

Our 2018 theme: Growing Together

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for people, go forward.



6th August 2018

Kia Ora,

I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking the wonderful team for a brilliantly organized 'Race Night' on Saturday. The evening was amazing and the atmosphere within the school hall was fantastic. On behalf of the school, staff and students in Room 6 a very big Thank You to those who came along – we really value and appreciate your support as we continue to prepare for a wonderful 'Wellington Week' later this term.

Our 'Brooklyn Ski Day' is getting closer and many thanks to those families who have already indicated their involvement. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

There are some challenging times ahead for the Education Sector as you will have no doubt seen within the media. I thank our families in advance for their on-going support during the weeks to come. Please read all notices carefully for any associated information.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Chris

MOTUEKA JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL League WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS MOTUEKA HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Juniors - 4.30pm (Mahana/Brooklyn) combined V Tasman Jnrs

Seniors - 5.50pm Brooklyn Snrs V Mapua Minortours

STRIKE NEWS

On Wednesday August 15, all teachers will be involved in a strike, the first time since 1994. This information is to help shed some light on why the teaching profession has got to this point and why they need your help and support.

Firstly, this is not about pay, but about the quality of education that your child receives. There is a serious crisis occurring in Education. We have teachers leaving the profession in droves; a large percentage of our workforce about to retire (with others postponing retirement), fewer numbers of people entering training and graduates leaving the job in the first 5 years of teaching. 40% of teachers are due to retire in the next 10 years. 40% less teachers are being trained.

What exactly is this 'crisis' the profession is concerned about?

1. There are less and less people applying for jobs. In many cases, schools are getting less than 5 or No applicants.
2. Finding a classroom teacher is hard but finding a reliever is even harder! (those wonderful and essential beings that come into your school to teach a class when the day to day teacher is sick or attending professional development).

The flow on effects from this crisis is are huge.

- Teachers are coming into work when they are sick because they are trying to save their colleagues the stress of a split class or their students not having a teacher.
- Some schools are having to double classes – this is not sustainable.
- Most importantly – it is our students, the next generation, that are being impacted on right now by this crisis. It is only because schools are being creative that things are 'sort of' ticking along. It is a Band-Aid at best and that Band-Aid has run out of stickiness.

The last time we went on strike as a profession was in the go's. We do not like causing disruption to our students and their families but things must change. There is no slack left and most of the goodwill that was in the profession has gone.

Please understand this is not just about Pay – it's much deeper than that. This teacher shortage is serious – please understand that if we do not do something about making it attractive to want to be a teacher and do something about ensuring our teachers and leaders have the time to manage the workload – then your child or the child about to leave school that you employ to work in your business or alongside you – they are the ones that are going to be shortchanged.

Term 3 Calendar

Week 1	23 rd July	24 th July	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July
Week 2	30 th July	31 st July	1 st August	2 nd August	3 rd August NZEI Community Action Day
Week 3	6 th	7 th Tree Planting	8 th	9 th	10 th
Week 4	13 th	14 th Tech Challenge y5/6	15 th NO SCHOOL NZEI Teachers Strike	16 th Ski Trip	17 th
Week 5	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Winter T - Junior	24 th Winter T - Senior
Week 6	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st
Week 7	3 rd Sept	4 th Sept	5 th Sept School Photos	6 th Sept	7 th Sept
Week 8	10 th	11 th Y7/8 Speech Competition	12 th	13 th	14 th
Week 9	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
Week 10	24 th Room 6 Wellington Week	25 th	26 th	27 th Kapa Haka Festival	28 th Last day of Term 3pm finish