

25 September 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

PB4L (Positive Behaviour For Learning) and Values - Many thanks for your help in setting our school values. It was part of a process in which we have set our values and are working on our behaviour management plans in order to be consistent and ensure we are addressing areas of need. Our PB4L team of 9 meet regularly, and while we have a huge amount to work through, we know the work we have done with parents, students and staff on our values will be crucial to the success of our work.

ERO Review Online - Our latest ERO report from June is now available online: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/plateau-school-07-08-2018/> and we are very proud of the content of the report. It recognises the many areas of good practice at Plateau and the enormous work teachers are doing to ensure success for your children.

The Board have looked at the 2 areas that we have been asked to address:

For sustained improvement and future learner success, priorities for further development are in:

- trustees and staff continuing to focus on the outcomes of those most at risk of not achieving so that their learning is accelerated
- including expectations for biculturalism and local contexts in the documented curriculum.

We are already taking steps to address these minor areas with a review of our curriculum, and we have reported to the Board at our last meeting on the information we use to ensure at risk children's learning is accelerated .

Upper Hutt Education Cluster - The Upper Hutt Education Cluster will be running it's second cluster wide professional development day for 2018 on Friday 19th October. This will be a teacher only day and all Upper Hutt Primary and Intermediate Schools will be closed for instruction. Upper Hutt College and Heretaunga College will have staff participating, but these schools will remain open. The last cluster wide professional development day was held in the last term break and was very well attended.

We are excited to have the Hon. Chris Hipkins attending our event. The Minister of Education will be there to acknowledge the great work our cluster has completed so far and find out more about our strategic direction and aspirations for all learners in the Upper Hutt Community.

Nigel Latta will also be speaking and we will have a range of facilitated workshops and opportunities for professionals from across the valley to collaborate and share practice, ideas and successes.

These days are always very successful and are a means to ensure consistency of practice across the valley to achieve our vision of all students in Upper Hutt having access to the very best educational opportunities and resources.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work together to achieve the very best for our children and young adults.



Dancesplash 2018 - Great job Dancesplash crew - thanks to Mrs Freemantle and Miss Collins, as well as to the students and their supporters who came along to watch - great job! You can watch the performance here:

Dancesplash 2018 video:

<https://flic.kr/p/28z2WAo>

Plateau Facebook - All our blog posts, Flickr photos and recent school news are gathered on our Facebook page making it the "one stop shop" for school events.
www.facebook.com/plateauschool

There are also two associated facebook pages and our Flickr page which has a TON of photos from different events for you to peruse:

<https://www.facebook.com/PlateauHomeandSchool/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/>

We are also on Twitter (@plateauschool)

And youtube as plateauschoolnz



HOUSE-KEEPING

Medical Certificates Required - If your child is absent from school due to illness for 5 or more days, we require you to produce a medical certificate for us to keep on file. Thanks.

Toys at School - We understand that children want to bring their special toys to school to show their friends. However, we discourage this as, more often than not, the toys end up broken or missing, which is very upsetting for the children and they can also cause a distraction in class. Please support us in this by ensuring your children do not bring their toys to school, as we take no responsibility for broken, lost or missing toys. Thanks.

Absences - If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure you notify the school by 8.45am. We have a dedicated answer phone message for leaving an absence. Please remember to state your child's name, room and the reason for the absence. If you do not give a reason, we have to record your child down as an unjustified absence. Medical certificates are required for 5 or more days away from school due to sickness.

After School Care - Please remember to book your child into After School Care on the days that they will be attending (unless they are regulars). We need to know who is supposed to be attending for the safety of our students.

Also, if your child is regularly in on a particular day and they won't be there for some reason, please let us know. We appreciate your support. Thanks.

Before School Care operates between 7.30am and 8.30am and After School Care starts at 3pm and closes at 6pm. All children must be collected by 6pm at the latest.

Parking - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Friday 28th

- Last Day of Term 3

October

- Monday 15th - First day of Term 4
- Thursday 18th - NZ Shake Out (National Earthquake Drill)
- Friday 19th - Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Monday 22nd - Labour Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Tuesday 30th - Touch Rugby (Years 3 - 6)

November

- Thursday 1st - Touch Rugby Postponement Date
- Sunday 4th - Whole School Pool Party (H2O Xtream - 12pm - 1pm)
- Tuesday 13th - Athletics
- Wednesday 14th - BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 15th - Athletics Postponement Date
- Tuesday 20th - Athletics 2nd Postponement Date
- Thurs 22nd - Fri 23rd - Brookfield Camp (Years 3 & 4)
- Tuesday 27th - Danish Rounders
- Thursday 29th - Danish Rounders Postponement Date

December

- Thursday 6th - Whole School Zoo Trip
- Tuesday 11th - Christmas Concert (5.30pm - 7.30pm)
- Tuesday 18th - Last Day of Term 4

TERM DATES FOR 2018

- Term 1 - Thurs 1st February - Friday 13th April (96 half-days)
- Term 2 - Mon 30th April - Fri 6th July (98 half-days)
- Term 3 - Mon 23rd July - Fri 28 September (100 half-days)
- Term 4 - Mon 15th October - Tues 18th December (90 half-days)

TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER (SCHOOL CLOSED)

TERM DATES FOR 2019

- Term 1 - Mon 4th February - Friday 12th April (98 half-days)
- Term 2 - Mon 29th April - Fri 7th July (98 half-days)
- Term 3 - Mon 22nd July - Fri 27th September (100 half-days)
- Term 4 - Mon 14th October - TBC (94 half-days)

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Calendar Orders - Your child is in the process of creating some fabulous artwork for their calendar. Order forms will come home this week, so please check your child's school bag.

