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2000 march in Tauranga



There was a huge show of support for quality early childhood education in Tauranga last Saturday - congratulations to everyone involved. See media coverage [here](#) and [here](#) and express your views on [ecetogether](#).

More than 1000 NZEI ECE cuts postcards have been sent in for us to deliver to John Key. Keep them coming! You can order more cards by calling **0800 NZEI HELP (0800 693 443)** or emailing nzei@nzei.org.nz.

Last weekend kindergarten associations affiliated with NZ Kindergartens also reconfirmed their commitment to employing qualified teachers and called on the Government to reinstate the target of 100% qualified and registered teachers for all teacher-led ECE services.

ECE members party to the Salvation Army ECE Collective Agreement have ratified a one year 2% pay deal. The new agreement will be sent to those members shortly.

Nearly 90% say NO

Thank you to all the primary schools who gave us their views of the Ministry's pay offer. More than 90% of you said "thanks but no thanks" to the 1.5% + 1% pay offer over two years, and there was strong concern about the Ministry's claim to allow all units to be allocated on a fixed-term basis. NZEI's National Executive will be considering the next steps later this week.

If you work alongside PPTA members, please support them when they take strike action on September 15th. We are asking our members in secondary schools to show their support by signing a message and presenting it to the PPTA branch chairperson. NZEI members in secondary schools should report for work on the day of the strike, but please support it by not doing any work that would normally be done by a striking teacher.

BoTs scathing about National Standards

[Letters from Boards of Trustees to Anne Tolley](#) released under the Official Information Act show 48 out of 50 Boards writing before the end of Term 1 had concerns about National Standards.

The National Standards campaign is building momentum across the country, with an increasing number of our members speaking out. If you've ordered our new [leaflet for parents](#) it IS coming to you, (we've had re-prints already due to popularity, so please be patient). If you haven't ordered them, you can do so by emailing your name, school address and the number you require to stephanie.mills@nzei.org.nz. You can help build the parent/whanau voice by inviting interested parents to sign up to receive regular campaign information and/or get involved in the campaign. NZEI has produced a contact form for interested parents. [Download a form and return it to your field officer](#).

Supporting beginning teachers

Make sure the beginning teachers in your workplace know about the upcoming PRT seminars: Dunedin 6 Sept; Christchurch 7 Sept; Wellington 8 Sept; Auckland 9 Sept. [Register here](#).

Thousands join Fairness at Work rallies



Thousands of workers joined union-wide Fairness at Work rallies over the weekend, highlighting growing opposition to the Government's proposed employment law changes. [Slideshow here](#). The Government has allowed only a few weeks for submissions on the law changes - the deadline is September 14th. [Act now and make an online submission](#).

A sick joke?

The Government also wants to give employers the right to ask you for a medical certificate every time you take just one day's sick leave. This will clog up doctors' surgeries, and mean more people go to work sick - or send their children to school or ECE sick. ACT NOW - [add your name and comments to a submission to Parliament](#).

Education Leaders Forum

NZEI members qualify for a special School Group Rate at this year's ELF in Rotorua. The theme is Cultivating Learning - A living systems approach to growing education professionals. More information at [Education Leaders Forum 2010](#).

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