

1 August 2017

KIA ORA KOUTOU

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Bake Sale on the 9th August - It is always great to support kids when they come up with an initiative. Mckenna Fowke in Kea room recently got a kitten from Upper Hutt Animal Rescue and as a thank you asked if she could organise a Bake Sale with the funds raised being donated back to the Animal Rescue. What a great idea we thought! Thanks to all the other students who have come on board to help: Taylor, Abigail, Aimee, Charli, Andrew, Harrison and Connor. Great effort guys for a worthwhile cause.

**Kea's bake sale for
Upper Hutt Animal Rescue Society
When: 9th of August 2017 at lunch
Where: outside Kiwi room**



50c-\$2 baked goods including muffins, sausage rolls, brownies, scones, mini pies and more!

Netball fundraising - While on the subject of fundraising, it is time for the annual Netball fundraiser. Many thanks to Stacy Grootjans, Aaron Bold, Kayleen Howard, Leanna Jackson, Tracy Walley, Renata Venter and Irina Cordner who have filled 11/24 of the slots for this Saturday's Fundraising Sausage Sizzle. The money raised goes towards buying new balls, training equipment, uniforms etc so if you are a "netball parent" please

check for the Signmee with the link to the Google doc to pop in your preferred time. It is your chance to give back to the coaches who commit to helping the girls and boy be the best they can be! If you have any problems filling out the form please phone the office and they will slot your name in.

It was also requested that parents donate bags of lollies to sell but we have only had two bags donated so far- Thanks Kelly Fairbrother! So please sign up and get the lollies coming in to support our Netball squads! Also bring along some baking to sell on the day please.

Traffic speed- drop off/pick up - It has been raised by some that some cars are driving too quickly for the conditions at drop off/pick up times. Although the street is nominally a 50 km/hr zone realistically to keep people safe we need to be looking at 20km/hr. It would be awful to be in the position of hitting a child with your vehicle and it is something we want to avoid at all costs. Please also think about dropping your child at the pou in the morning to save congestion. We have seen a big drop in the number of users which is disheartening for our patrollers.

Enrichment - One of the annual features of our school is our Enrichment programme. This year we are following the successful programme instituted last year that incorporates Enrichment into our afternoon on a Wednesday. Last year we had more people donate their time and expertise than ever before which really made things manageable in terms of group size.

We will be looking at running workshops aimed at extending student's abilities and offering them the chance to experience new challenges and develop new skills. To do this we would need volunteers from the community to run workshops for 6 weeks from the 23rd August between 2pm and 2:45pm. Workshops in the past have been in a range of areas including clay work, movie making, electronics, sewing, zumba, knitting.... The list goes on!

The more support we have from the community the more choices and more importantly the more manageable the group sizes. If you know anyone who would like to contribute time and their skills please let us know. We will be putting out information soon and hoping to get groups of students down to about 10-12. If your activity involves using materials a small charge can be passed on to cover the cost of that. **Please have a read notice at the end of the newsletter** and think about taking a group (feel free to rope in other people to help you!)

Upper Hutt Community Awards

It has been great to hear that we have been invited along as a finalist in the Wellington Regional Community Awards 2017 for our longstanding leadership in Sustainability. I would like to thank Cath Brattle and the Envirogroup as well as all the support crew that have contributed to achieve this- Kia kaha!

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

Year 3/4 School Camp – This year camp will be on 23/24 November at Brookfield in Wainuiomata. More details on the camp to follow later in the term. We are advising those parents that wish to come along on the camp that they will need to have a police check done. Due to a recent change in legislation there is now a \$10 charge for each police check that we apply for. Unfortunately this cost will have to be covered by the parent wanting to attend. If you wish to go on the camp please let the office know and they will send you the required forms to be completed. Due to the length of time police checks take the close off date for parents getting their documents/fee back to us is Friday 29th August. **Please note that there will be no late applications sent off after this date.**

Beanies – Our fabulous knitted Plateau School beanies are back for the winter. We have some available for you to buy for \$5.00 each. Call in to the office and have a look. A huge thanks goes to Ewan and Mia Batson’s grandmother for knitting these.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball – Hi all

Plateau Ferns had a bye.

Plateau Firebirds played Maoribank and lost 12-9 pod was the whole team.

Plateau stars played Silverpine and lost 14-1 pod was the whole team.

Thanks guys and good luck for this Saturday Trace Powell

HOME AND SCHOOL

**Tote Bar & Plateau School
Home & School Committee**

**FUNDRAISING
QUIZ
NIGHT**

Wednesday 6th September from 7.30pm
**A great night of trivia fun to support
Plateau School Home & School
Committee**

All Ticket sales and 20% of meal sales going
straight back to the Committee

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
Only \$10 each!

Mmmm...
TRIVIA NIGHT.

