



Special Newsletter

Tuesday 19th March 2024

Kia ora koutou,

We have been informed by NZEI that there is a paid stop work meeting(PUM) for our teaching staff taking place on Monday 25th March at 1.30pm.

*Parents/caregivers are asked to **collect children at 1.00pm on Monday 25th March** to allow teachers time to travel to the meeting at Parawai School.*

Why the need for a meeting? Didn't teachers get a pay rise last year?

This meeting is to brief teachers on the changes happening/coming to the education sector with the change of Government and to get teacher voice on the key points they want NZEI to lobby for on their behalf.

Some of the key things happening within the education sector currently...

The move towards twice-a-year national testing in reading, writing and maths. How this data will be used and shared has yet to be announced. Observations from other countries warn us that performing in tests becomes the focus of the education system with National Testing.

Significant cuts to funding support for children with learning needs. The goal to cut back spending in the public sector is seeing support for children with additional learning, behaviour or health needs being significantly cut back. Many children across the school are no longer receiving any support, or if they are, receiving a drastically reduced amount of support. This either disrupts a class, or teachers have to spend considerable time trying to support these children, which takes their time away from "teaching" the other children in the class.

Attendance - the MOE directive to target attendance has been left to teachers and other school staff to improve without additional support.

The "social-work" aspect of working with families has moved from external agencies to now sit largely with schools.

Agencies who work with schools face significant cutbacks. Agencies that work with schools have the same pressure placed on them to cut back costs. People are leaving, and roles are left unfilled for extended periods.

Property maintenance has been significantly cut back. In practical terms, this means that the money each school gets to maintain the buildings and grounds will no longer cover the costs needed to keep a school well-maintained. This money will now have to come from other discretionary school funds, like purchasing learning materials, library books, school trips, etc.

This meeting aims to make the education sector aware of the impact of these changes across the board and develop key lobbying points to take forward.

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Updated parent/teacher conference booking form.
Bookings can also be made via the Skoolloop app from Monday 25th March.

FAMILY SURNAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Please add your child's name in the column of their teacher at the time that best suits you to visit
and return the form to the office as soon as possible.

This form will be returned to you with confirmed times ticked or alternative times.

If you are unable to attend your confirmed conference time, please let the office know asap.

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