

Value Focus:

## UNITY

### Tena Koutou Katoa, Unjani

#### Keeping Your Child Safe Online

We recently hosted a visit from John Parsons (New Zealand's leading authority on cyber-safety for children). John worked with teachers, parents and our year 4-7 students. John has worked with the school on two previous occasions and each time he visits we learn some more about how we can keep our children safe online.

#### Here are some of John's tips:

1. The two most important rooms in a healthy democracy are the living room and the classroom, and both require teachers. The single biggest influence on how your child uses technology is you, and the best possible way to approach this relationship is from a place of trust and respect.
2. There are three steps in keeping young people safe online: educating them to understand the value of self, educating them to protect family and friends and educating them to broadcast decency and positive values across the internet.
3. **Allow your child to have access to social networks and games at the correct age, and not before.** Doing this not only keeps them safe but also teaches them respect for the companies' products that they are using. **It is not OK to permit children to lie about their age in order to join social networks like facebook.**
4. If a child shuts down a computer when you enter the room, leaves the room to talk on the phone in private, or refuses to let you see who is sending messages or won't let you near any of their devices, regard this as a serious warning sign that something could be wrong. It is important that secrecy is not normalised. **Nosy parents are loving parents,** and the nosier you are, the more you love your children.



Oral Assessment students with their certificates



Buddy Reading: Rooms 1/13

# Wednesday 15 August Teacher Strike

## It's Time your Children Had The Education They Deserve

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You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your children the education they deserve.

### What We Are Campaigning For?

- **More teachers - so your children can get teacher time to meet their learning needs.**
- **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs.**
- **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage. It is important to attract high quality people into the teaching profession.**

We already have a serious shortage of teachers across the country but there is a crisis approaching very shortly. Bold solutions are needed to address the crisis to ensure all children will have a teacher in coming years and that schools will be fully resourced to meet all learning needs.

### Your School Needs You!

We are very sad to be losing the services of one of our fantastic cleaning team and are looking to find someone in our school community who is interested in picking up 10 hours cleaning per week. This cleaning is done from 6 am to 8am with another member of our cleaning team, Monday to Friday and extra cleaning (12-15 hours) done by arrangement in the school holiday break.

If you are interested please apply in writing to the Principal at Fairfield School, 89 MacArthur Street Levin, or ring the school office to speak with the principal.

#### Disco 9 August

Puna-oho and Te Kama Teams -  
5.30-6.30 pm. Theme-Fantasy

Pakihi and Raekura  
Teams-7-8.30 pm. Theme-  
Wacky

#### Basketball Tournaments

**9 August**-Year 5/6 Basketball  
Tournament

**10 August**-Year 7/8 Basketball  
Tournament

#### NZEI Teacher Strike-15 August

**Fairfield Community Group  
Meeting-Thursday 16  
August** at 7pm in the  
staffroom, feel free to pop  
along!