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Hi Everyone

**IMPORTANT NOTICE – TEACHERS’ STRIKE, MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

Primary School teachers and Principals across New Zealand have voted to go on strike on Monday 12 November. At its meeting this week, the Board of Trustees decided to close the school completely on this day as we will not have sufficient staff to safely supervise any children who come to school. Would you please make alternative arrangements for your children on the day of the strike. We understand that this is not an ideal situation but appreciate very much your support of our teachers in their efforts to ensure that your children have the best possible education in future years. The profession needs to be able to attract quality trainees and retain experienced teachers. As you know, recruitment and retention numbers are dropping and a bulk of existing teachers in New Zealand are heading towards retirement age. ***Please note that Tigers Den will NOT be open on this day.***

**Year 7/8 Camp:** The camp is taking place in the last week of this month – only 3 weeks away. Please keep the camp fees coming in (can be paid either through internet banking or at the office).

**Swimming Pool:** Because we are replacing the pool fence and carrying out a repair and repaint of the pool, it will not be opened this term. We look forward to being back in full swing from the start of Term 1 next year.

**WORKING BEE:** Because we were not sure about the weather last Saturday, we had to postpone the working bee. We are still working on a new plan to get the work done and will keep everyone informed. Thank you again to everyone who offered to help.

**Term 4 Hats:** Hats are compulsory in the summer terms (Terms 1 & 4). Would you please make sure that your child has a hat to wear during breaks or while outside and that the hat is named. We prefer children to wear either the school hat or a plain black one. Children without hats will need to stay under the shade – no playing on the field, the playground or on the courts

**Important Dates:**

*Tuesday 06 November* – Choir performance at the Auckland Town Hall, 6.00-9.00 pm

***Monday 12 November: STRIKE DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED***

*Friday 16 November* - School athletics day, Moire Park, Years 3-8

*Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 November-* Year 7/8 camp at Houghton’s Bush

*Wednesday 12 December* – Year 8 graduation, 6.30-9.00 pm

*Thursday 13 December* – Shine Awards Assembly, 9.15-10.30 am, all welcome

*Tuesday 18 December* – ***End of Term 4, school closes at 12.30 pm***

*Tuesday 29 January* - Start of Term 1 2019, school begins at 9.00 am

**2019 Organisation:** The school office will be open every day, between 9.00am and 12.00 pm in the week prior to school starting (21-25 January). While all staff (including non-teaching staff) will be attending a professional development day on the Friday, the office will still be manned. Please feel free to come in to purchase stationery, uniforms etc and to start the process for any new enrolments.