



SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono

29 May 2023

SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2023 – 1 PM

(Please note students will be picked up by school transport from approximately 12.30pm to 1pm.)

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

On Wednesday 31 May teachers have a Paid Union Meeting that they are entitled to attend in the afternoon. My apologies for this very late notice but it is out of my control. Usually we are given more notice but due to the stage in negotiations for the teacher's collective agreement it has been agreed by the union and the Ministry of Education that this meeting needs to take place this week. Generally, we are very lucky with the union organising a special meeting for our teachers after 3pm, but, this is not possible for this meeting because of the importance of the meeting.

With our teachers attending the meeting we cannot hold classes on Wednesday 31 May in the afternoon because we cannot meet Health and Safety requirements with staffing.

We will close all classes for the afternoon on Wednesday 31 May (this week). Students will be picked up from 12.30pm to 1pm by school transport.

If you cannot care for your child on this afternoon and require your child to be supervised, we can provide limited supervision. However, due to having limited staff this supervision is highly unlikely to be within your child's classroom and more likely to be at base school. If you would like to investigate this option, you will need to contact me to organise this. I can be contacted either by emailing maureen.poulter@ferndale.school.nz or calling Ph. (03) 355 7595 or 027 222 6645.

Thank you for your understanding.

Ngā mihi

Maureen Poulter
Principal ~ Tumuaki