

We have had another great week at Paterangi School. One of the things I enjoy is how our teachers are always looking for new ways and experiences to spur our children into excitement for learning. Our senior students had a great time at the National Young Leaders Conference on Tuesday where they had the opportunity to hear from a number of inspirational guest speakers following the theme of this whakatauki:

He aha te kai ā te rangatira? He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.
What is the food of a leader? It is conversations

This was another opportunity for our children to showcase our values to the wider community and they did a fantastic job. Big thanks too to our parents who provided transport and supervision on the day, as you know without this level of support we could not provide these kinds of opportunities to our children.



NZEI Strike Day

The Nationwide NZEI Strike for both Primary and Secondary School Teachers has been confirmed for the 29th of May. Paterangi School will be closed on that day.

Recently the Principal of Fielding Intermediate shared the following thoughts on the upcoming strike:

I have just received confirmation that the mega teacher strike is confirmed for May 29th. This means both primary and secondary teachers across the country will be on strike.

I continue to be frustrated and saddened by the spin in the media - and from Chris Hipkins (Education Minister) around this issue.

The minister just announced \$95 million to attract new teachers. This is such a common marketing strategy. Offer a deal to get people to sign up - but don't look after your existing customers! This \$95 million to train new teachers does not stop the flood of teachers quitting. It does not solve the massive percentage of teachers who resign within the first 5 years. It does nothing to value our experienced, hard working teachers. It also does nothing to attract our top students to teaching - we want the best and brightest school leavers to be considering teaching!

Some of the issues that remain for us are:

Primary teachers get 10 hours a term release time. Secondary teachers get 5 hours a week. This is not fair. The lack of release time impacts on the teaching in the classroom - and our students deserve better!

Our collective agreement expired on the 8th of June 2018. The govt is refusing to back pay us if/when an agreement is reached.

The govt offered primary teachers a \$500 bonus to sign the agreement. They offered secondary teachers \$1000. This is not fair.

The government is refusing to commit to pay parity. Teachers should be paid the same for equal qualifications - regardless of the age of the students.

The minister likes to talk about this being a ten thousand dollar payrise. Currently our beginning teachers spend a minimum of 3 years at university and then start on a paltry \$47980. This offer gives them 3% straight away. So about \$1400 before tax - or about \$19 a week. This is one of the reasons we have a 40% reduction in people choosing teaching as a career.

Experienced teachers stand to get about \$27 a week from this offer.

Our agreement expired in June last year, but the Minister is refusing to offer backpay. Therefore - even if they accepted the \$27 a week today - they have already lost somewhere in the vicinity of \$2000 over the last year through this negotiation - both through strike days and no back pay. So in fact - if we signed today, it would take over a year for us to even make up what we've lost.

The support for learners with special needs - both learning and behaviour - is nothing short of pathetic. Limited release for primary teachers means they have no extra time to plan for these learners - or attend meetings, or support whanau. When Hipkins was in opposition - he talked about how low teacher salaries are, and the need for drastic action in education. Now he is in power - he is facing the largest strike action in memory. National's Nikki Kay is talking about how bad the situation is, and how teachers deserve a pay jolt - but it seems easy to say things in opposition.

A decade ago we used to get a 100 applicants for a teaching job. Principals could choose the best candidates to meet the needs of their school. Now - we see vacancies having no applicants at all. We have classes being split because we can't find a reliever. We see jobs being readvertised over and over again.

We have already battled this for a year. It has cost teachers thousands - and we seem to have made little headway. We know it's frustrating for parents - and we hear the messages from the Minister that try to turn the public against us.

Please believe me that we are fighting for the education for your children. We have come too far to give up now.

I am forever hopeful that the government will finally be courageous enough to invest properly in education. Step outside the standard and really rattle the cage! Fund us so that we can be world class. Fund us so every student can get the best education possible.

So I understand that May 29th will be inconvenient. I expect it won't be the last.

Please support us by going online and messaging anyone you can think of - Hipkins, Ardern - the Labour govt Facebook page - local MPs - anyone and everyone. Together let us be heard.

TERM 1 AWARDS:-



Room 1 - **Seth** for showing integrity, perseverance and responsibility in his learning and in the class room this week.

Molly for showing integrity, perseverance and responsibility in her learning and in the classroom this week.

Room 2 - **Tamaroa** for his fantastic maths results in a recent maths assessment, you are such a hard worker.

Huia for your super writing while on holiday. I enjoyed reading all about it.

Room 3 - **Zara** for your thinking outside the square in Maths this week. You are using lots of new strategies to solve problems.

Michelle for awesome perseverance in reading this week. You try hard to complete all your tasks quickly and to the best of your ability. I am proud of you making 5 from 5 this week.

Zachary for showing perseverance in handwriting and fitness this week. You are showing that hard work pays off!!!

Room 4 - **Ronan** for excellent work in measurement and telling the time on analogue clocks. Keep up the good work Ronan.

Jahmon for his kind and thoughtful nature helping to make Ruma Nikau a great place to learn.

Room 5 - **Ruby** for being responsible for your own learning. Self managing to get class tasks completed on time.

Summer—for an awesome start to Paterangi School. Welcome!! Its wonderful having you join the Totara Team.



Our new Bank Account is as follows:

ASB Bank

12 -3134-0097104-00.

Bus Tags—

Please make sure these are paid by the end of next week. Thank you!!



29th May—Teacher's Strike—NO SCHOOL
6th June—Queens Birthday

Website/ Newsletters

The school website is regularly updated with information about upcoming events and all events are in the calendar section.

Absentees:-

Please can you make sure if your child is going to be absent for a length of time ie: family holiday etc, can you please make sure you send in writing a letter to the office to let us know. This is a legal requirement. Thank you!!!

School Apparel Last Call!!!

If you wish to order, please let the office know asap.

Prices:

Jacket— Adult \$85.00
 Child \$55.00

Hoody—(child & adult sizes) \$55.00

PTA Lunches

Week 4—Mac n Cheese
Week 5—American Hotdogs
Week 6—Boil Up

All \$5 lunches

Money needs to be in a named envelope by the Wednesday morning before at the school office. No forms will come home.

Mark Harrop
Principal



Board of Trustees Elections 2019

Nominations for the upcoming BOT elections are open. If this is something you would like to know more about or feel it is something you may be interested in but are unsure of what it entails, come and have a chat to Mark or our current Board Chair, Alan Patterson.

* Nominations close on Friday 24 May at 12 noon. All nominations need to be received by this time. If there are more nominations than the five vacancies for parent elected members, an election will be held. If there are the same or less than five, those nominations will be duly appointed with no voting required.

*Wednesday 29 May - If an election is to be held, voting papers will be sent by our Returning Officer to all eligible whanau on the schools parent/ caregiver roll.

* Friday 7 June - Voting will close at 12 noon. Voting papers will detail how to vote and where to return voting papers.

* Thursday 13 June - Our Returning Officer will be responsible for counting votes by this time and advise the school of the results.

Friday 14 June - Our new Board will take office.

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

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Ki te whakapiki

