



Tuesday 30 October

NZEI INDUSTRIAL ACTION – *School Closed on Thursday 15 November*

Dear Parents and Caregivers

You will be aware that negotiations between the government and NZEI have continued for an extended period. As yet there has been no resolution.

A ballot was held and a second round of industrial action is taking place. This time the strikes are rolling throughout the country. The South Island strike (excluding wider Christchurch) is happening on Thursday 15 November.

Heriot School will be closed on this day.

Through the teacher's union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, this is what we are asking for:

- Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention
- More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs – this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student
- A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers

We absolutely realise that this is inconvenient, but we certainly appreciate your support. We respect any effort you have made to understand this situation and that ultimately it is about improving your child's education.

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