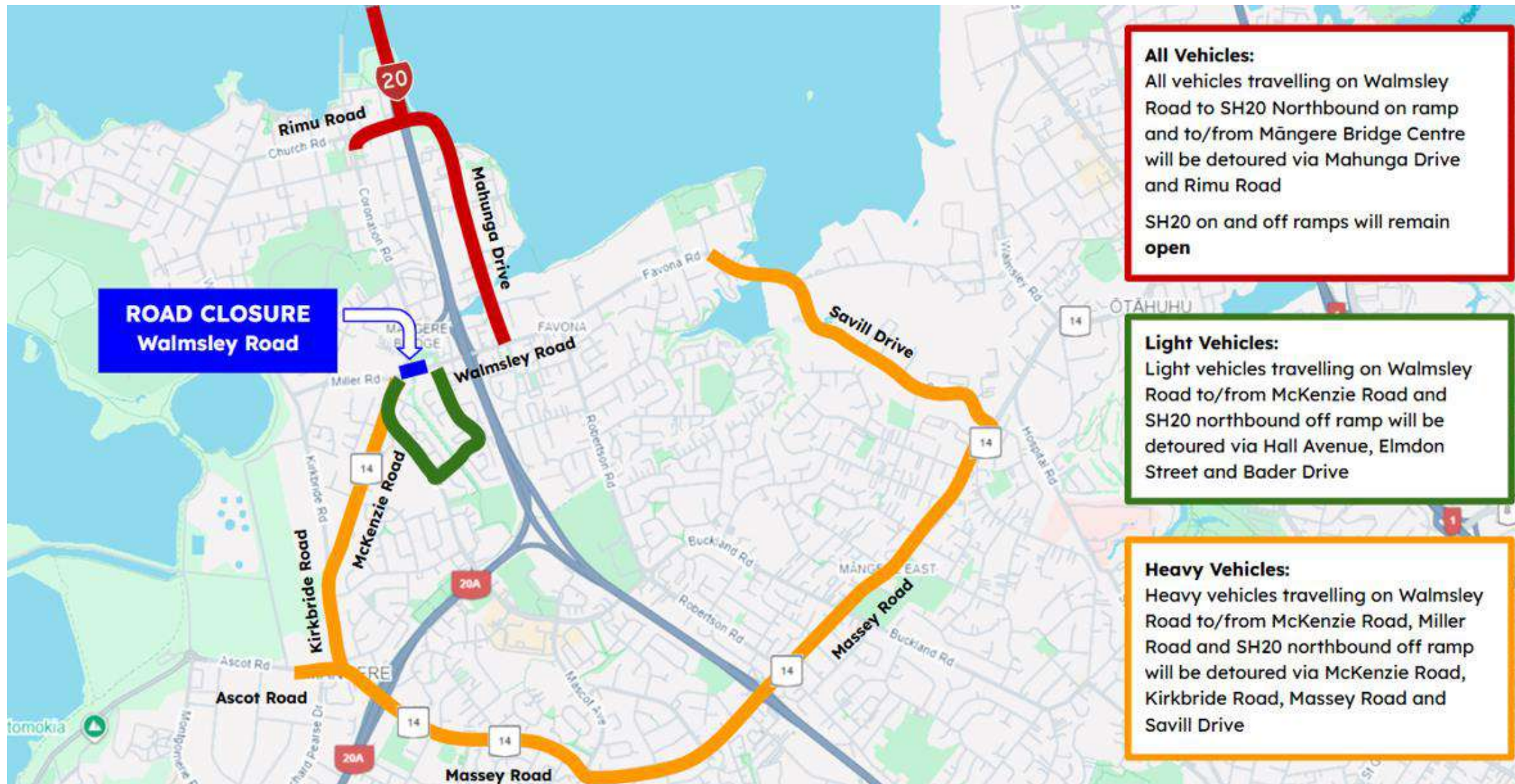


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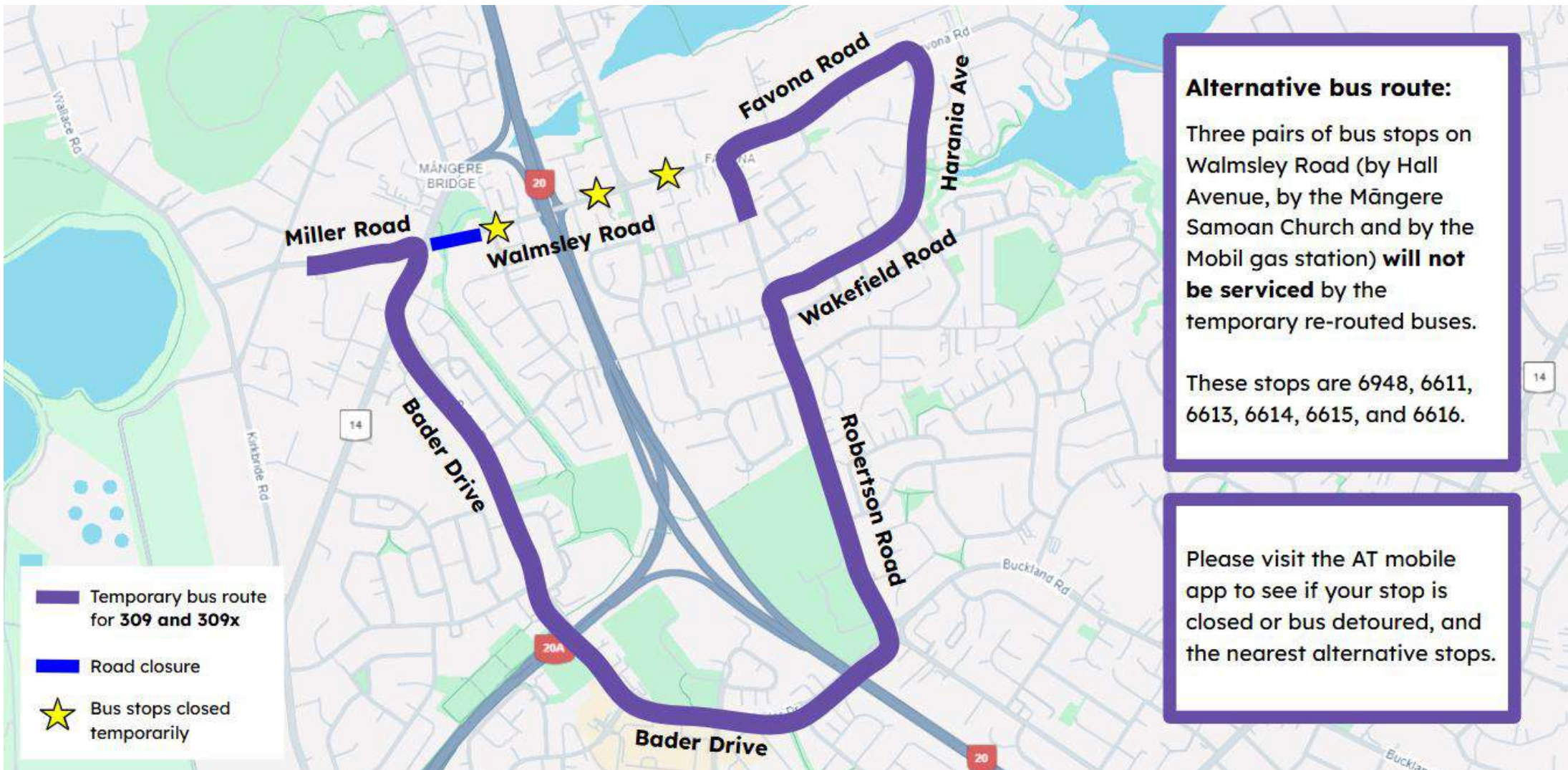


Email: bluegreen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Temporary Traffic Diversions: July 2025 – February 2026



Alternate Bus Route



The Viscount School uniform is compulsory.

All clothing that is not Viscount uniform
remains at home.

- The collar top is worn with the plain black shorts.
- The fleece full zip is compulsory for Term 2 and 3.
- Plain black trousers are optional in Term 2 and 3
- Black/dark shoes are compulsory. NO Crocs or 'rolling ball' shoes are permitted (these are unsafe)
- Plain black rain jacket or VS red rain jacket for wet weather only (not worn in class).



Plain black trousers (optional)

