



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Possible teacher's strike on Wednesday 31st May 2023

As a result of the ongoing negotiations that the New Zealand Education Institute (NZEI – primary school teachers' union) are having to settle collective agreements with the government, there is the possibility of a teacher's strike on **Wednesday, 31st May**.

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements. The offers have not yet met their expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

The decision on whether to strike will be made on Sunday 28th May however, we felt it important to share this information with our school community to allow plans to be made if the school needs to be closed in response. Once it is known if the school will be closed, we will let parents and caregivers know as soon as possible.

We know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but it is important for our teachers to be the best that they can be.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Leon Van't Veen leon@ashgrove.school.nz if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely

Leon Van't Veen
Principal

Steven Benney
Board of Trustees Chairperson