

**Teachers and Principal NZEI (Teachers Union) Strike Day
August 15th 2018**

You have probably heard that Teachers and Principals nation wide have voted to strike, to send a clear message to the Government that what is happening within Education is not good enough and the offer made to rectify this was nowhere near good enough. The flyer below outlines just a small portion of what teachers and principals are asking for.

It is far more than just a pay rise.



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

Strike action is disruptive on many many levels, and is only used as a last resort by the Union. We ask for your understanding and support in the coming days in this regard. The strike itself is now out of our hands, all we are left with, is deciding how best to manage the school in a safe way on the day of the strike.

The Waihi East Board Of Trustees will be meeting in the coming days to decide how the school will respond to this strike action.

As soon as there is a clear plan of action by the Board we will let you know.

Regards

Tineke Douglas (Waihi East School, Board Chair)