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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Mr Sheehan Wins a Principal Position - We wish Richard Sheehan all the very best as he moves on later this term to take on the Principal role at San Antonio School in Eastbourne.

Richard has spent 5 years at Plateau as our Deputy Principal and has been instrumental in some far reaching changes at Plateau. This has included the use of Digital technology and Collaborative teaching most recently.

Richard has done a superb job of developing the Plateau School Curriculum and has a great friendly, open approach with adults and children alike.

We know he will put these skills to good use when he starts at San Antonio. As Richard himself wrote:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my 5 and a half years at Plateau, and have obviously learnt and experienced so much, in order to take this next step in my career.

I will always be grateful for the support and relationships I have built, and will certainly miss the Plateau community and hope to always be welcome back."

I am sure you join with me in thanking Richard for his commitment and dedication to Plateau during his time here and wish him all the very best in the next stage in his career.

Piano Lessons - We have 7 students starting their lessons next week on Friday. We wish them well on their musical journey.

Foster Children in Need - We are still pursuing this from last term - please have a think if you can help out this worthy cause!

This is from a recent article in the press:

“Pyjamas, a toothbrush, a backpack - simple things for children in crisis. The Wellington region's foster children carry their possessions in black rubbish bags and arrive - often at night - into the homes of strangers. They are all ages, from babies to teens but they are nearly always unprepared.”

We would like to support this worthy cause and we have a box in the office for you to donate your old clean pj's, new toothbrushes and toothpaste, bags that clothes etc could be packed into.

Thanks to **Abbie Maclean** who has let us know about this excellent opportunity to support local kids in dire need.

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.

*Learning how to learn
is one of the most
important skills in life*

-Norma Fauziyah

www.facebook.com/plateauschool

Interschool's Cross-Country - This event will be held on Sunday 21st May at Harcourt Park, with races starting from 1.30pm. Please meet at the Sound Shell by 1pm.

Spiked shoes (including sprigs – rugby or soccer boots) are not to be worn. The event will be run wet or fine. The only postponement will be if the council closes the ground and this will be announced over ZB Talkback in the morning.

A change of clothes is recommended for runners after races.

Because this event is held on a Sunday, parents are responsible for arranging transport to and from the event, and supervising their children. Cath Brattle will be there on the day to oversee the smooth running of the event.

A Signmee will be sent out tomorrow to get responses for those who can attend. However, if you require any further information, please see Cath Brattle. Thanks.

Headphones - We have only 31 sets of headphones left for our children in Kiwi class and older to use with their devices. They have been very well received and are very well made and fit for purpose. They are available from the office for \$13.50. School has especially imported them after testing a sample pair out last year.

Science Evening – Just a heads up that we will be holding a Science Evening this term on 25th May (Week 4). This will be a time to share science work and also take part in some science challenges with parents! More details will follow.

Student Information – If you have not returned your emergency contact information update form yet, please do so this week. We need these to ensure your emergency contact and medical information for your child is up-to-date. Even if all the information is correct, we would still appreciate you returning it to school so that we know our information is up-to-date. Thanks.

SPORTS NEWS

Soccer – Soccer practice will not be on today or next Tuesday.

Netball – Hi All

All the netball children should have received their uniform and the season's draw yesterday. Please check their school bags if you haven't seen it.

There is also a handbook for new players - it's always good to read it over.

Thanks to our wonderful coaches and umpires who have volunteered this year. See you all on Saturday - please make sure the children are there half an hour before game starts.

Good luck to all our teams!!!

Trace Powell
NETBALL CO-ORDINATOR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- Sunday 21st - Interschool Cross Country
- Thursday 25th - Science Evening
- Tuesday 30th - AFL Tournament

June

- Thursday 1st - AFL Tournament (Postponement Date)
- Friday 2nd - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- Monday 5th - Queen's Birthday (School Closed)
- Tuesday 20th - Interschool Swimming Sports
- Thursday 29th - School Gym
- Friday 30th - School Gym

July

- Thursday 6th - Reports sent home
- Friday 7th - Last day of Term 2 (finishing at 3pm)

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)

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week.

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

Friday – Sausage in bread / fish fingers in bread - \$1.50 each.

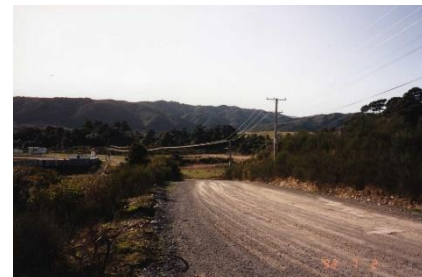


ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: That cyclists must use cycle lanes if available.



GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Buy fresh instead of frozen – Frozen food uses 10 times more energy to produce.

PUSH PLAY! – Take a walk around the Te Marua Speedway.



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS –

Entertainment Books are out!!

Your family will be receiving a copy of the 2017 – 2018 Wellington Entertainment book today (Tuesday 2nd May). The Entertainment Book is available as a Printed Book Membership or the Digital Membership. If you would like to purchase the App, or do not want a membership this year, please return the book to school as soon as possible.

Entertainment books offer fantastic 2-for-1 deals, 25% off discounts or half price savings on a huge number of Café's, Restaurants, Attractions, Travel & Accommodation and shopping throughout Wellington and more.

Please let family and friends know that we are selling the books and help us to reach our fundraising goal of \$1000

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COMMUNITY NEWS

STRUGGLING WITH SCREEN TIME? PLAY A BOARD GAME INSTEAD! - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY BOARD GAMES!

Sunday Family session 10am - 2pm, Gaming from 10am to 10pm Sat & Sun at Wellington Girls College.

Do you like playing games? Come to Wellycon - NZ's biggest, friendliest boardgaming convention. Bring your friends and/or family and enjoy some quality playtime. The family session has plenty of treats for all attendees and helpers on hand to guide those in need.

See <https://www.wellycon.org.nz> for more details or find us on Facebook or Twitter.





Heart Racer



Join in the fun!

Get your mates together and lace up your sneakers for Wellington Marathon

18th June 2017

Fundraise for the Heart Foundation while you exercise!

Heart disease is New Zealand's biggest killer and we need your help to stop it



Sign up as a Heart Racer at www.HeartRacer.org.nz

All Heart Racers get a free dry fit sport top and the chance to win cool prizes



CREATIVE CLAY FOR KIDS - TERM TWO

Castles and monsters and pots and more....get off the couch and come and explore!!!

Clay classes for kids. 8 - 12 years

Thursday afternoons, starting 18 May. 4 - 5.30pm at Upper Hutt Art Society, Ward Street.

6 weeks - \$90 (includes all materials and firing).

Call Rebecca for enquiries or to book - 027 7287236

Kids Cross Country Series Starts Mid-May

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter.

Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August, with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five.

Come along and join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle.

More info / to enter athleticshub.co.nz.

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### **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](mailto:annette@theinnerpath.co.nz)

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