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He waka eke noa
we all belong in this waka together

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Kia Ora Whānau/Dear Parents,

Our tamariki need a quality education. And we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our learners/āakonga to thrive.

We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements. Unfortunately, the offers did not meet their expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes they need for our children to succeed.

You may have seen that Teachers and Principals across Aotearoa voted to take industrial action on Thursday 16 March, 2023. It's the last thing they wanted to do and the decision was not taken lightly.

Together, we feel that this is the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

He waka eke noa, we are all in this together.

St Josephs School will be closed for instruction next **Thursday 16th March**. (*CHB Inter school swimming has been rescheduled to Thursday 23, March*)

Respectfully

Mr. Graeme Fisher
Presiding Member St Josephs School Board of Trustees

Jesus said,
"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly"
(Luke 18:7-8)