

# SSNCKT NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

We give our condolences to our Christchurch colleagues during this time of devastation.

Our sympathies also go to the families who suffered loss during the Pike Mine disaster.

◆ **Paid Union Meetings:** Support Staff PUM's will be happening between 28<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to those who have attended a meeting. If you have not yet been to one please ensure you attend one in an area close to you.

◆ **Negotiations:** claims are to be presented on 15<sup>th</sup> March to the Ministry of Education, and the first negotiations will be 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

◆ **Election Hui:** Election Hui are happening across New Zealand. Please reply ASAP if you have received an invitation to attend.

◆ **Support Staff Day:** 15<sup>th</sup> June is the day for Support Staff to celebrate. Another celebration will be in April, where Support Staff celebrate 20 years on being amalgamated in NZEI. Keep an eye on the NZEI website and the Fair Deal website to find out more.

◆ **Fair Deal Campaign:** for up to date information please visit [www.fairdeal.org.nz](http://www.fairdeal.org.nz) and [www.nzei.org.nz](http://www.nzei.org.nz) . You will also find a video clip to Support Staff presented by Ian Leckie, NZEI's National President. Video clip is also on Youtube.

**A Fair Deal = a Fair Deal for Support Staff = a Fair Deal for Parents and Children = a Fair deal for Principals and Teachers.**

◆ **Workforce Strategy:** the Workforce Strategy report is about to be finalised and sent to the Secretary for Education for approval. The information from it will be used as a resource for principals, support staff and boards of trustees to:

\*provide in-school professional development

\*increase the understanding of the support staff workforce and the contribution that support staff make to student learning outcomes

\*look at the range of employment arrangements that are available to support staff

Keep an eye on the Fair Deal website for details of its release.

◆ **SSNCKT Members:** there have been a few changes to the SSNCKT line up. Welcome to the new members and a great big thank you to past members and for all the hard work and contributions you made during your time as a SSNCKT member.