

### NZEI Paid Union Meetings

Next Monday (May 6) we ask that students be collected from school at 1pm to enable teachers to attend their paid union meeting. The notice (with corrected date on the return slip - apologies for the error) can be found [here](#).

### Parent BoT Election Notice

- Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees.
- A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.
- You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.
- Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.
- Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.
- The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.
- There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.
- Voting closes at noon on 07 June 2019.

*Signed Simone Katavich*

*Returning Officer*

### Board of Trustees Election Timeline

10 May - Nominations open, nomination papers will be sent out to all eligible people on the voting roll

24 May - Nominations close, all nominations/ candidates statements must be in by noon.

By 29 May – voting papers sent out to all eligible people on the voting roll

7 June (noon) - Voting closes

13 June – Results announced

14 June – Board takes office

\* Candidates statements – candidates are invited to submit an optional statement

(covering skills, qualities, experience) of up to 400 words which can include a photograph. Candidates statements will be sent out to voters with voting papers.

Candidates are allowed to campaign for votes.

Statements and campaigning need to be ethical, non-offensive and non-defamatory.

Refreshments provided

## Board of Trustees Election Information Evening

Wednesday 8 May  
7pm  
Reremoana staffroom

Wondering about standing for BoT election?

Wondering what being on the BoT involves?

Wondering if you have skills or knowledge to offer the BoT?

Come along for an informal discussion and opportunity to ask questions

## Community Calendar

We now have a google calendar specifically set up for our school community.

Please keep [this link](#) handy to be sure you know what's going on, and when. Better still, download the Skool Loop app (available for free on both the App Store and Google Play) as it is now synched to the Reremoana Skool Loop calendar!

The calendar will also be available via our new website, which is coming along nicely!

## Parent/Guardian Information - Attendance

Student attendance, along with effective teaching, has the greatest influence on student engagement and achievement. All students must be present at school so they can participate and engage in learning. Parents and boards of trustees are legally responsible to ensure students' regular attendance at school.

Students with high absenteeism are less likely to succeed in their learning. If a student misses 5 school days each term, or one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially

Attendance rates at Reremoana for 2018 were 91%. We aim to keep these high and improve them by communicating more effectively with parents about student attendance.

What you can expect from us

The classroom teacher will:

- Mark the roll twice a day - Morning and after lunch
- Communicate with the parent/guardian if necessary around lateness or absences.
- May text or send follow up notices if unable to establish phone contact with parents/guardians

The office will:

- Record and code absences (against required Ministry codes) from the information they receive
- Send out absence notifications via text at approx 9.30 and 2.15

The School Leadership team will:

- Collate and report attendance data
- Meet with parents/guardians to support them to reduce their child's school absences and lateness
- Send out updates to parents/guardians whose child/children fall below 90% attendance or have more than 10% of days late to school
- Make referrals to the attendance services to support families to get their children to school

Parents and guardians you can help us by:

- Notifying the office of any absences, and the reason for the absence
- Responding when the office contacts you for information about an absence or lateness
- Keeping students away from school only when they are sick
- Trying to schedule medical appointments and holidays outside of school hours as much as possible

**Please understand if you receive a letter it is because, as part of our partnership with you, we are required to communicate attendance information to you. This ensures we meet our obligations around attendance, and keeping you informed.**

If you would like more information after you have received an attendance letter, please contact the classroom teacher and Marama Crosby - Assistant Principal.

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## SUPPORT TEAM MEETING

Monday 6th May @ 7pm in the Staffroom is Week 2 Term 2 Support Team meeting. Current members have agenda items emailed to [supportteam@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:supportteam@reremoana.school.nz) or leave with the office by FRIDAY 3RD MAY. Interested in joining the support team? Arrive at 6.45pm for an informal introduction.