



**Ako Ki te Haere – Haere Ki te Ako
Learn to Journey – Journey to Learn**

Mission Statement

"To actively prepare each child to take responsibility for their own life-long learning, values and behaviour, in partnership with the home and community."

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Important Notice to Silverdale Parents/Caregivers**

2nd August 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

You will no doubt be aware of the negotiations that have been underway between the Ministry of Education and the New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI) who are the Union that represent primary school teachers and principals across New Zealand. Members of the union have voted in favour of rejecting the most recent offer from the Ministry believing it will not address the current crisis in staffing, resourcing, recruiting and retaining of teachers in the profession to provide the best education for our children and industrial action. It was voted yesterday that on Wednesday 15th August it will be a full day of strike action.

Taking into consideration the number of staff involved in the strike action and the safety of the children, the Board of Trustees has decided the school will be closed for instruction on the 15th August.

Closing the school for any period of time is not a decision we have made lightly, but we cannot compromise on the safety of the children, which we are sure you understand. Thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements for your child on Wednesday 15th August.

Yours sincerely

Alison Gilchrist
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Silverdale School