

13 March 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Year 5 & 6 Camp - Our Year 5's and 6's headed off to camp yesterday morning. They were all very excited and looking forward to the action-packed week ahead. There have been some great photos on our Facebook page, so keep an eye out for more photos each day!

Easter Holidays - Easter is fast approaching and just to let you know that we have a 5-day weekend over the Easter break. School will be closed on Friday 30th March, and Monday and Tuesday 2nd & 3rd of April. The April school holidays start on Friday 13th April.

Reminder - Nzei Paid Union Meeting - There is a Paid Union Meeting coming up on the 19th March in the afternoon. This is happening next Monday.

This means all teachers will be attending to discuss issues around pay and conditions. Please place this in your calendar, and while we will not be officially closing the school, there will only be a couple of staff on site so we would really appreciate it if you could **make arrangements to have your child picked up at lunchtime (1:15)** so that we don't have too many children to look after that afternoon.

Both the Birchville and Kaitoke buses will be coming at the earlier time of 1.15pm. This will mean that there will be no usual bus service after 3pm. After School Care will still be operating.

A Signmee has come out to gauge how many students will not be able to be collected. Please ensure you complete the Signmee response so that we know what is happening with your child/ren. Thanks.

Kapa Haka - We will be starting up our Kapa Haka Group for 2018 soon. If your child is interested in taking part, please let the office know. So far we have 3 children interested. As part of the group, your child will take part in a couple of different performances during the year.

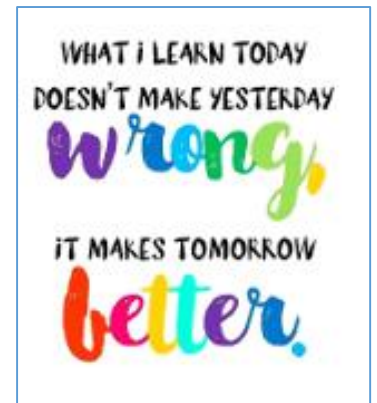
Plateau Facebook - All our blog posts, Flickr photos and recent school news are gathered on our Facebook page making it the "one stop shop" for school events.
www.facebook.com/plateauschool

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.facebook.com/plateau50/>

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



We are also on Twitter (@plateauschool)

And youtube as plateauschoolnz

LIBRARY NEWS

I am off to Bonny Scotland on the 3rd of April, so the last week for issuing books will be the week beginning the 19th of March, with all books to be returned the following week (w/k beginning the 26th).

There are still a few outstanding Summer Reading Books, can you please have a hunt at home and return them as soon as possible.

Pop in and Say Hello....

With the closure of Upper Hutt Library, some parents have commented on how it has become difficult to access books. Please feel free to pop into the Library during opening hours to borrow books for your children.

After the Easter holidays, I am going to look at having the Library open after school as well, to increase access.

The Library opening hours are:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30-1.30.

Please pop in to say hello, it would be lovely to meet you.

New Books...

With over 40 million players worldwide, it's the second biggest selling video game of all time, and it's certainly one of the most requested subjects in the Library. I am sure you have heard of it... Minecraft! And in light of its popularity, the Library has taken delivery of several new Minecraft books, which I am sure will no sooner hit the shelves, than be issued out again.

There is also some new Star Wars: Last Jedi books and the brand new Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway by Jeff Kinney. This is a very popular series of books, detailing teen Geoff's daily adventures, through hand written notes and simple drawings.

That's all the news for now.

Judith Burns

ENVIRO NEWS

World Water Day - World Water Day is on 22 March and to celebrate there will be an event held at Expressions in Upper Hutt from 5.30pm - 8.30pm.

World Water Day Forum

What's happening with the river?

The format of the evening:

5.30 - refreshments and networking

6pm - Welcome from the Mayor

Oliver Vetter - Sustainable Coastlines outlining the global issues followed by brief presentations from local community groups on actions, restoration projects, school groups etc.

10 minute break

7pm - Panel discussion on the legislative framework and what needs to be done, with a particular focus on Te Awakairangi/Hutt River:

Stu Farrant, Morphem Environmental

Dr Marie Brown - Friends of the Hutt River

Dr Mike Joy - to be confirmed (7.30?)

General discussion and follow-up actions

8pm to 8.30pm ongoing discussions and refreshments for those who wish to stay.

