



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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WELCOME to Elliot Lau-Berger who started in Room 10 this week. We know he will enjoy being part of Pukeko.

The PTA QUIZ NIGHT has been cancelled due to a lack of teams - we'll try again next year. This will also mean that we will only be holding one Mufti Day this term on Friday 30 November

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Despite facilitation by the Chief of the Employment Relations Authority that started on Monday there is still no resolution to either the Principals or Teachers award negotiations.

There will be a strike day in the Christchurch region on Wednesday 14 November from 7am to 7pm.

Unfortunately the Board of Trustees are in a similar position with regard to safety and closing the school so we suggest you start planning.

The teachers at Papanui Primary are reluctant to strike because we recognise that it is disruptive to the learning of our children and the lives of our families. It is also disruptive for the teachers and comes at a financial cost but as a group we feel strongly about the conditions of service that weren't addressed in the last offer:

- **Reduced class size**
- **A Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO) for every school, so that children with additional needs have a dedicated expert. This job is almost always tacked onto the roles of teachers already busy with many responsibilities, and so doesn't always get the dedicated attention it needs.**

The issue of teacher supply doesn't impact too greatly upon our school at the moment - but in talking with an Auckland colleague she indicated that Christchurch was probably about 2 years behind in the teacher supply issue i.e. currently Christchurch schools are experiencing fewer applicants for vacancies and experiencing increasing difficulty finding casual relievers, something that pre-empted the teacher shortage in Auckland. The improved conditions and a boost to salaries we are trying to secure in our negotiations will help attract more people into teaching.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

To resolve the impasse and hopefully avoid a strike we need the government to move and use some of the \$5.5 billion surplus to settle the negotiations.

Pressure from parents will help because next Monday facilitated negotiations begin with the Ministry, conducted by the Employment Relations Authority. Facilitation will mean bargaining continues, but is subject to the process determined by the Employment Relations Authority (ERA). The Authority is able to make non-binding recommendations to the parties, and members will be given the opportunity to consider any recommendations that come out of the process.

Friday 2 November is planned for a day of action. Below are some influential people that you could email if you wish to **support your child's teacher** and **improve resourcing for your school** - by having smaller class sizes and an extra teacher available to support priority learners across the school.

duncan.webb@parliament.govt.nz
megan.woods@parliament.govt.nz
chris.hipkins@parliament.govt.nz
grant.robertson@parliament.govt.nz
j.ardern@ministers.govt.nz

If you do email feel free to add any of the comments below to your own message encouraging the Government to settle.

Schools are struggling to attract and retain great teachers. There is also a drop in the number of people choosing to train as teachers. For the future wellbeing of our children and our education system we need to attract more people into teaching.

Teachers and principals are facing immense pressure due to increasing workloads and more responsibilities without any additional staffing or time.

There aren't enough resources available for supporting children with additional learning needs. Teachers and principals need time to teach, and time to lead.

I would like to see increases to school staffing made available to all schools to support leaders, classroom teachers and teachers working with students with additional learning needs.

COLLECTING CHILDREN EARLY

Please avoid collecting your child from school early. Early departures are highly disruptive for the class, unsettling for the child concerned and there can be a disruption to learning.

There will be times e.g. appointments when the early pick up can be pre-arranged with the class teacher and the office. The child/ren can then be picked up from the office thereby minimising disruption to the class

If it is necessary for your child to (unexpectedly) leave school early you must call into the Office before picking them up from the classroom.

LATENESS

If your child arrives at school after the roll has been taken s/he must report to the School Office to be marked present. Like frequent absence, lateness has a detrimental effect on children's learning and wellbeing.

READING CHALLENGE

We hope that you've taken up the Reading Challenge - it is free and easy! Children get a 'click' on their pizza wheel for each library book they read, and once 7 books have been read they can redeem their pizza wheel for a free kids' pizza at Hell Pizza. The child must be present when the wheel is redeemed. The 'clicks' can be done all at once or over several visits. Once the wheel is completed they can get another one from community library staff. Further details are on the Reading Wheel. The last day the wheel can be redeemed for a pizza is December the 3rd. Happy reading!

NEW SCHOOL FEES ADDED TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Top Team Challenge (Seniors)	\$4
Swimming	\$20 (subsidised by fundraising)

A notice will be coming home with your child today regarding swimming.

The school's preferred method of payment is 'Kindo', on our website under the 'School Shop' tab or cash/cheque to the School Office.

TOP TEAM

This year our Senior school students (Years 4-6) will be participating in Sport Canterbury's Top Team Challenge. Top Team Challenge is a series of team-based activities that promote cooperation, initiative, problem-solving and communication skills.

When: Thursday 29th November
Where: At school on the field
Time: 11am - 12.40pm
Cost: \$4.00 per child



Please make payment **prior to the event** with cash to the School Office or our preferred method of payment is - 'Kindo' through the school website.

More information to come closer to the event.



Crusaders take on the Top Team Challenge!

PTA NEWS

Please be advised that the PTA have had to cancel this weekends Quiz night due to low ticket sales. Thank you to those who purchased tickets but unfortunately it just isn't the right time of year, this time around for our quiz night.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2 November	Senior Athletics	30 November	School disco
13 November	PTA meeting 7pm	11 & 12 December	Reporting to Parents
15 November	Junior Sports Day	14 December	PTA Fun Day till 5pm
20 November	Board 7pm	17 December	Children Helpers' lunch
29 November	Top Team Challenge - Seniors	18 December, 2pm	Leavers' Assembly
30 November	Mufti Day (Xmas raffle)	18 December 7pm	Board meeting
Thursday 20 December - 12 noon finish for the last day of school			

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling
Paul



Managing Anxiety and Building Resilience in Your Children and Teens

Dates: Children focused workshop - Tuesday 13 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Teen focused workshop - Tuesday 27 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Cost: Free (Cancellation fee may apply)

Venue: MHERC, 116 Marshland Road, Shirley, Christchurch

Refreshments provided

This workshop will help participants to understand anxiety in children and teens. Learn about different strategies and skills to help your young person manage anxiety/stress, and help them build resiliency.

- Understand how anxiety works in the body and mind
- Feel more confident to manage anxiety in your young people
- Understand resilience and building resilience in your children/teens
- Parenting strategies and skills to support children/teens
- Share and discuss with other parents and build shared knowledge in a confidential setting
- Take-away resources and ideas

Learn more about this workshop
or register at www.mherc.org.nz