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From the Trustees

Kia ora whanau

Teachers strike: school closed Wed 15 August

You will probably have heard that members of the New Zealand Institute of Education (NZEI/Te Riu Roa) have voted to take strike action on Wednesday 15 August. Nearly all our teaching staff, including our principal, are members of NZEI, and the Board of Trustees therefore will be unable to provide teaching or supervision for students during the whole-day action. The school will be closed on that day. It is therefore important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

We know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Our afterschool care provider, Superkids, will consider running a holiday programme for Wilford students on the day of the strike from our school hall, if there is sufficient demand. Please contact the director at jay@superkids.net.nz or text him on 021 2159585 before Friday 10 August.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Ngā mihi nui



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Mid year review

The Board is in the process of reviewing the first half of the year. At its last meeting trustees went over detailed reports from each syndicate on literacy and numeracy achievement, and plans to better support various groups of children. We were impressed by the more detailed analysis and plans syndicate leaders and teachers are undertaking and implementing.

In the coming weeks trustees will be reviewing progress on other strategic objectives outlined in the School Charter, including the following cluster of objectives

Implement a total school curriculum that is relevant, engaging and future focused
Increase knowledge & use of tikanga & te reo Māori
Accelerate the achievement of each student, especially Māori & Pasifika
Strengthen Ngā Puawai (& Ngā Rangatahi).

Related to this, the Board has begun a process of re-examining school policies and practices in the light of every child's human right to education and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Thanks Kaapua Smith / Trustee vacancy

Kaapua Smith has resigned from the Board of Trustees for personal reasons. In the relatively short time Kaapua was able to serve as a trustee of Wilford School, we have greatly appreciated her commitment, expertise, and strong advocacy on behalf of our Maori students and whānau, her contribution to ensuring we embark on the process of re-examining our obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and to developing the school's thinking and work on transitions for our Nga Puawai students leaving year 6.

The Education Act provides for two ways of filling the vacancy created by Kaapua's resignation: by-election or selection by the Board. The Board has decided to opt for *selection* in order to allow us to take into account the range of experience and skills needed for the board's work between now and the trustee elections next year.

The Board welcomes expressions of interest from members of the parent community who are interested in being considered for selection as trustee. We would particularly welcome interest from people identifying as Maori New Zealanders. Please contact our Chair, Ced Simpson, on 021 371 205 or ced.simpson@article28.org.nz before 31 August.

If, within 28 days of publication of the board's intention to select in the *Hutt News*, "at least 10% of the people entitled to vote in an election for trustees advises the board, in writing, that they wish the vacancy to be filled **by** an election", there will be a by-election instead.