



10 March, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Upcoming Strike by Teachers: Thursday 16th March 2023

New Zealand's Primary Teachers and Principals voted recently to reject the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not address the issues that have resulted in a crisis of recruitment and retention of quality teachers in New Zealand schools.

Primary Teachers and Principals also voted to hold joint strike action with Secondary School Teachers. This will take place on **Thursday 16th March**.

Our school will be closed for instruction and will not be providing normal teaching services during the strike on this date. Limited supervision by non union staff will be available by registration for mainstream students if you are unable to keep your child at home. The usual teaching programme will not be taking place.

The Tennyson Centre will be closed and supervision for these students will not be available.

If you require your child to come to school to be supervised on this day, please register them [HERE](#)

If you are unable to use the form, please contact the office to indicate if your child needs to attend school that day. Students requiring supervision should report to the hall on arrival.

Our children need a quality education and we want to give that to them.

Unfortunately, the funding for our schools is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our children to thrive.

We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

The current offers did not meet the expectations or make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

Strike action was the last thing we wanted to do and the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the Government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

We appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Kristen Walsham
Principal - Tumuaki

Kerry Martin
Board Chair