To acknowledge all the hard work our students have done with the Mangaroa River Restoration Project (Whitebait Connection), some of our Enviro Group have been invited to take part in this event. Our portion of the evening will be finished by 7pm, so children will be allowed to leave at this point if they wish.

Cath Brattle will be in touch with the families that will be involved in this celebration to let them know details.

Also, as part of our Enviro Group, we will be selling wheelie bin locks. These are fantastic for keeping your bin lid closed, and stopping rubbish from flying around on those windy days! If you wish to purchase one (or more), please complete the google form (emailed to you or click on this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/g7dVgvVzp7hGrvop1>), or email office@plateau.school.nz.

Payment can be made by cash to the office or online. The cost for each lock is \$10.00. When payment is received, we will send the lock/s home with your child.



OTHER NEWS

School Hoodie Orders - We will be placing another order for school hoodies. These are zip-up hoodies, and you can put a name across the bottom on the back. Sizes available are Child (S, M, L, XL) - \$35, Adult (S, M, L, XL) - \$40. If you wish to place an order, please email Suzanne on office@plateau.school.nz and let her know the size and what you would like written on the back. Please make payment to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000. Please use your name and "hoodie" as a reference. Payment must be made at the time of ordering. Thanks.

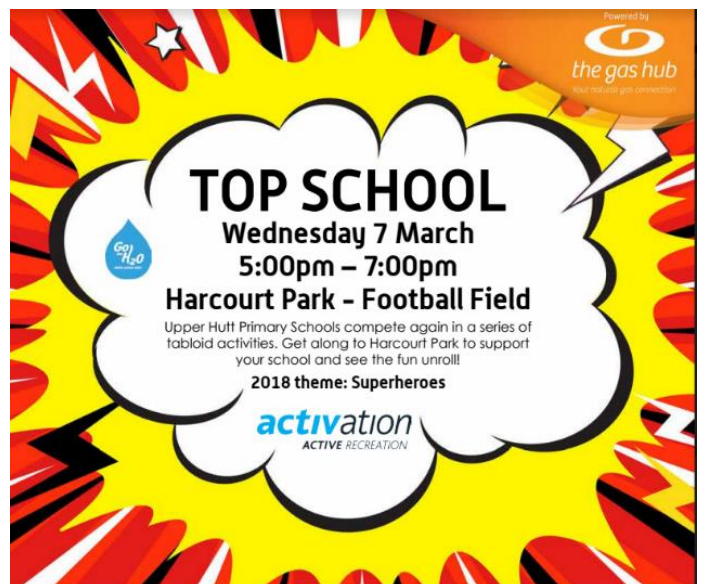
Cookie Fundraiser - We will be selling Cookie Time Easter Cookies in a tin (similar to the Christmas tins last year) as a fundraiser. Order forms will be sent home today and will need to be back at school by next Tuesday, 20th March. No late orders will be accepted, and payment must be made at the time of ordering. Payment can be made in cash to the office or by internet banking (as per the hoodie order above). Please use your name and "cookies" as a reference. We have samples of the tins in the office if you want to pop in and have a look.

Top Schools Competition - This was postponed last week due to bad weather. It is now being held tomorrow, and our Year 4 team will be taking part.

We need your support!!! Please come along to watch and support our top school team.

Top School is fantastic event based around the old Top Town concept where Upper Hutt Primary Schools compete in a variety of challenging tabloid games based around the 2018 super heroes theme.

School teams consist of students, parents and staff and prizes are also awarded to the best supporting school who theme themselves and their support around **Super Heroes**. There are prizes for the best supporters so dress up



and come down to support us. It's fun, wet and crazy good.

Brought to you as part of The Gas Hub's Parks and Places programme.

The event will be held on Wednesday 14th of March from 5-7pm at the soccer fields at Harcourt Park.

HOUSE-KEEPING



Subway - Subway lunches are available every Thursday.

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.

NO ORDERS WILL BE NOW BE TAKEN IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE, SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE BEFORE THE CUT-OFF TIME. THANKS.

If we get 50 online orders, Subway Rimutaka will donate sports equipment to our school, so make sure you give it a go this week!

