

Teachers Strike, August 15th

There is a strong possibility that the school will be closed due to industrial action by Teachers and Principal Union (N.Z.E.I.)

Our Board of Trustees will keep you fully informed of the developing situation.

The majority of teachers at Picton School are N.Z.E.I. members and will possibly be going on strike on Wednesday, August 15th. We wanted to let you know the reasons for this New Zealand wide action. The teaching profession is facing a crisis of recruitment and underfunding, especially in regards to Special Needs resourcing. We want to have more resources to better help your children. More money is needed to better support children who are currently missing out. More money is needed for smaller classes. More money is needed to attract and keep the very best, trained professionals. We do not take strike action lightly, the last time was 24 years ago. We feel passionately that we have to stand up for the free, high-quality public education that you and your children deserve.

Dave Sullivan

Friday, August 3rd

Tomorrow is a National day of awareness, 'Raising action'. Come along after school to the Room 1 and 2 deck and be photographed in a special frame, to show your support for your community's education.

Dave Paterson and Helen Boudier