

Kia ora koutou

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Newsletter via Email - new procedure for delivery - As a pilot school for Signmee, we received a free service for the last couple of years. This has now been withdrawn and we are paying monthly for a specific number of messages (1000). This sounds a lot, but our newsletter accounts for 700 of those! We have therefore decided to send our newsletter separately via email from next week. It will also be available on our website and our Facebook page as well. Next Tuesday keep a lookout in your inbox for our newsletters arrival. The subject line will be "Newsletter" and the date. The sender will appear as Sandra Moore. If you do not receive yours next week, please let Sandra know. Thanks.

This is also a timely reminder to ensure we have all your up-to-date contact details, ie address, home, cell and work phone numbers, home and email addresses, and any emergency contacts you want listed. If you have changed your details recently, please contact the office to ensure we have the correct details for you.

Important Signmee Notice for Slingshot Customers - Signmee have discovered that **some** slingshot customers are not getting email alerts to inform them that there are forms in their SignMee inbox. This is to do with their account and Slingshot have been very apologetic.

They won't tell us how to fix it as we are not the account holders, so they are asking you to go to their help desk (see information below).

You are still able to go to your Signmee inbox log in and see the forms.

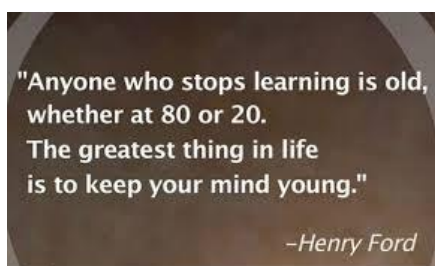
TECHNICALSUPPORT@TEAM.SLINGSHOT.CO.NZ

PHONE 0800 89 2000.

Peer Mediators - Many thanks to the students who have put themselves forward to be Peer Mediators this year. Our Peer Mediators do a crucial job:

School-based peer mediation is one of the most popular and arguably the most effective approach to integrating the practice of conflict resolution into schools. It is not hard to see why: Peer mediation encourages students to apply conflict resolution skills when it matters most—when they are in conflict. By helping students resolve and learn from interpersonal disputes, peer mediation programs also advance the educational mission of the schools in which they operate.

Flippaball - The Signmee for Flippaball has gone out to Year 5 and 6 students that were interested. Please respond by Friday so that I can enter the teams before the close off date of Monday.



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. Class blogs are posted to the page for you to read and comment on. We have 645 "likes" as of the 14th February. www.facebook.com/plateauschool

Parent / Teacher Interviews - We will be holding our Parent / Teacher Conferences on Monday 20th March (3.20pm - 7.30pm), and Tuesday 21st March (3.20pm - 5.30pm). To book a time to see your child's teacher, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and put it the code phsep, then follow the prompts. If you have any difficulty, or would like us to book a time for you, please call in or contact the office. Thanks.

Floorball - It's that time of the year again where we are setting up new teams for the flooball competition. Floorball is an exciting game being a cross between indoor hockey and ice hockey. The teams play on a Monday afternoon down at the recreation centre next to H2O. Children have been asked to sign up as a register of interest and a Signmee will be sent home to those children today. If you do not receive a Signmee but think your child may be interested in playing, please contact me at Cath@plateau.school.nz.

The competition is open to children in year 2 - 6; here is a link to a game for your info. - <https://youtu.be/ed45fPaeFu0>

Tiniball/Miniball - As I have not heard from anyone who is willing to run a team, we are unable to enter any teams into this term's competition.

School Lunches - Thanks to some parents now offering to help out with sausages/fish fingers on a Friday, we are now able to offer lunches every Friday. Please see below for the menu for the term.

Subway lunches are available every Thursday. Please ensure your child puts their order in the green box outside the office, or hands it into the office before school starts.

Year 5/6 Camp 2017 - Camp week is rapidly approaching. You will have received an invoice for this at the beginning of the year. Thank you to those of you who have paid this already, and a reminder to those of you who haven't - we would appreciate payment by the due date. Many thanks.

Hats - A reminder that it is compulsory for all students to wear a sunhat when they are outside during terms 1 and 4. We have school hats available for purchase in the school office (\$16 each).

NETBALL

We are now taking registrations for the netball season.

If your child (Year 3 - 6) is interested in playing, please register their name at the office.

After school training sessions will be:

Year 5/6 Wednesdays after school

Year 3/4 Fridays after school

Training will start early April. Games are played on a Saturday morning at Heretaunga College, starting on the 6th May.

To register your child, please either ring the school on 526 9909, or email office@plateau.school.nz. Thanks.

We need a Coach for our Year 3 team, and umpires for each team. If you are interested in coaching, please let the school know. Registrations close on 17th March. Any other questions, please either see Tracy Powell, or phone the school. The season fees will be \$50 - this increase is due to Upper Hutt Junior Netball Club increasing their fees.

LUNCH MENU TERM ONE - 2017

LUNCHES - TERM 1 2017

Please find below the roster for Friday lunches for term 1. It might be a good idea to put it on your fridge.

If there are any changes they will be published in the newsletter.

It would be very helpful if the orders are sent in a resealable named plastic bag, which will be returned each time to your child for re-use (no more hunting round for envelopes!).

