

21 March 2017

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Wicked Wheels Day/Movin' March - We have been taking part in Movin' March and this THURSDAY is Wicked Wheels Day. We will do a parade in the morning with prizes for dressing them up.

Please keep supporting dropping your children at the pou too, as this helps them fill in their Movin' March Passports. We had 21 cars drop off this morning which is great. Thanks to the extra Year 6 students who joined the pou team this term as well! Remember we also have our amazing "Fancy Feet Friday coming up as the grand finale to the month on the 31st March.

There is a Facebook page to post your pictures of your Wheels/Feet to. Just go to facebook.com/movinmarch and use #movinmarch so it can be seen and you will be in the draw to win a family pass to one of the Wellington Wild Things destinations - including Mt Bruce and the Zoo.
www.facebook.com/wellingtonwildthings/

Parent Meetings/ Seesaw - Many thanks to those of you who attended our Parent-Teacher meetings yesterday. We have our final evening tonight. This will be a "getting to know you" meeting and will also be a chance for us to discuss the Seesaw app with you, and we will be creating a wifi channel for parents for the evenings to allow you to add the Seesaw app to your device if you do not have it already.

We have our very own "Seesaw Ambassador" in Cath Brattle. Cath is guiding us through the innovative use of Seesaw and we can all see the enormous value it can add to our communication as well as the increased importance it places on the roles of teachers, learners and parents. It has been great for me to see just how enthusiastic students and parents are about this amazing tool!

We will also be talking through Learning Maps if time allows to show you how your child has used this important tool and to discuss how we will be using them in the future.

So bring your device along if you need help with the Seesaw app.

Sand from the Sandpit Available - We are planning to clear out the school sandpit and replace the sand. If any parents could use the sand at home, eg for paving etc, then please let us know as otherwise we will have to arrange dump it.

We are hiring a small digger to do some landscaping, so if you have a trailer we could organise a time to fill up the trailer for you.

Swimming Lessons for Juniors - The swimming lessons for our Juniors have been very popular and it has been great to see the 4 groups working at different levels in our pool. The instructors are doing a great job and it has allowed the teachers' time to observe the children's needs and record their progress - I am sure you can expect some videos on Seesaw soon! Please ensure that children have their togs each day as they will miss out on their lessons.

The lessons run until the end of this week.

Soccer – The soccer practice that was due to take place after school tomorrow has been postponed due to the school trip. Mrs Brattle will be in touch with the players to let them know what is happening next week.

Headphones – All students in Kiwi, Paua, Kea and Ruru classes will need a set of headphones to use with the Chromebooks. These may be supplied from home, or we now have some available for purchase through the school (\$13.50 each). A number of parents have ordered them through the Signmee that was sent out last year, and if you have not yet paid, please do so and we will send the headphones over to your child.

If you haven't ordered, but would still like to purchase a set, please let the office know. Payment can be made at the office or by internet banking (Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000). Please use your name and headphones as a reference. Thanks.

Kea and Ruru Classes Capital E Trip – Our Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling by bus to Capital E tomorrow. They are due back by 3.15pm, but we can't guarantee they will be returning at that time. The juniors last week were 15 minutes late due to the show running over time, so please be aware that this may happen again. If your child is due to go on the Birchville bus, it may pay to make alternative arrangements. We

are more than happy to put them into After School Care until you can get here to pick them up. Thanks.

Hot Cross Buns – We will again be running our Hot Cross Bun fundraiser! A huge thank you to Centa Bakery for supplying the Hot Cross Buns! This year the profit will be going to purchase new netball equipment, and also next year's Year 5/6 camp. Check the Signmee that was sent out today for more details and to place an order.

Congratulations! – Violet Douglas entered the H2O Xtream colouring competition that we put in the newsletter a few weeks ago, and she won! Well done Violet!



Dates for your Diary

March

Tuesday 21st - Meet the Teacher Evening

(3.20pm – 5.30pm)

Wednesday 22nd - Capital E Trip (Kea & Ruru)

April

Monday 3rd - Last day for orders & payment for Hot Cross Buns

Thursday 6th - Hot Cross Buns delivery

Mon 10th & Tue 11th - School Photos

Wednesday 12th - Whole swimming sports (Juniors morning, Seniors afternoon).

Thursday 13th - Last day of Term 1 (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 is taking part in Movin' March 2017

What's happening?

