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Monday 29th May, 2023

#### Industrial negotiations continue...

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

As you are all well aware the NZEI and PPTA Teachers Unions have been in negotiations for some time around resourcing, pay equity, needs support and conditions. Unfortunately these have not gone the way we had hoped and we continue to work through negotiations as we attempt to find a way forward in the collective bargaining process.

This is disappointing as evidence is very clear that teacher conditions in NZ are not great, pay rates are on average 20% less than for our Australian colleagues, there is a teacher shortage, and the challenges that the number of high needs students within our schools continues to grow.

Today we learned that all NZEI teachers will be required to attend a Paid Union Meeting from 1pm to 3pm on Wed, 31st May 2023. The purpose of these special meetings will be to review the current offer and to discuss next steps.

With this in mind we would ask for your support. Please collect your children early at 12.30pm on Wednesday the 31st of May, this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing care and consideration around this. Nga mihi,

Pam Quirke

### HALF DAY Wednesday 31st May 12.30pm finish



Ohu Pīpī Manu

The sun shone for us on our amazing day out at Pirongia Maunga!!! We all had a fun time participating and showing aumangea in all the activities. There were lots of smiles and laughter. It was great to see the maunga which we include in our school pepeha. And a huge THANK YOU to all the helpers we had. We couldn't have done it without all of your mahi.



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