

20 August 2010

Dear Parents

STRIKE ACTION

The unions have recommended that staff consider strike action options in support of salary demands, on Friday 20 August, Monday 23 August and next Friday 26 August.

Our staff has debated this request and as you can imagine, there are strong views on the subject. Staff also feels very torn about support for legitimate demands, the need to be in the class and the need to show solidarity with those in circumstances of need who are prepared to forgo wages so that everyone can benefit. These are vexing issues.

Our staff has decided on the following course of action. On Monday 23 August, all staff will exercise their right to express their opinion. 10 staff will stay away and forfeit a day's salary. I have assessed the situation and inform parents that the school **will be open** and functioning as best we can on Monday. However, we will need assistance from learnerships and parents to supervise classes. **Please exercise parental discretion regarding this particular day.**

I trust that parents will appreciate the dilemma that this whole process creates in a staffroom.

Best wishes

C G Barham
HEADMASTER