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**Re : Teacher Strike Day**

Dear Parents and Whanau,

As you are probably aware, Bellevue teachers, who are NZEI and PPTA union members, are to participate in what is being called a 'mega teacher strike', **confirmed for Wednesday 29th May 2019**. Both primary and secondary teachers across the country will be on strike that day. As most of our teachers are union members and obliged to join the industrial action, we will not have the staff to be able to safely open the school for instruction. Therefore, **The board have reluctantly decided to close the school on 29 May 2019**.

**Please do not send your children to school on Wednesday, 29th May, as Bellevue will be closed.**

My sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused to you and your family.

The striking teachers do not get paid for this day and do not take this action lightly. We support our teachers in their quest for better working conditions, smaller class sizes and increased remuneration.

We know that there are lots of people choosing to leave teaching or not entering the profession because of the workload, stress and lack of support. Please speak to a teacher to find out what teachers really do. It is far from the '9-3 workday with lots of holidays' rhetoric that is put out as truth by some people. NZ as a whole needs to change the conditions to make teaching a more attractive profession for the long term. Please support our teachers.

Thank you for reading and, once again, I apologise for any inconvenience.

Best Regards,  
Kelvin Russell  
Boardchair  
Bellevue School.