



2 November 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Board of Trustees Notice of School Closure – Monday, 12 November 2018

As you may have heard, teachers and principals across the country have overwhelmingly voted in favour to strike again.

So, why are teachers striking for a second time? The NZEI Teachers Union rejected the latest offer from the Ministry of Education and believed that the latest offer did not meet the years of underfunding and under resourcing that schools have faced over the past few years.

Just what are teachers and the NZEI Union seeking? Teacher members and the Union are seeking improvements to some core aspects:

- A pay jolt to lift the status of the teaching profession and to attract and retain teachers in the profession.
- It is getting harder and harder for schools to attract and find staff as less people enter or stay in the profession.
- Additional resourcing to support those children who have learning and/or behavioural needs.
- Improved workload conditions.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching and support staff, and have determined that we cannot provide the normal teaching services during the strike on this day. The school will therefore be closed.

Student safety is a major consideration in making this decision, and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

It's essential that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike, as the school will be closed.

All usual school transport will be cancelled.

The Board totally support the stance that our teachers are taking in striving for conditions that support both teacher wellbeing and better outcomes for our students.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bridgette Ferguson'.

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