Orders will close on Friday 26th October.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6" sub pack). To order please go to www.subway.co.nz. Select "Online Ordering" then "Subway School Lunch Programme". Close off for orders is 8.45am that morning.

If you have any issues with the ordering process, please contact 0800 782 273.

Friday – Sausage in Bread / Fish Fingers in Bread (\$2.00 each)
Gluten free available

STAY SAFE / GET FIT / HELP OUR PLANET... TIPS FOR THE WEEK



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES:

Using Child Restraints Safely: Under New Zealand law, all children aged under **7 years** must be in a car seat that's appropriate for their age and size. They must not travel in the vehicle if you can't put them in an approved child restraint.



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PUSH PLAY! - Take a horse trek.



GREEN SPOT - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Maintain your ride - A simple tune-up and new air filter can boost your kilometres per litre.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Toolbox Parenting Courses in your area

Course	Day	Time	Venue	Contact
Baby & Toddler	Thursdays 25/10/2018	7:30 - 9:30 pm	Birthing Centre, 2 Connolly Street, Lower Hutt	Kristine Hornblow 027 759 4065 visionstudios586@gmail.com
Primary Years	Sundays 28/10/2018	3:00 - 5 pm	Birthing Centre, 2 Connolly Street, Lower Hutt	Renee White 027 666 1306 renjamsophjoel@hotmail.co.nz
Primary Years	Mondays 15/10/2018	7:30 - 9:30 pm	Island Bay Community Centre 137 The Parade Island Bay,	Liz Bruce 022 1855357 e.a.bruce@outlook.com
Intermediate Years	Mondays 15/10/2018	7:00 - 9 pm	3 Milton Street Trentham Upper Hut	Sue Trueman 027 444 9399 sue@trueman.nz
Teenage Years	Tuesdays 23/10/2018	7:00 - 9 pm	Discovery Christian Centre 148 Major Drive, Kelson Lower Hutt	Vonnie 021 029 51930 wellington@parentingplace.nz

Build a great family team and have fun along the way

- Baby and Toddler Years (0-4)
- Primary Years (5-9)
- Intermediate Years (9-12)
- Teenage Years (13-18)
- Building Awesome Whānau (0-12)

Parenting Place Coordinator

Vonnie Marshall 021 029 51930
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book online

parentingplace.nz



Tots to Teens - The latest version of the Tots to Teens magazine is now available: <http://issue1809w.totstoteens.co.nz/>

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**A Marsden Whitby education for your son or daughter in Year 7, 2020**

**Open Day and enrolment information**

You are invited to the [Samuel Marsden Collegiate School Whitby Open Morning](http://marsden.school.nz/experience), Friday 19 October, any time between 10am and 12pm. This is a great opportunity to see the Marsden Whitby campus and to find out about Marsden's future-focused learning and wellbeing programmes. There will be staff and students to talk to and the students look forward to showing you around. For more information and to register visit [marsden.school.nz/experience](http://marsden.school.nz/experience)

**Enrolments** –Please find [enrolment information here](#).

If you have any questions or would like a personal tour please call Lorraine Rose on 04 234 1070.

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UPPER HUTT ATHLETIC CLUB

**Upper Hutt Athletic Club invites you to register
for the Athletics season 2018/2019**

Wednesday 17th of October - Have-A-Go night
Wednesday 24th of October - 1st club night
5.45pm - 7.30pm
Trentham Memorial Park - Brentwood St entrance

You can now register online on our website from **24 September 2018**:
www.sporty.co.nz/upperhuttathletics
and pay via credit card or internet banking

upperhuttathletics@gmail.com
FACEBOOK page UPPER HUTT ATHLETIC CLUB

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CLAYTIME

School Holiday fun for kids.

6 - 13 years

CREATE AN ANIMAL FACE FOR YOUR WALL

Make your animal in class and once fired you can paint it at home!

Wednesday 3 October

1.30 - 3.00pm

Upper Hutt Art Society

Ward St, Upper Hutt

\$20 per child includes clay and firing

Contact Rebecca to book 027 7287236

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**RENEGADES**

**Hutt City**  
Inline Hockey Club

# INLINE HOCKEY

*For Junior players age 12 and Under*

**WALTER NASH STADIUM**  
Lower Hutt

**Monday and Tuesday**  
October 8 and 9,  
1.30 to 3.30 plus every

**Tuesday**  
4pm to 5.30pm during  
Term 3.

\$5.00 per session.  
Equipment provided

**UPPER HUTT RINK**  
4A Railway Avenue

**Fridays**  
from 6pm to 8pm  
August 24 to  
September 21

October 12 to November  
2nd.

\$5.00 per session.  
Equipment provided.