



MAUNGAKARAMEA
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Notice of Strike Action

15th May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The NZEI (Primary Teachers Union) has advised the Maungakaramea School Board of Trustees that the Principal and Teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday, 29th May 2019. They will not be paid for this day.

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

In support of our teacher's stance, and because without them there is no one to run the school safely, the Board of Trustees voted today to close the school for that day. Therefore, the school will be **closed** on Wednesday, 29th May.

Our principal and teachers work long, hard days. Ask your child's teacher how many hours they have put in on any given day: 10, 11 and 12 hour days are very common. It is unsustainable for our staff, and it impacts on your child.

The board did not make this decision lightly and we appreciate that it will put you under pressure to find childcare and make other arrangements. However, we believe that the benefits of supporting teachers in their fight for proper resourcing of your child's education is worth it.

We thank you for your understanding. Please contact your board Chairperson Luana Misa at l.misa@mgk.school.nz or 0210708465 if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely,

Maungakaramea School Board of Trustees