

**NZEI
TE RIU ROA**

**whakamana
tamariki
whakamana
kaiako**



We all want the best for our kids.

As teachers we love what we do, but not enough funding for schools means that we don't have the time we would like to support all kids to thrive. There is an increase in demand for additional learning support and we see too many kids missing out.

We can fix this though, and we'd love your support to do this together.

NZEI Te Riu Roa primary teacher and principal members are campaigning to ensure our primary schools and kura have the staffing needed to enable all tamariki to reach their potential, including more dedicated support for Māori and Pasifika tamariki.

Smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more specialist learning support staffing would make a huge difference. As a first step, we need Government on board to increase funding for staffing of primary schools to a level that's comparable to secondary schools.

Keeping and retaining teachers is top of mind right now, and this term, we will also be meeting to consider a pay offer – and we will be assessing if it's enough to make sure that teaching is valued by government, and is an attractive profession.

When we support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive. We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support building the case for better investment in our tamariki.