

Kia ora e te whanau

A fairly smooth start to the term, all things considered: long may it continue. However, you could make a strong argument that the pending education sector strike day (Thursday 23 October) is a sizable disruption to the smooth running of not just our school - everyone else's too. Sadly, there's a significantly stronger argument for the strike to take place - a necessity, if you will.

While this government claims to be "moving at pace" in the education space; this is only partially true. In actual fact, the government's pace is demonstrably variable.

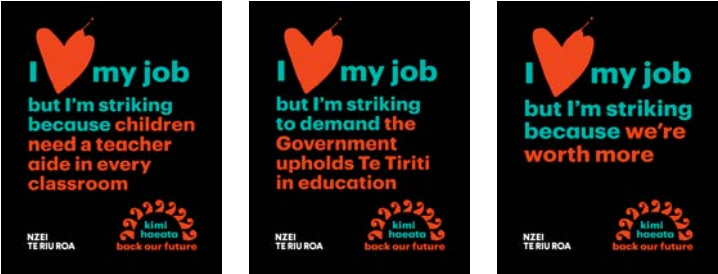
- ill-advisedly reckless (curriculum change)
- arrogantly reckless (sidelining Te Tiriti)
- snail-like (a teacher aide in every classroom)
- stationary (employment agreement negotiations)
- reverse (school lunches programme)

What's worse, most of the change happening "at pace" is demonstrably underpinned by election deals, rather than sound educational research. If ever there was a time to divorce education (and health) from partisan politics, it is now. As it stands, every three years, the education system is heavily impacted by the outcome of an election: sometimes minimally - sometimes not; sometimes positively - sometimes not. Our kids deserve better.

Meaningful curriculum change takes a lot longer than three years. Kids don't have any choice - they have to be at school. The very least the kids, their families, and their schools deserve is a stable, long-term plan for education; a plan that is underpinned by high-quality educational research; one that only changes according to the research, irrespective of who is in power. Schools falling victim to the party politics of the day has to stop.

"NZEI Te Riu Roa members are taking industrial action because the Government has failed to provide offers in negotiations that will ensure educators get the resources we need to support tamariki or the pay that will attract and keep quality professionals in our schools." (Source: NZEI flyer to schools)

Do we want to strike? No - we never do.
Do we have a choice? No - there's too much at stake...



Here's what's happening...

"Curriculum progress explained in 176 words" summarised by the Aotearoa Educators Collective...

The Minister takes office, and:

- Throws out years of curriculum development work built on extensive consultation in favour of the ideas of a few.
- Pushes those ideas through by violating public service guidelines and subverting democratic processes.
- Encourages advisory group members to become curriculum writers, some of whom are private providers of PLD.
- Has a personal hand in writing procurement criteria that leads to a company she has an undisclosed relationship with winning a contract for maths textbooks.
- Approves the erasure of Māori words from early readers.
- Approves the erasure of Māori and Pacific authors from the senior English curriculum in favour of the inclusion of Shakespeare and 19th century texts.
- Sits on stage at an event hosted by a far-right think tank in the US and, echoing the language of Elizabeth Rata, says that cultural responsiveness is a misdiagnosis.
- Says she's going to remove Te Tiriti from the Education and Training Act in one go.
- Outsources the rewrite of the curriculum to overseas parties.

Source: Allan Allach - [The Daily Blog](#)

School lunches...

Term 4 SPRING MENU			
Ka Ora Ka Ako Programme			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 1: Butter Chicken on Rice	WEEK 1: Roast Chicken, Mash & Gravy & Garden Veggies	WEEK 1: Turkish Wrap & Strawberry Blondie	WEEK 1: Mince Pasta Bake
WEEK 2: Nachos Mince on Rice	WEEK 2: Teriyaki Chicken, Mash & Asian Stirfry Veggies	WEEK 10: Cheeseburger Wrap & Strawberry Blondie	WEEK 2: Ham & Corn Pasta Bake
FRIDAY	SPECIAL DIETS		
WEEK 1: Chicken Salad Sammy & Fruit Yoghurt	All special diets are provided as per individual needs. It is important that all ākonga are included alongside their peers in Ka Ora, Ka Ako		
WEEK 2: Ham, Cheese & Salad Sammy & Fruit Yoghurt			

NB: Only you can add or remove your kid from the list - call our office

The calendar...

October

- 15 Reo Rua whanau hui - 6pm
- 20 Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
- 23 Education sector strike day - no school
- 23 - 24 Year 6 camp
- 27 Labour Day
- 31 Assembly - Kia Manawanui - 10.10am

November

- 21 Assembly - Kia Maia - 10.10am
- 25 Science Roadshow

December

- 05 Assembly - Kia Kaha- 10.10am
Hui Whakapūmau - Yr 6 Marae Graduation
- 10 Board of Trustees - 7.30pm
- 15 Year 6 Graduation (combined)
- 16 Last day 12 noon

Tuinga Tahī thanks...



Woodlands Butchery Limited

for generously donating 100 sausages for their fundraising disco last term. Thanks Team Woodlands - appreciated: manākitanga nui!

Self-explanatory...

After a long day of shopping, my mother and I stopped at the supermarket. I ran in to pick up a few things, leaving her in the car. As I got to the checkout, I was surprised to see my mother there waiting for me.

"Mum!" I said, "what are you doing in here? I left the motor running."

"It's all right, dear," she replied, "I locked all the doors."

Kā kite whanau
Kerry Hawkins & staff

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Scholastic Orders: close on 28 October
Parent orders or cash, eftpos at the school office






FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS PROGRAMME




Where : ILT Stadium Southland -Surrey Park
Time and Day: Monday 3:30-4:30pm
Starting 20th October to 15th December
(no session on the 27th October or 8th December)

- Skipping
- Hopping
- Running
- Balance
- Jumping
- Throwing

For more info contact Chris Knight-
chris.knight@athleticssouthland.co.nz or
0276518001

Ages 4-7 years
Cost :\$25 per child for the term
3 or more children from 1 family \$60 per family
Please copy and paste the link below to register
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Dance your stress away with Instructor Hannah. Zumba lifts your mood and fills your day with joy. Join us this Mental Health Awareness Week and move toward positivity. One beat at a time

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*Donation is appreciated but not required.

LINDISFARNE KINDERGARTEN



We currently have morning session spaces available at Lindisfarne Kindergarten. 8:30am-12:30pm ages 2-5 years. Come along and have a korero with our helpful kaiako, maybe Lindisfarne is the kindergarten for you. Or alternatively check out our Kindergarten's profile page at ska.co.nz. We look forward to meeting you!

Parent Education Programmes




ATHLETICS FOR EVERYBODY

Athletics is a fundamental sport it teaches skills that can be transferred into other sports -running, jumping and throwing.

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- Regular club nights
- Bring your Mates
- Regular interclub events
- Have fun and learn new skills

Club nights starting week 1 in term 4

For more information contact us
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(6 WEEKS SKIPS LABOUR DAY)

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TIME: 5.45-7.15PM PM
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