

21 August 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Parent Student and Teacher Meetings Follow-up - Many thanks to all the parents that took time to meet with their child's teacher last week and have important conversations with teachers about their child's learning and social behaviours at school. I am sure you found them useful and informative.

I would also like to thank all the parents that then visited the school library to provide us with feedback on the "ideal student" and "ideal teacher". As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) journey we have decided to take on a review of our school values. With 6 values that include double characteristics in some of them:

- Participation and adaptability.
- Perseverance and resilience.
- Openness and honesty.
- Responsibility and risk taking.
- Empathy and respect for people and the environment.
- Commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi.

We found that when surveyed, students and staff could not remember the values and could only retain 3-4 of them. We are looking at reviewing them and bringing them back to 3/4 core values. We hope to retain our Sam Sherpa model but re-evaluate the meanings of the objects he is carrying to reflect our new core values.

While this can sound like a bit of a paper exercise, we want to be able to tie behaviours and learning back to our core values for everyone who is at Plateau. This will mean we have a common language as well as expectations, and that they can be reinforced or used at home.

We have now gathered information from students and our community, and plan now to ask our students the same questions to get their thoughts on what should be important at Plateau.

Teacher Strike - Thanks for the many messages of support we received for our industrial action day last week. While we don't like the idea of disrupting parents' routines as well as children's learning with action, there were plenty of important reasons for the action. The main one is the lack of people entering the profession and the large amount leaving it over the next few years. We need to make the profession more attractive for younger people and this includes pay and workload, but also status as well, as teachers are treated a bit like punch-balls sometimes and held responsible for things that are either outside our control, or should be the responsibility of parents.

Many Upper Hutt schools are struggling with large amounts of children who exhibit severe behaviour, some of this is a result of the very high domestic violence that is a feature of the region, as well as a range of other factors such as drug and alcohol abuse. The net result is disruption of the classroom and learning. While we see very little of this and our parents and community are generally supportive, if behaviour is an issue, we are mindful that this is not always the case in all schools, and this has an enormous effect on teacher and support staff workload and wellbeing.

If more industrial action results we would like to let our community know that these decisions are not taken lightly.

<https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/campaign-resources/understanding-strikes/>

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



YUMMY STICKERS - Keep collecting the "Yummy" stickers from apples and send them in to school so we can get some sports gear!



OTHER NEWS

Wanted - Our cardboard model enrichment class will need lots of empty toilet rolls over the next few weeks. Can you please save yours up and send them to school. Thanks.



Times Table Fridge Magnets - We will be selling these as a fundraiser for our Year 5/6 camp. The cost will be \$6.00 each. Orders will close on Friday 7th September. If you wish to purchase one or more, please email the office (office@plateau.school.nz) stating how many you wish to order. Payment is required with the order, and can be paid into our school account (Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000). Please use your name and "Times Tables" as a reference. Thanks.

HOUSE-KEEPING

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.

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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

Thursday 23rd - Netball Tournament (Postponement Date)
Friday 31st - Daffodil Day

September

Tuesday 4th - Football Tournament
Thursday 6th - Football Tournament (Postponement Date)
Friday 7th - Onesie Day
Thursday 13th - Year 6 Students Visit to Maidstone Intermediate
Tuesday 18th - Science Roadshow (Kea / Ruru)
- BMX Challenge
Friday 28th - Last Day of Term 3

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)

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

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



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES:
Staying safe on the school bus - Getting off the bus: After you get off the bus, wait as far

away from the edge of the road as you can, until the bus has moved away.



PUSH PLAY! - Instead of sitting on a couch, sit on a swiss ball.

GREEN SPOT - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Reduce water waste - Saving water reduces carbon pollution. That's because it takes a lot of energy to pump, heat, and treat your water. So take shorter showers and turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Maidstone Intermediate FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING Thursday 30 August 7.00 pm in the School hall Redwood Street, Elderslea, Upper Hutt.

Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to come along and see what Maidstone has to offer their children. After a welcome by the Principal and Student Leaders they will go on a tour of the school and see students at work in all the Technology and Arts areas and other students will share their options programmes. The school bands will also be practising and performing.

Tea and coffee will be provided.



MASSEY UNIVERSITY
TE KUNENGA KI PŌREHUROA

Massey University – Child Asthma Study

Massey University is conducting a study looking at the different types of **asthma in children** aged **8-18**. The aim of the study is to improve the understanding of childhood asthma and develop better treatment options for all asthmatics.

The study involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire.

If your child is between 8 and 18 years old, the researchers would be very grateful if you could take part. They are looking for children **with** and **without asthma** to participate.

Please contact:

Jean Feary McKenzie

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See supportyourschool.co.nz for details.

*Exclusions & Terms & Conditions apply.



FERGUSSON INTERMEDIATE

Enrolments for 2019

OPEN DAYS

Monday 27th August and Tuesday 28th August
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - TUESDAY 28th AUGUST - 7pm
ENROLMENT PACKS AVAILABLE



Modern spacious classrooms and an ICT focus that fosters high levels of student engagement means that we are delivering programmes based on the latest approaches to 21st century education.

WE PROVIDE:

- Safe, friendly environment, "where everyone knows your name"
- Quality classroom programmes with an emphasis on a holistic education
- Experienced and committed staff
- Extension and Support Programmes to cater for individual needs
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Please note: We do not have an enrolment zone

(Students at Silverstream, Pinehaven and Trentham Schools will receive an enrolment package during their 'Hands On Visits'.) Hands On Visits provide an opportunity for Year 6 students to experience a day in the life of Fergusson Intermediate. These visits are scheduled for Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3. Further details will follow from your school. Visit our website www.fergusson.school.nz



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New to the Wellington Region Mobile LaserTag Birthday Parties

Are you looking for something new and exciting for your child's next birthday? We have the perfect answer... Mobile LaserTag Birthday Party Packages. That's right we bring the party to your home or chosen venue. Our Russian made Tag system is LaserTag as you have never seen it before.

With our Cordless/Bluetooth Laser Taggers and headband sensors this is the perfect fun, safe non-contact game suitable for any age/ gender or ability but one this is guaranteed your child's party will be totally FUN...

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