

Dear Parents/Caregivers...

Last week NZEI (the New Zealand Teachers' Union) announced a nationwide strike on Wednesday 15 August for teachers and principals.

Much has been made in the media about teachers asking for a considerable pay rise. We are doing this primarily because of the teacher shortage. New Zealand has experienced a 40% drop in teacher recruits in the past six years caused partly by unattractive pay rates. Since the early 2000s teacher salaries have dropped significantly relative to the median NZ salary, so that graduates who in the past would have chosen to teach our children are now looking to other, better paid careers.

But pay is not the only issue causing the teacher shortage. Many teachers are leaving because they are finding it harder and harder to do what they do best – teach. Most teachers will tell you that more of their time is being taken up with paper-work, compliance and never-ending assessment.

We are also stretched because of a lack of support and services for children with additional social and learning needs. Since 2009 funding for children with special needs has fallen, while numbers of children needing help has risen. At the same time Ministry specialist staffing has fallen because of a funding freeze. That has meant fewer psychologists, early intervention workers, behaviour specialists and speech-language therapists working with children.

This lack of support hurts every child in every classroom.

That's why teachers are calling on the Ministry of Education and the Government to create more time for teachers to focus on our children's learning and more support for children who need extra help. Of course, this will require a significant investment education, but like parents we believe our children deserve the best education.

Yours sincerely,



Carmel Bullôt,
Principal

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call and make a time to come and see me.

General Notices:

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- Xiane Minerva
- Antonio Gensolin
- Matthew Gensolin
- Maria Gensolin

We hope you enjoy the learning environment at St Patrick's School, building up the skills to achieve their learning goals while developing a deeper relationship with our God.

We also welcome out visiting students:

- Eloise and Sienna Dance – we hope you enjoy your learning time at St Patrick's School.

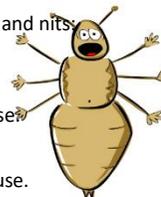
WITH THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Term 3 Dates to Remember

NITS: As you may be aware, head lice and nits are going around. To help prevent the spread of nits and lice, all children with hair touching their shoulders need to tie it back.

The following chemical free process is proven to get rid of lice and nits. *You need to know before you begin:*

- Wear gloves.
- Soak all combs used in hot water and disinfectant after use.
- Lice die in hot water at 60°C in 30 seconds.
- Scrub the combs and check that they are clean before reuse.
- Try to use a very fine comb, and after use you will need to scrub it with an old hard toothbrush and perhaps a pin or dental floss used to remove eggs caught in the base of the comb. Check in good light that the job is done properly.



It does need to be followed precisely to be effective:

- Apply plain white conditioner liberally to **dry** hair.
- Cover scalp to the ends of the hair.
- De-tangle hair with regular comb – if you do it with the nit comb straight away, your child will squeal and never co-operate again!
- Leave conditioner in hair for five minutes
- Separate hair into sections.
- Comb through with the fine comb.
- Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a tissue and look for lice and eggs (nits).
- Remove all nits to assure total lice treatment.
- Rinse conditioner from hair and clean the fine comb in accordance with instructions above.
- Repeat this if active cases of head lice reappear. They do come back! Check your child's hair regularly.

SCHOOL GARDEN: We are collecting egg shells to use in the garden to stop snails and slugs eating our plants. Children can bring the egg shells to their classrooms where there will be a collection bucket.



Turn over for this edition's top Blog post...

Board of Trustees News:

As you read in Carmel's Principal column, the NZEI has called a strike for their members on Wednesday 15 August.

As all our teachers are union members, the Board of Trustees has declared the school will be closed on this day.

A letter will be coming home later in the week with more detail about this. However, we wanted to give you as much notice as possible to make alternative arrangements for your children on this day.

Kylee Stowers
Chairperson

POLICY REVIEW:

The following policies and procedures are under review and are available for you to read and comment on at the school office:

- **NAG (National Administration Guideline) 1: Curriculum**

Please remember in your prayers:

- All those who are sick and in need of God's healing, at this time.

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9am – 10am Pt England School	9.30am – 4pm	9.30am – 4pm
10.30 – 11.30am Glenbrae School	Manaiakalani Office Sommerville Special School, Tripoli Road, Panmure	Manaiakalani Office Sommerville Special School, Tripoli Road, Panmure
12pm – 4pm Tamaki College		
Information for parents visiting the Manaiakalani Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parking out front of the building is to be kept clear at all times as this space is needed for mobility vans - All visitors must report to reception who will call through to Anita 		

Blog Posts of the week...

THE RISING FULL MOON
ONLY SHOWS UP WHEN IT'S DARK
BLACK SHADOWS AT NIGHT

Haiku

By Idaliah,
Room 7

Diamante Poem

By Jayden,
Room 7



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