



New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) Strike for Primary Teachers and Principal's on

Thursday 16 March 2023:

Monday 13 March 2023

Kia Ora Whaanau,

This letter is to inform you about the Teacher and Principal's strike actions on Thursday 16 March 2023.

Despite being in consultation with the Ministry of Education since May 2022, teachers and principals across Aotearoa / New Zealand have not been offered a settlement package to address our requests for improved working conditions and pay.

The NZEI has advised the Pukekohe North School Board that its member principal and teachers will be taking strike action on 16 March 2023. All Pukekohe North School union members will therefore travel to Auckland City to join a collective Strike March down Queen Street from 10.00.a.m. – 1.00.p.m.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction on the day of the strike.

Accordingly, it's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children under 14 years of age during the period of the strike.

If making alternative arrangements for care is difficult, **we can still supervise a small number of students if required.** We have two non-union members who will be at school to supervise any aakonga who cannot be looked after by whaanau at home.

Please contact the office or send a note to indicate if your child/children will need supervision.

We know that this is inconvenient for whaanau and aakonga alike. Please be assured that tamariki safety is our main concern.

Pukekohe North School will be open as usual for instruction from Friday 17 March 2023.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Commissioner