



## Te Kura o Hato Paea

Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui kia koutou

I mentioned last week the possibility of strike action regarding the negotiations around work conditions and pay for teachers and principals. You would have heard through the media that this strike day on the 15th of August will go ahead. All but one of our teachers are involved in the union so the best course of action, it was decided at our Board of Trustees meeting, is to close the school on the 15th. I realise this is difficult for parents but we are at a crisis point in attracting people to the profession and retaining them.

Principal Appraisal: I have an external person doing my appraisal this year part of this process is to interview parents. This will require meeting with Jill and answering a few questions about my role in the school. If you are free next Wednesday morning and can spare 20 minutes could you please let me know and I will arrange for you to meet her. You can contact me by email [principal@stpius.school.nz](mailto:principal@stpius.school.nz) or contact the office. Thank you.

As from next week the junior classrooms will be as follows.

Room 1a Totara New Entrants Ms Urai Vanxay and Mrs Tracey Vanxay

Room 1b Rata Year 1 Mrs Pam Horsman

Room 2 Kahikatea Years 1/2 Miss Emma Millar

Room 3 Rimu Years 2/3 Mrs Garsed Mon-Wed and Miss Dikmans Thurs-Friday

Room 2 is now beside Room 3 and Mrs Bankier-Perry and the teacher aides are now in a room in the administration block.

These changes have been necessary because of the number of new entrants over the past 18 months in particular.

God Bless

Jane Rutherford

### What's happening on your Board of Trustees

Last week the BOT had their regular monthly meeting. Here is a short summary of the decisions they made on your behalf.

- There was a report from the principal about the new class structure in the junior school that will take place from week 3 for terms 3 & 4.
- There was a discussion about the up coming NZEI industrial actions and what the school will do on the day of the strike.
- Ratified policies on Classroom and Playground Behaviour, Curriculum and Classroom Release Time.
- Tabled for discussion the Special Character policy.
- Had a discussion about Community Consultation.
- Talked about APP Power and how to access it and how we could notify the school community about the benefits and how people could enrol in the scheme.

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# Calendar of Events



## August

- 8th Wednesday — Parent Interviews Rooms 4-7
- 15th Wednesday— Feast of the Assumption  
School closed for Strike action
- 17th Friday— Duffy Leaders Assembly
- 19th Sunday— Parish / School Mass
- 21st Tuesday — Feast of St Pius X
- 31st Friday— Duffy Father's Day Assembly

## September

- 17th Monday— Playhouse Theatre—cost \$4.50
- 22nd Saturday— School Quiz night 28th
- 28th Friday— Last Day Term 3

## GENERAL INFORMATION & LINKS

**P**arents, please remember to park in the church carpark and walk your children down to the school. The school carpark is for staff, couriers and official visitors to the school.

With the very foggy mornings we have been having, don't forget to **TURN YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON!!**

Click [HERE](#) for more details or go to our website  
<http://www.stpius.school.nz/> and click on Links & Information

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## FUSION MARCHING TEAM

Fusion Marching Club is looking to grow our club We would like to invite New Members "To GIVE MARCHING A GO"

Ages: 5 years – 12 years

Our values – Teamwork, Respect and Self Discipline

Marching is a gentle non-conflict sport which offers Fitness, Friendships for life, Fun learning to music, and the opportunity to travel.

If you would like to join our Fusion Marching Club please contact for details: Michelle: 021376288 or [Fusion.marching.club@gmail.com](mailto:Fusion.marching.club@gmail.com).