



TUMUAKI NEWS

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis.

We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on Thursday 15th November.

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/> or talk with your child's teacher.

Koputai Kids after School and Holiday Care

Koputai Kids will be providing an all-day programme from 7.30 am until 6 pm on Thursday 15th November with no pick-ups (Teacher and Principal's Strike Action Day). Current caregivers and parents who usually use this service will have priority and numbers will be limited to 30 children. Options are for a half day or a full day. Please contact Wendy Russell on 0274727744 or 03 472 7777 to arrange bookings. In the event that an agreement is reached and the strike is cancelled KKASP will provide its usual service.

Tikhangā Maori

Proverbs

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!

Health Snippet

Water Safety

Lots of summer activities take place around water, where unfortunately too many children drown (on average 15 children each year).

- **It is vital children are closely supervised when they are near water:** Children can become unconscious after only a couple of minutes with their head under water.
- Young children can drown in very shallow water.
- **No child should get in a boat without a lifejacket,** even a short trip in a kayak or a dinghy.
- Make sure your child can swim. Swimming lessons through the school may not be enough for all children. Our local West Harbour Swim School and Club provides lessons.

For more information go to

<http://www.safekids.org.nz/index.php/page/sitesearch>

Family Accounts

Final accounts for the year have gone home to those families who still have amounts owing. It would be appreciated if outstanding amounts could be paid by the end of November.

Families are welcome to pay their accounts off, as \$5 a week soon gets these paid.

Thank you to those families who have set this up. 😊

Our Bank Account number is **060901 02167 4900**

Our Library



PLEASE!

The end of the term is fast approaching so it's a good time for everyone to have a good look around home for any of our Library Books. Any books lost or unreturned will be added to Family Accounts. Please encourage your child to return any books as this is a cost no one wants especially at Christmastime. Thank you.

Prize Giving Cups

We need all cups to be returned to the office by Friday 24th of November so we can get them cleaned and engraved for this year's prize giving. Just leave these at the office. Thank you.



Port Pongers

The Port Pongers won their last game 4-1 against Fairfield. They won 5 out of 6 and came second overall. Well done Liam and Ryan! 😊

Smash Cricket will begin next week.

Breakfast Club

Due to illness, one of our volunteers has had to bow out of the breakfast programme. To be able to offer this to our pupils we rely on volunteers. It only takes 15-20 minutes of your time on a Tuesday morning, but it gives our kids the best start to the day.

Please consider volunteering.

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Rooms 5 & 7 STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths)
 The task was to create a chair for Teddy



Good Workers Week 3

Poster

Bella Rm 7 Rex Rm 5
 Logan Rm 7

Reflections

Finn Rm 7

Mathematics

Van Rm 7 Rex Rm 7
 Bene Rm 7

Boating

Tuesday 6th Nov Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm

Tuesday 20th Nov Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm

Tuesday 4th Dec Rms 2 & 4 @ 1pm

Swimming

Swimming is part of the N.Z. Curriculum and all children are required to participate. A note is required if a child is unwell and unable to swim. If you are able to help out at swimming time please speak to your child's teacher.

Room 8	10:30 – 11:00
Room 3	11:00 – 11:30
Room 2	11:30 – 12:00
Room 5	1:45 – 2:15
Room 7	2:15 – 2:45

Assembly Timetable Fridays 2:15pm

2nd November	Room 4
9th November	No assembly
16th November	Artist in Residence
23rd November	Room 5 & 7
30th November	Room 8
7th December	Room 2
13th December	Final Assembly

Calendar of Events

6th or 8th November	North Zone Sports
15th November	NZEI Strike Day School Closed
12th - 16th November	Artist in Residence
18th November	Artist in Residence Parade
19th November	HPV Round 2
20th or 22nd November	Otago Athletics Championship Sports
29th and 30th November	Year 8 Camp