

UPCOMING STRIKE ACTION – THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025



You may have heard that members of the **NZEI Te Riu Roa Union** — which includes most of our staff — have voted to take **strike action on Thursday 23 October 2025**. This was not an easy decision, but one that reflects the deep commitment our staff have to ensuring the very best for our tamariki.

Why are staff striking?

Our teachers and support staff are standing together because they believe our students deserve better. They are asking the Government for:

- More support for learners – a teacher aide in every classroom.
- Fair value for all school staff – recognising the vital work they do each day.
- Keeping great teachers and staff in schools – so our children receive the best education possible.

What this means for our school

Because a large number of our staff are members of NZEI, **St Therese School will be closed on Thursday 23 October**. We will not have enough staff on site to open safely for students.

We know that this may cause some inconvenience for families and we truly appreciate your understanding and support.

Thank you for standing with us as we work towards a better future for our students, staff, and school community.

SCHOOL POLICIES – HOW TO ACCESS AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK



At St Therese School, we are committed to keeping our policies up to date and ensuring that our community has the opportunity to provide feedback.

From now on, the first newsletter of each term will include a list of the policies currently under review. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to read these policies and share feedback through the SchoolDocs platform.

How to Access Our School Policies

1. Visit our school website: www.sainttherese.school.nz
2. Under the **School Documents** tab, click **School Policies**.
3. You'll find a link to **SchoolDocs**, along with our **St Therese School username and password**.
4. Once you've logged in, click the **"Current Review"** tab on the top menu bar.
5. You'll see the list of policies up for review and will be able to provide feedback directly through the site.

All of our policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle, ensuring that they remain current, relevant, and reflective of our school's values and best practice.

Policies Under Review This Term

- Bullying and Harassment
- Behaviour Management
- Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property
- Minimising Physical Restraint
- Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion
- Staff Wellbeing and Safety





At St Therese School, we're so proud of the heart and spirit that make our community special.

As a small school, every fundraiser makes a real difference. These events don't just help us raise money — they bring us together, strengthen our connections, and remind us that when we work as one community, amazing things happen.

This term, we have two fundraising events that we would love every family to get behind.

Family Photoshoot Fundraiser – Saturday 18th October

We're thrilled to be partnering with New Zealand Family Portraits for a special Photoshoot Fundraiser happening right here at St Therese School Library.

For just \$30, your family will receive a professional 10" x 13" colour portrait (normally valued at \$79!) — a wonderful keepsake and a great way to support our school.

Whether you're a family of two or ten — grandparents, cousins, or even the family dog — everyone is welcome!

Why get involved:

- Your \$30 goes *directly to the school* — every booking makes a difference.
- Additional portraits will be available at discounted prices, with no obligation.
- A perfect way to update your family photos before the holidays!

How to book:

- Pay online to 12-3033-0353893-00 (*reference: Photoshoot + your child's name*)
- Contact Mrs Kerr in the school office on (09) 620 9441 to select the time for your photos to be taken



Portrait collection: Wednesday 22nd October, 2:30–4:30pm

Please help us spread the word! Grab extra flyers from the office or share our post on the school Facebook and Instagram pages.

St Therese School Fun Run – Wednesday 10th December

The second fundraiser this term is our **St Therese School Fun Run** — an event that's always a *huge amount of fun* for everyone involved!

Your child will bring home an **information form** today. Once you receive it, please set up their **Student Profile Page** at www.schoolfundraising.co.nz to start collecting online sponsorships.

Why get involved:

- Students who raise **\$10 or more** will receive a reward — the more you raise, the better the prize!
- All funds go directly toward improving school resources and opportunities for our tamariki.
- Families are warmly invited to come along on the day to cheer on our runners and celebrate their effort and spirit.

Let's rally together and make these events a true reflection of who we are at St Therese — a small school with a big heart.



LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM VISIT



Last week, our students had the wonderful opportunity to step inside the Life Education Mobile Classroom with Teacher Daniel and special guest Harold the Giraffe!

