

**A word from the Principal...**

I have received so many positive comments about our school art exhibition that took place over the last few weeks. I'm sure you will all agree that our children are very talented! Thanks to our wonderful staff for organising this event 😊



**Junior Cross Country**

We had an action packed junior cross country on Tuesday! Thanks to the big crowd of parents who came to support the children; your attendance seemed to make the children run faster! We were particularly impressed with the determination displayed and the big smile children had on their faces at the end of the races. Congratulations children!



**Unnamed Calendar Order**

An unnamed \$39 order for three calendars was handed in early this week. Please check if it is yours. We will try to put in a late order if you can let us know as soon as possible.

**NZEI - Proposed Teacher Strike - Tuesday 13 November**

Tuesday 13 November has been set for strikes across Hawkes Bay primary schools. NZEI are undertaking urgent negotiations with the Ministry of Education to reach an outcome to avoid the strike.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly as we are aware of the impact strike action can have. We need to ensure the Government understands how serious we are about the need for urgent changes now. Schools are facing a teacher shortage, with over half of schools reporting they didn't have enough teachers in term three. There has been a 40% drop in people training to be teachers, while school rolls continue to climb. The Ministry is currently engaged in an international recruitment drive, in a desperate bid to meet need. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs.

There is also a critical need for increased support for children with additional learning needs.

We need to make sure teaching is an attractive, sustainable profession so that we can retain and attract great teachers. This is what our campaign is all about. We will give you updates about the urgent negotiations.

**Team Pipi Meeting  
Tuesday 6  
November @ 7pm**

Come join us in the staffroom this Tuesday for our Team Pipi meeting. New parents most welcome!

**Congratulations to this week's Class Certificate Recipients!**

