



St. Joseph's Catholic School

Te Kuiti

Together we will provide a quality all round education, developing valuable contributors to society who reflect the teachings and values of Jesus Christ.

26 Seddon Street

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29/05/2023

Tēnā koutou St Joseph's Whanau

This email is to keep you in the loop with the developments in negotiations underway for teachers over the last day or so.

The proposed strike on Wednesday has been replaced following an offer on Tuesday with a Paid Union Onsite Meeting for Teachers from 1pm - 3pm, so they can discuss the offer.

The Secretary for Education has agreed not to enforce the normal 14-day notice period to Boards for a paid union meeting being observed.

St Joseph's School will not be closed on Wednesday afternoon.

We will only have limited staff and offer student supervision for the duration of the meeting.

You may pick up your child for the afternoon from 1.00 - 1.30pm

Buses will run as normal.

Year 7/8 students have their last session with Life Education from 1.30 - 3pm on Wednesday. If possible I would encourage them to stay for this session.

There are no sports practices that I am aware of.

I acknowledge that this is short notice, but it is less disruptive than the planned strike action, so I am asking for your support in making arrangements for teachers to participate in the paid union meetings.

To help me with supervision requirements, please could you

*fill out the [google form](#)

*phone the office 078788190

to indicate whether your child will be at school Wednesday afternoon or whether you will be picking up your child for the afternoon.

The negotiation timeline is below

Timeline

- **Saturday 27 May:** Strike called off
- **Sunday 28 May: information sent to Principals regarding the developments**
- **Tuesday 30 May:** Revised 4th offer sent to primary teacher members
- **1pm-3pm, Wednesday 31 May:** Paid union meetings. (In school meetings.)
- **5pm, Wednesday 31 May to 5pm, Tuesday 6 June:** Voting on offer via electronic ballot.
- **Wednesday 7 June:** Notice to members with outcome of the vote, and next steps.

Yours sincerely,

Nāku noa, nā

Suzanne Downey

Mrs Suzanne Downey

Principal

- on behalf of the Board of St Joseph's School.