



## ROSENEATH SCHOOL

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

### **Principal and teachers to strike on Wednesday, 29 May School will be closed for the day**

The New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) Te Riu Roa has advised the Board of Trustees that the Principal and Teachers at our school will strike for the day on Wednesday 29 May 2019.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff and, unfortunately, decided that we are unable to provide either normal teaching services or limited supervision during the strike. The school will need to close during this strike.

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. If this is difficult please contact Joanne in the office so that we can help.

With the support of the Board, Roseneath After School Care (RASC) will be offering a programme for the School day. The cost of the programme is \$50 /child. Please contact Pyar (027 689 8845).

We appreciate that this is inconvenient for parents, caregivers and students, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

### **The Board supports teachers**

It is hard not to. The Board sees first-hand the work that they do and the results they achieve. Our student achievement data is exceptional. Our teachers know our children and there is a plan for each of them to graduate from Roseneath School as confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners.

Quite simply, our children are at the centre of everything our teachers do and often they will place their needs behind those of our children and our community. It is not their choice to have (another) day without pay away from our children and their learning. Indeed, the first thought of our teachers on hearing confirmation of the strike was to ask: What about the School Production?

Collectively, teachers and principals are asking for:

1. More teachers – so your children can get the attention they need
2. More resources / staff – to support children with learning needs
3. Better salaries – so that your children will have a teacher in the future

It is hard to argue with any of these or the reasons for them. Teaching is more than a vocation; it is a profession that clearly needs “a jolt” of public funding and the recognition it deserves.

Our vision is “*A vibrant, inclusive school community where children love to learn.*” To support that vision we are enormously grateful to have teachers who love to teach and who are passionate about the success of our children. It is time to put them first.

### **How can you show your support?**

*Write to your Member of Parliament*

Grant Robertson, Wellington Central: [g.robertson@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:g.robertson@ministers.govt.nz)

Paul Eagle, Rongotai: [paul.eagle@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:paul.eagle@parliament.govt.nz)

*Write to Ministers*

Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education: [g.robertson@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:g.robertson@ministers.govt.nz)

Tracey Martin, Associate Minister of Education: [t.martin@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:t.martin@ministers.govt.nz)

*Join the march to Parliament*

The March leaves from Civic Square at midday, Wednesday 29 March. They would appreciate your support. Andrew Thomson is organising a meeting place ahead of the march. Please contact him on 021 662 775, [andrewjohnthomson@gmail.com](mailto:andrewjohnthomson@gmail.com).

*Just want more information*

<https://www.backtheteachers.co.nz/>

<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>

If you have any queries relating to this decision or the content of this notice, please talk to one of us or e-mail [bot@roseneath.school.nz](mailto:bot@roseneath.school.nz).

Ngā mihi nui,

David, Adelle, Anne, Pat, Kate, Simon & Andrew  
Roseneath School Board of Trustees