



3 May 2023

Kia Ora one and all

I write about two matters only:

1. The GCMY only Fono for our Pacific families
2. The upcoming and proposed union strikes and withdrawal of labour.

GCMY Only Fono for Pacific families

Tuesday 9 May 6:30pm Golflands staffroom.

We would absolutely love to see all our Pacific families who have children in our Golflands Middle Years for this fono.

RSVP Can you please email either jlotuiiga@gmail.com or mandy.heim@elim.school.nz or raewyn.openshaw@elim.school.nz to tell us your family will be coming, and we really hope you are!!!

We will be hosting Fonos and Huis for all areas of the school in due course. Watch this space.

Strike Action and rolling withdrawal of labour for year groups.

If **Thursday 11 May** becomes a full strike day, we intend to do our best to keep all campuses open but most likely we will again be forced to close BC in order to keep GC and MAC going. Will keep you informed.

1. Y9-13: the following actions have been proposed by the PPTA: Withdrawal of labour for teaching Y9-13 students on a rolling year group basis:

Our response: We are planning for **BC Y11-13 and GCMY Y9-10** that students of the particular year group will be asked to remain at home on the allocated days.

This is the rostering home (work at home) plan:

Week 2		Thursday 4 May - Year 11
Week 3	Tuesday 9 May Year 12	Thursday 11 May - either Year 13 home or it becomes a national strike day for all union members
Week 4	Tuesday 16 May - Year 9 we aim to keep them at school	Wednesday 17 May - Year 10
Week 5		Thursday 25 May – Year 11

Week 6	Tuesday 30 May – Year 13	Thursday 1 June – Year 12
Week 7	Tuesday 6 June – Year 10	Thursday 8 June – Year 9 we aim to keep them at school

For MAC:

Week 2 - All students still attend school every day.

Week 3 MAC has Y9/10 sports camp so we will be combining the remaining Y10 students into 1 class. This will mean we have teachers to cover all classes. **All students attend school.**

If **Thursday 11 May** is the full strike day, it may be difficult to cover due to few relievers. Will keep you informed about

2. Y1-6: the following actions have been proposed by the NZEI:

Relief ban during non-contact time

Union members will not work more than their maximum timetabled classroom teaching time so will not be available to take over other classes, supervise or instruct groups of students. It is a work-to-rule measure designed to expose the need for additional staffing in area schools. The ban will commence on 8 May 2023 at 7am and end on 30 June 2023 at 7pm. **Our response:** we will still operate

Ban on meetings outside of school hours

Union members will not attend any staff meetings or meetings with parents or third parties outside of 8.30am - 4.30pm. Please note that sporting events or member attendance at school camps, school trips will be unaffected by this ban. The meetings ban will also commence on 8 May 2023 at 7am and end on 30 June 2023 at 7pm. **Our response:** we will still operate.

Rolling strikes

On **11 May 2023**, there may be a full-day strike (7am to 7pm) for NZEI union members in the Upper North Island regions including Auckland.

Our response:

For 11 May, we intend to do our best to keep all campuses open but most likely we will again be forced to close BC to keep GC and MAC going.

Nga mihi nui
Regards Murray

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