Gate - Due to health and safety reasons, we will be locking the gate that goes through to the netball courts. At the moment it needs a few repairs, but once it is fixed, it will be locked. From now on, please use the gate that is alongside the administration block. We apologise to parents of before and after school care children, but you will have to walk around the office to collect your children.

Also a reminder to all parents that parking in the school grounds is not permitted between the hours of 8am and 4pm each school day.

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.

NETBALL NEWS

Hey Guys

Registrations for the 2018 netball season have closed and teams have been sorted. We will be letting you know shortly what team your child is in.

We had a huge interest for the Year 3 team, which is great. Unfortunately this meant that not all students interested could play this year, as there is a maximum of 10 per team.

Over the next few weeks I will be talking with coaches to determine when trainings will start.

Thanks guys - looking forward to another great season with Plateau School.

Thanks

Trace Powell

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Wednesday 14th

- Top Schools Competition

Monday 19th

- Teaching Staff Paid Union Meeting - Please collect your children at 1.15pm if possible (more information in body of newsletter)

Friday 23rd

- Fancy Feet Friday

Wednesday 28th

- Wacky Wheels Wednesday

Friday 30th

- Good Friday (school closed)

April

- Monday 2nd - Easter Monday (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd - Easter Tuesday (school closed)
Wednesday 11th - School Swimming Sport
Friday 13th - Last day of Term One (finishing 3pm)

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)

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6" sub pack). See above for ordering instructions.

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



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Staying safe on the school

bus - If you pick up or drop off your children at the bus stop: encourage your children to wait quietly at the stop and not play games that could see them running onto the road.



PUSH PLAY! - Compete against your friends at rolling down the big hill at Harcourt Park in front of the sound shell.



GREEN SPOT - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Use less hot water - That change alone can save at least 500 pounds of carbon dioxide annually in most households.

COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holiday and After School Computer Classes for ages 5 - 15.

New class; Stop Motion Animation. Also Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Video Editing, Build a PC and if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499 2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Wellington City Venue: [2 Woodward St](#) (Cnr Lambton Quay and Woodward St)

Teachers required for school holiday computer class.

We require a teacher for our Minecraft, Roblox, web design, Java, Python and Scratch coding classes in the school holidays.

For further information, contact Ed Brown: Call 021-050-1288, or e-mail ed@grandtraining.co.nz.

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[2 WOODWARD ST.](#) CORNER LAMBTON QUAY AND WOODWARD ST, WELLINGTON



Upper Hutt Rams Rugby Club - Maidstone Park

*Registrations completed online by 13 March go in the draw to win tickets
2 adults & 2 kids - to 'Canes vs Chiefs on 13 April!*

www.sporty.co.nz/upperhuttrugbyjnr/2018-Junior-Registration

2018 Fees - stay the same!

**\$55 or \$95 for two or more in one family;
nursery players \$25**

Includes a free team photo and Rams drink bottle

Register, pay & collect jersey on:

Wed 14 March 6:30 - 8:00

Sun 18 March noon - 2:00

Thu 22 March 6:30 - 8:00

Meet some 'Canes players!

find us on Facebook: [UpperHuttJuniorRamsRFC](https://www.facebook.com/UpperHuttJuniorRamsRFC)



Old or Damaged Car Seats? - Did you know you can now recycle your expired or damaged child car seat? Around 90% of seat materials are recyclable, which is great news for the environment, and keeping expired car seats out of circulation is good for child safety. SeatSmart accepts any brand of capsule, booster or reversible car seat (no polystyrene boosters) for a small fee of \$10 (RRP). For collection site details visit www.SeatSmart.co.nz. You can also like

us on Facebook (SeatSmartNZ). Thanks to Wellington, Upper Hutt and Hutt City Councils for their support.



Free Slides | Live DJ | Spot Prizes
Spa | Inflatables

AQUA BEATZ

Friday 23 March
7 - 10pm



get social with us!
Facebook.com/
H2OXtream
AquaticCentre



H2O Xtream, Corner Blenheim & Brown Streets Upper Hutt
For more information tel: 04 527 2113 or visit: www.h2oxtream.com



JUNIOR CLUB DAY

SUNDAY 18TH MARCH
4.00PM - 6.00PM
MAIDSTONE HOCKEY TURF

Kids and parents can come and have a hit around. Meet the committee and see what we are all about! We will provide gear for you!
Free Sausage sizzle, prizes and chance to register with us.

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