**THE
TOTE**

Tote Bar, Trentham 74 Ararino Street
P: 04 5287 288 E:
toteandfurnace@trinitygroup.co.nz

Tickets are available at the school office

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club – Issue 6 - Last day for orders is Wednesday 9th August.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

- Tuesday 8th - Year 5/6 netball tournament
Thursday 10th - Maidstone School visiting year 6 students
Friday 25th - Daffodil Day
Tuesday 29th - Year 6 students visiting Maidstone

September

- Wednesday 20th - Artsplash – Choir
Friday 22nd - Artsplash - Dance

TERM DATES FOR 2017

- Term 1 - Tues 31st January – Thursday 13th April (102 half-days)
Term 2 - Mon 1st May – Fri 7th July (98 half-days)
Term 3 - Mon 24th July – Fri 29th September (100 half-days)
Term 4 - Mon 16th October – Fri 15th December (88 half-days)

PLATEAU SCHOOL 50TH SCHOOL REUNION - FRIDAY 25TH MAY AND SATURDAY 26TH MAY 2018. BOOK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY! PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHARE THE LINK TO THE PLATEAU 50TH REUNION FACEBOOK PAGE ON YOUR TIMELINE SO THAT WE CAN SPREAD THE NEWS FAR AND WIDE! (AND REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND!). DON'T FORGET TO "LIKE" AND "SHARE" OUR 50TH REUNION FACEBOOK PAGE! - www.facebook.com/plateau50

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6" sub pack).

Friday – Pies – Mince or Mince and Cheese - \$4 each.



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Bike Safety – Your child must wear an approved cycle helmet correctly.



PUSH PLAY! – Walk up Cannons Point with family and friends.



GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Join a neighbourhood group to restore a local ecosystem – Sand dunes are a key defence against storm surges and rising sea levels. Trees provide shade, absorb carbon and birds nest in them. Fish like clean rivers and so do people. Do your bit to help out.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Annette's Place

Annette's Place offers one-on-one weekly teaching in a quiet place with the parent present. Just right for those children who require special care in order to learn or just need a bit of extra teaching time. This service is available for children aged 4 to 8 years. They may have a diagnosis, such as dyspraxia or autism, or may be prematurely born, or may just be having some difficulties with learning or fine motor skills.

Annette has had many years' experience and is well qualified. She offers a free initial consultation. Contact her by phoning 021 2997 456 or

emailing annette@theinnerpath.co.nz www.annettesplacenz.com



Women of Worth is committed to supporting women creating better futures for themselves and their children. To play our small part, we are providing the **'Move Up – Small Steps for Significant Change'** Programme.

'Move Up' is aimed at supporting women and giving women hope through knowing their own worth, and discovering their strengths and potential. We equip them with tools and strategies on how to make positive change for themselves and their families and how to create nurturing and safe homes for them and their children.

Women of Worth are starting a new 'Move Up – Small Steps for Significant Change' programme.

Lower Hutt: **Thursday 17th August - 9.30 am to 2.00 pm (start date)**
at Hutt Art Centre – 9-11 Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt

Programmes run for 14 weeks excluding school holidays. Follow up programmes providing ongoing support is provided for women for one to two years who have completed the first Move Up programme. We know change takes time, and it happens in small steps.

There are requirements for attending 'Move Up', including:

- Women attending have a *minimum* of *one* child who is aged 0 to 5 year [They can have older children as well]
- The programme is suitable for women who want or need extra support to make changes for themselves and their family
- Places are limited to 15 per programme
- Sorry, the programme is unable to cater for childcare, and will need to be arranged separately.

Our team can provide you with further information and answer any queries you or potential participants may have – theteam@wow.org.nz | text/phone 027 359 1558.



Indulge your curiosity for our world and how it works

WEEK OF ENGINEERING
31 July - 5 August

Engineering Expo

Explore innovations in engineering with interactive displays, design and build competitions, a screening of the Dream Big documentary, even robots!

10am-4pm, Saturday 5 August

Museum of New Zealand
Te Papa Tongarewa
FREE

Find out more www.weekofengineering.co.nz

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The Annual Plateau School Enrichment programme is drawing closer.. It will be starting on Wednesday 23rd August 2pm-2:45pm, and take place every Wednesday afternoon until the end of the term.

Some important points to note:

- **Held on a Wednesday afternoon (2pm-2:45pm)** - This will enable learning experiences to be more aligned to specific key competencies or enable a teacher/volunteer/admin staff/parent/grandparent etc to select an area of strength or interest from the curriculum.
- 6 week duration - It would be great to have these activities locked in ASAP (just the basics below) so that students can start to make some choices next week
- Please indicate below, if you are available and willing to share your expertise with a small group of students, what you could offer and where you would like to work. Also if there is a number cut off or age preference - Junior year 0-2/3 **OR** Senior year 3/4-6 etc
- If you have any friends/whanau that you think would be great, please ask them. The more people running activities - the smaller the numbers in the groups.
- (We will endeavour to ensure that your child gets one of the activities they choose, obviously clashes for some are unavoidable)
- Examples of activities could include: Book Club, Creative Poetry, Technology, Electronics, Maths Club, Chess Skills and Strategies, Visual Art Techniques, Public Speaking, Drama, Debating, Computer Coding, Enviro activities, Knitting, Cooking, Sewing etc etc

If you have any question please contact the office office@plateau.school.nz

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enrichment Activity _____

Ideal number of students _____

Junior or Senior _____

Preferred location _____

Any cost _____

Resources required from school _____