Term One, 2017		
Date	Lunch Offered	
10/2/2016	Pies (Mince or Mince & Cheese)	\$4.00
17/2/2017	Sausages / Fish Fingers in Bread	\$1.50
24/2/2017	Pies (Mince or Mince & Cheese)	\$4.00
3/3/2017	Sausages / Fish Fingers in Bread	\$1.50
10/3/2017	Sausages / Fish Fingers in Bread	\$1.50
17/3/2017	Sausages / Fish Fingers in Bread	\$1.50
24/3/2017	American Hot Dogs	\$2.50
31/3/2017	Sausages / Fish Fingers in Bread	\$1.50
7/4/2017	Cheese Burger / Works Burger*	\$4.00/\$5.00*

* Cheese Burger - \$4.00 / Works Burger - \$5.00

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

A reminder to students who have completed their Summer Reading Journals, please return them to your classroom teachers. We will be talking about their journals when class library visits resume. Return all summer reading books from now on please.



Mobile Library visits started last week, and the bus will now be run by PJ Brambley. If you have any Library Bus books to return, please pop them back as soon as possible. This can be done at our school library.

Thank you for your support and encouragement for the students' reading. Looking forward to another great year of reading and exploring.

Happy Reading from Mrs Davidson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Wednesday 15th - Year 5/6 Camp Parent Meeting, 6.30pm
Monday 27th - Sea Week

March

Sun 5th - Fri 10th - Year 5/6 Camp
Monday 20th - Goal Setting Evening (3.20pm - 7.30pm) - Details of how to book
Tuesday 21st - Goal Setting Evening (3.20pm - 5.30pm) are above.

April

Thursday 13th - Last day of Term 1 (finishing at 3pm)

TERM DATES FOR 2017

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

A Teacher Only Day will be held on Friday 2 June 2017. (SCHOOL CLOSED)

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

EVERY THURSDAY - SUBWAY (\$5.00 MINI SUB PACK, \$6.00 6" SUB PACK). - More order forms are available on Grabmee to print.

ROAD SAFETY SPOT

Did you know ... That the safest door for your child to get in and out of is the kerbside door. Using this will keep them out of the traffic flow.

GREEN SPOT

Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet –

Recycle your organic waste - Around 3% of greenhouse gas emissions from methane is released by decomposing biodegradable waste. By recycling organic waste or composting it if you have a garden, you can help eliminate this problem! Just make sure that you compost it properly, so it decomposes with sufficient oxygen, otherwise your compost will cause methane emissions and smell foul.

PUSH PLAY

Ways your family can "Push Play":

Go to H2O Xtream with your friends for a leisurely swim.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fuel the Need School Lunches

As some of you may be aware, there is a programme running called "Fuel the Need". This programme provides school lunches to a variety of children who attend schools in Upper Hutt (including our school).

However, in order to keep this programme running, they desperately need help (mainly financial). If you are able to help out, or know of someone who can (maybe a company that wants to sponsor it??), please let the office know. Attached below is a notice with regard to the lunch programme.

[Fuel the Need](#)



Upper Hutt Hockey Club 

Junior Hockey Fun Day

Come along and experience the fun of hockey!

Sunday, 26 February 2017
10.00am-12.00pm
Maidstone Hockey Turf, Park Road

- All children aged 4-13 and all experience levels welcome
- Take part in fun activities including: obstacle course, take on a senior goalie, and hit the target
- Coaches available to assist beginners
- Equipment will be available for those who do not have it
- Registration information available

Any queries or for further information, email upperhuthockey@gmail.com, or visit our Facebook page





Tweens & Teens Toolbox Parenting Group

How to stay onside (and slightly ahead!) of your teenager.

We will show you that although these years can be challenging, they can actually be some of the best years of your life - and theirs! This course covers: Atmosphere, Boundaries, Communication, Discipline, Self-Esteem & Future Focus.

UPPER HUTT | Tuesdays 28 February to 4 April | 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Book at theparentingplace.com or contact Natalie 027 7334138 wellington@theparentingplace.com

Bookings are essential. Cost: \$75 individual, \$110 couple (subsidies are available)

Free for foster & adoptive parents and grandparents raising grandchildren, thanks to govt funding.



Living the life you want or ready for a change?

If you are a mother with a child between 0-5 years old then you could take part in:

Move Up – Small Steps for Significant Change - an exciting self-discovery and self-development programme by Women of Worth. Our programme helps women to make changes in their lives one step at a time.

Join us to build a new sense of your worth and learn valuable skills to achieve success in all of your life. Build and maintain a safe and nurturing home for your family.

The 'Move Up' programme includes:

- Connecting and having good relationships with others
- Understanding and developing your talents
- Learning to manage your finances
- Creating a home you enjoy living in
- Making healthy choices
- Celebrating life!

Join us at Women of Worth!

Move Up is delivered in small group settings so you can feel safe and be inspired.

"This course has made the biggest difference to me - more than any other course I have been on" - *Testimonial from a previous participant*



For further enquiries contact: theteam@wow.org.nz 027 359 1558 www.wow.org.nz

'Move Up – Small Steps for Significant Change'

Upper Hutt:

When: Thursdays, starting 9th March 2017

Where: Upper Hutt Library, 844 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt

Time: 9.30 am to 2.15 pm

Lower Hutt:

When and Where: Tuesdays – starting 14th March 2017

Where: Lower Hutt, Hutt Art Centre, 9-11 Myrtle St, Lower Hutt

Time: 9.30 am to 2.15 pm

What you'll gain from 'Move Up' :

- Knowing your top strengths and how to use them for yourself and your family
- Building confidence
- Building a nurturing and safe home environment for your children to thrive in
- Planning and setting achievable goals
- Budgeting your personal finance to manage your money effectively
- Understanding your child, including their unique temperament and personality
- Time management tools and strategies to organise yourself and your family
- And much more!

Sorry, the programme is unable to cater for childcare, and will need to be arranged separately.

Cost: 'no cost'

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