



Kia ora tatou katoa - hi everyone

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YESTERDAY'S STRIKE

We are aware that the strike caused disruption for families so we appreciate the support and encouragement that many of you have voiced.

As I watched the TV news last night I realised it can be hard to sort out the claims and counter-claims as both sides put their 'spin' on the figures. Today's editorial in The Press covers the topic from a neutral position and I have highlighted the points that I personally think are the key messages.

- *The Government's counter-offer would have given nearly 90 percent of teachers a pay rise of between 2.2 and 2.6 per cent every year for three years.*
- *The growing workload and increasing challenges teachers face are widely understood*
- *The teaching profession has become understaffed and under-resourced and it is difficult to attract and retain teachers.*
- *The NZEI wants to see significant increases in staffing, especially in areas of special learning. An expectation that every school should have a special needs education co-ordinator does not seem unreasonable. Teachers also need to have the burdens of assessment and other paperwork reduced.*
- *to reduce class sizes in years 4 to 8 from 29 to 25*

I have included the link for you to read it in full if you wish.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/106283387/editorial-lessons-from-the-teachers-strike>

The NZEI and the Ministry of Education are back at the bargaining table and I sincerely hope they can find a compromise that will address not only the pay issues but the resourcing issues that affect all children.

If you too want a resolution that benefits teachers and children you may like to email the Minister of Education.

c.hipkins@ministers.govt.nz

MANA AKE

Mana Ake - Stronger for Tomorrow was established in March 2018 to support the wellbeing of children in school years 1-8 living with the legacy of earthquakes across Canterbury and Kaikoura.

The initiative aims to provide early intervention and support for teachers, families and whānau when children are experiencing ongoing issues that are impacting their wellbeing. The service can support individual children and groups of children and provide information and workshops for parents.

Mana Ake Kaimahi (workers) have a diverse range of skills and include, social workers, whānau ora kaimahi, and counsellors. They are available to support children and their families/whānau at school and at home and are in schools regularly.

The link to FAQs provides more detail on the service.

http://ccn.health.nz/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=4278&PortalId=18&TabId=1288

We pleased to inform you that the Mana Ake service is now available to children in OUR SCHOOL through the Tōtaranui Community of Learning.

The service is confidential and responsive to parents and families.

If you'd like to know more or seek support for yourself, your family or your child please contact your teacher or email me principal@pps.school.nz

LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF – MUMS

Look after myself? I'm a Mum! As mums we often prioritise everything and everybody before ourselves. So first up, recognise you still matter! It's just like our airlines tell us – put on your own oxygen mask before assisting others with theirs!

Sound interesting? Check out the article at

There are people in this world who spend everyday making important decisions, troubleshooting, refereeing fights, nursing egos, doing damage control, and multi-tasking. They are called mothers.

- Linda Poindexter

http://www.sparklers.org.nz/media/documents/LookingAfterYourself_Mums_V1_1_1.pdf

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These will take place next week on Tuesday 21 August. If you would like to have a sibling photo taken, please advise the classroom teacher and they will put them on a list for the Photographer. Please ensure your child(ren) have correct uniform and shoes and that long hair is tied up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

21 August

31 August

14 September

School Photos

Daffodil Day Mufti Day

Kaboom Percussion Performance

Kia kaha te menemene - keep smiling

Paul

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Students on Bikes

The **Biketober Christchurch** festival is gathering momentum and dozens of events are now confirmed, with even more in the pipeline.

You are invited to take part in this month-long celebration of everything cycling. For example, there is:

- the challenge to ride the city's new Major Cycle Routes.
- a build-your-own bicycle trailer workshop.
- a number of leisurely guided rides around the inner city.
- the chance to win tantalising cycling prizes.
- plenty of events for children, families, novice riders, and experienced pedal-warriors
- the New Zealand Bike Expo weekend



Biketober Christchurch brings together everything cycling: a whole month of rides, community events, maintenance workshops, a bike expo weekend, and more. Last year more than 60 events crammed the calendar and 2018 promises to be just as tantalising. **It's for all bikes:** mountain bikes, road bikes, cruisers, BMX, tandems, unicycles, tricycles. **It's for all riders:** commuters, explorers, thrill-seekers, mums and dads and children, newbies and experienced - just throw on your helmet and get on your bike this October! For more information check out the website www.biketober.nz

NIGEL LATTA

Adventures in Parentland The First Ten Years

"There's no doubt that raising kids is hard work. Large parts of the journey are covered in worry, confusion, and guilt. In this entertaining, and unflinchingly honest evening, Nigel will deal with some of the myths about raising children, and offer some ideas for a kinder, simpler, more enjoyable approach to parenting."

21 August 2018
Isaac Theatre Royal, Christchurch
Doors 6:30pm | Start 7:30pm

Tickets available from ticketek.co.nz
Facebook page @ bit.ly/2tcytkn

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