Each class took part in fun and engaging sessions tailored to their age level. Students explored topics such as:

- Building positive relationships with others
- How to resolve conflicts and make good choices
- Understanding how to self-regulate emotions
- Discovering the different parts of the brain and what they do

Some classes even sketched the structure of the brain and discussed how it develops over time — linking science and wellbeing in a way that really captured their curiosity.

It's always an exciting experience stepping into the Life Education classroom. These lessons form part of this term's Health focus, and they've been a fantastic way to launch our learning around wellbeing, emotional awareness, and relationships.

A huge thank you to Teacher Daniel and Harold for bringing these important lessons to life!



ROOM 1 – INNOVATION AND TEAMWORK IN ACTION



Room 1 students have been exploring the exciting world of technology and problem solving. Together, the students learned how to identify a need, make a plan, and collaborate to create something that meets that need.

As the year has progressed, Room 1 decided their classroom could use some extra seating — and they took matters into their own hands! The students worked as a team to design and build new seats, carefully considering the materials, size, strength, and durability required.

They built the structures collaboratively, testing ideas, exploring different ways to connect materials, and showing plenty of creative thinking and innovation along the way. To finish off their projects, they added some special decorative touches to make each seat their own.

Well done, Room 1, for your fantastic teamwork, problem solving, and for demonstrating such a clear understanding of the design process from start to finish!



TERM 4 EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Tues 14 th & Wed 15 th October	Getwise Financial Literacy Lesson for Rooms 3 & 4
Friday 17 th October	Assembly at 2:15pm in the school library
Saturday 18 th October	Family Photoshoot Fundraiser
Tuesday 21 st October	Mt Roskill Zone Have a Go Day for selected Room 3 & 4 students
Wednesday 22 nd October	Wheels Day
Thursday 23 rd October	School closed - NZEI members industrial strike action
Monday 27 th October	School closed – Labour Day
Thursday 30 th October	Lessons with Father Yornes
Thursday 30 th October	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6pm
Friday 31 st October	All Saints Day & All Souls Day Liturgy
Friday 31 st October	Assembly led by Room 1 at 2:15pm in the school library
Tuesday 4 th November	St Therese Athletics Day
Friday 14 th November	Assembly led by Room 6 at 2:15pm in the school library
Friday 14 th November	Family Fun Event on the school field from 3pm-6pm
Tues 25 – Thurs 27 th November	Year 7 & 8 BLAKE Camp
Wednesday 26 th November	Board of Trustees Meeting at 6pm
Friday 28 th November	Assembly led by Room 4 at 2:15pm in the school library
Thursday 4 th December	Nativity Play at 3:15pm in the hall (Rooms 1, 3, and 4)
Sunday 7 th December	Carols at the King Performance 5:30pm-7:30pm at Three Kings Reserve
Monday 8 th December	Ballet workshops for all classes
Tuesday 9 th December	Whole school trip to the Nutcracker Ballet
Tuesday 9 th December	Graduation Mass at 5pm in the church – whole school to attend
Wednesday 10 th December	Colour Fun Run Fundraising Event
Thursday 11 th December	Last Day of Navigators for 2025
Friday 12 th December	Prizegiving at 11am in the hall followed by Shared Lunch Reports will be sent out via HERO
Monday 15 th December	Year 8 End of Year Trip to Onehunga Pools
Monday 15 th December	Assembly led by Room 3 at 2:15pm in the school library
Tuesday 16 th December	Last day of Term 4. School closes at 12pm

2026 TERM DATES



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Term 1	Monday 2 nd February	to	Thursday 2 nd April	Waitangi Day- Thursday 6 th February
Term 2	Monday 20 th April	to	Friday 3 rd July	ANZAC Day- observed Monday 27 th April King's Birthday- Monday 1 st June
Term 3	Monday 20 th July	to	Friday 25 th September	-
Term 4	Monday 12 th October	to	Monday 14 th December	Labour Day- Monday 26 th October