



Wednesday 6th June, 2018

NZEI Paid Union Meetings

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to a paid union meeting **on Friday 29th June at 2pm** so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and our upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

Could you please assist us by collecting your children at **12.50pm on Friday 29th June**. Supervision will be provided at school for those children unable to go home. If your children will be staying at school and will require supervision you **MUST** return the slip below **by Wednesday 27th June**. This is a health and safety issue. We need to know where all children are meant to be on that afternoon.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

God bless

Liz

PUM Supervision:

Please return to school **Wednesday 27th June**

My child/children _____ will require supervision on **Friday 29th June**.

Name: _____