



**KIA ORA GREETINGS**

**From the Desk of the Principal**

**A big reminder that school will be closed tomorrow due to industrial action by teachers and Principals. There will be no staff on site and the gates will be locked. The Skids programme will not be operating.**

**It is very important that you do not send your children to school. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is safer to close the school when there are no registered teachers on site as there are not only safety issues but issues of liability and insurance.**

**School will be open again on Thursday 16 August for normal tuition.**

**From the Desk of Steven Pickett:**

**Kerehana Showcase 2018**

**Tickets are now on sale!** \$5 per person for the evening show on Wednesday 19 September and \$2 per person for the afternoon matinee show on Tuesday 18 September. Tickets can be ordered using the order form sent home yesterday or directly from the office. There are very limited tickets so please get in early to avoid disappointment.

**Primary and Intermediate Teacher Strike**

As you are aware all Primary and Intermediate teachers in New Zealand are going on strike tomorrow. We are striking to address a number of issues with the key ones being, more teachers – so your kids can get more attention, more resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs, a pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future. There are currently 40% fewer people signing up to be teachers. Tomorrow many Auckland teachers are attending a march up Queen St. The march begins in Fort St in the city at 11am followed by the rally at 12pm in Aotea Square. This action is open to all and includes a free sausage sizzle, free water and even apples for the kids. If you can join us, come along! If you can't make the march but would like to support Kelston Primary teachers, please visit [www.weneedteachers.co.nz](http://www.weneedteachers.co.nz) and complete one of the activities. Any support is greatly appreciated by all of the teachers and Principal at Kelston Primary.

**Children Away From School:** If your child needs to be away from school, please contact the school office before 9.30am to let us know each day. You can phone on **827 2187** or email at [admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz](mailto:admin@kelstonprimary.school.nz) or text us on **0211647819** - Please give us your child's first and last name, room number and reason for absence.

**Coming Events:**

Wed 15 August	SCHOOL CLOSED – TEACHERS STRIKE
Fri 24 August	Principal's Assembly
Tue 18 September	Kerehana Showcase Matinee 12pm
Wed 19 September	Kerehana Showcase Evening 6.30pm