

Stanmore Bay School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The NZEI (Primary teachers/Principals union) has advised the Stanmore Bay School Board of Trustees that all union members at our school will be taking strike action from 7.00am to 7.00pm on **Wednesday 15 August 2018**.

Our priority from a student and Ministry perspective is to maintain the operation of our school for instruction.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and as the majority of our teachers are members of the NZEI, has come to the decision that we are unable to provide the normal teaching services during the strike, or adequate ratios for supervision. Whilst it is disappointing, we have decided that the **school will need to be closed for instruction on this day**.

It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike. Kelly Club, the after school care provider, will be offering a one day programme on this day also. Bookings for this are essential so you will need to book on www.kellyclub.co.nz or contact them via: 021 189 3482 or karen@kellyclub.co.nz. I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern and we are unable to ensure this with such a limited staff.

Government and NZEI negotiators are currently meeting in an attempt to resolve this matter and we are all hoping that a suitable agreement can be reached.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Ereckson

Board Chair Stanmore Bay School