



Dear parents and caregivers

### **Strike Action – School Will Close for a Day**

You will no doubt have heard that next week primary and secondary teachers and principals across New Zealand have decided to pursue strike action as they continue to seek improved resourcing and conditions for teachers.

This has been high profile in the media and Greytown School has also communicated this via our newsletter.

This strike action means the Board of Trustees has made the decision that Greytown School will **close for a full day next Wednesday 29 May**.

As we stated last year when strike action was first undertaken by teachers, we as a Board are very supportive of efforts to achieve what the teachers and principals are seeking. We reiterate our message that stretching tight budgets and achieving resourcing where it is desperately needed is a key focus for us, and despite our staff's exemplary management of resourcing and budgets, and their unquestionable commitment, we know more is needed. We are quite sure you will once again join us in acknowledging the hours and hours of extra work and dedication our staff give to our children. They are genuinely very stretched and carrying an incredible burden of responsibility to meet everchanging needs of our children. It is certainly their dedication and passion for our children that drives them and keeps them going.

We would like to remind you of the following specific concerns the strike is addressing:

- Better support for children with additional learning needs
- Improving teacher and principal workloads
- Addressing teacher shortages – recruitment and retention
- Improved pay

Please therefore, make alternative arrangements for your children as Greytown School will be closed Wednesday 29 May. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any concerns, please email [bot@greytown.school.nz](mailto:bot@greytown.school.nz).

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