

NZEI Paid Union Meeting - Tuesday 13th March

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Kelly Club will operate as normal (3:00pm to 6:00pm).**

Tuesday, 27th February 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

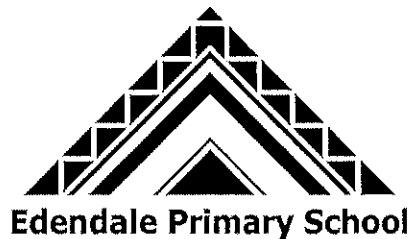
NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations. The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents. Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

Many staff will not be at school for the afternoon of 13th March as they will be attending the meeting. The school will remain open, however I would request that if you are able to collect your child from school at 12:30pm that would be appreciated. Kelly Club will operate as normal (3:00pm to 6:00pm).

Please could you complete the attached form and send back to your child's teacher.

Thank you.

**Carolyn 'Aukafolau
Principal**



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Permission Slip

Please fill in and return to class teacher by Friday 2nd March.

I understand most teachers at Edendale School will be attending an NZEI meeting on Tuesday 13th March.

Child's name: _____ Room: _____

- € I will collect my child from the classroom at 12:30pm
- € I allow my Y4-6 child to walk home without an adult at 12:30pm
- € I authorise my Y4-6 child to walk home with their younger Y1-3 sibling/s
All other Yr 1-3 children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver if leaving at 12:30pm.
- € I authorise my child/children to walk home with _____
(name of person picking up child and contact details). Tel: _____
- € I am unable to collect my child until 3:00pm
- € My child will be staying at school and attending Kelly Club at 3:00pm

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Contact Phone number: _____