Passports

Students have an opportunity to get their passport filled in for that they walk, run, cycle or scooter to school. We encourage you to drop your children off at that the Pou (they can also get their Pou to Pou challenge sheet marked off at the same time). Completing a passport this will put them in the draw to win...one of six brand new bikes and a helmet.

Wheels Day

Thursday 23rd March

Bring along your bike, scooter or skates to take part in Wheels Wednesday, (remember your helmets). A course will be set up for students to ride around. There will be a wheels parade and prizes on the day for dressing up your wheels.

Fancy Feet Friday

Friday 31st March

Decorate your shoes, using your imagination to make them look fancy. Walk to school in your creative shoes and then join in the school parade for spot prizes. Parents come and join in the fun, you can have a place in our parade. Let's make this a family event. Our shoes will make everybody go 'WOW'. There will be a prize for every child that takes part.

Parent Photo Competition

There is a photo competition for parents to get involved with Movin' March. Take a photo of your family's active journey to school and send it to schooltravel@gw.govt.nz or post it on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch/> (ues #movinmarch so it can be seen) and go into the draw to win a family pass to your favourite [Wellington Wild Things](#) destination.



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 this week.

Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6” sub pack). **Friday** – American Hot Dogs (\$2.50 each)



School Lunches – The Friday lunch menu for Term One is below:

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		



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: That a cyclist must not ride on the footpath unless delivering mail, newspapers or leaflets.

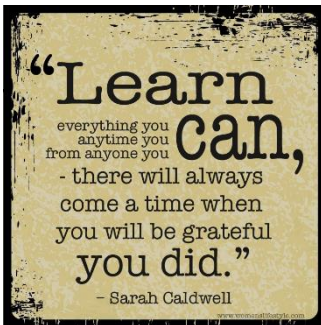


GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Reduce waste – Most products we buy cause greenhouse gas emissions in one or another way, eg during production and distribution. By taking your lunch in a re-usable lunch box instead of a disposable one, you save the energy needed to produce new lunch boxes.



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PUSH PLAY! – Play a game of tag with your friends and family in the backyard or at a park.



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

Please support our Better Funding for Better Learning Campaign for Support Staff by signing the petition attached to last week’s newsletter (or the one in the school office). Please encourage everyone you know to do the same – for the benefit of all our children. The petition can be signed online by going to www.betterfunding.org.nz/supportstaff/

COMMUNITY NEWS

MARRZIPAN DRAMA - It's almost time for our WELLINGTON HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with Kayla!

The Marrzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st April at Thorndon Primary School. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: www.marrzipan.com E: jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz

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**ROLLER DISCOS** - Pizza Roller Disco  
Sat 1 April 6.30 – 8.30 pm Entry \$7  
Skate/blade hire \$3 Pizza slice \$2 4A  
Railway Av, Upper Hutt Phone  
0226824517.

April School Holiday Roller Discos Mon – Fri  
both weeks 1.00 – 3.00 pm Entry \$7  
Skate/blade hire \$3 4A Railway Av, Upper Hutt  
Phone 0226824517.

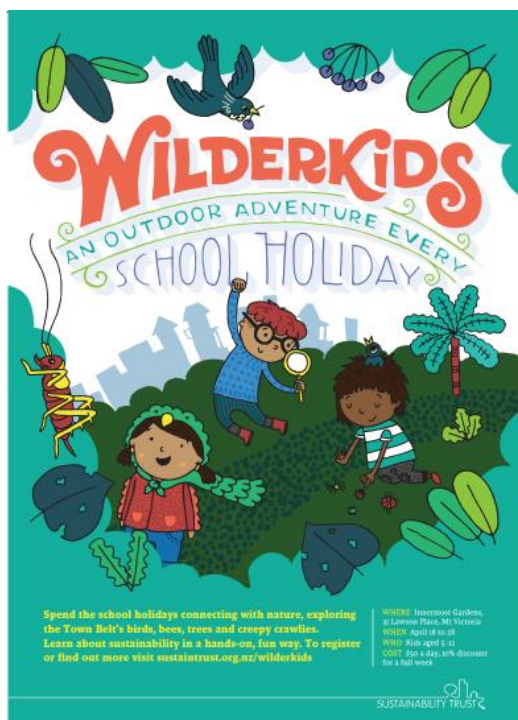


**Pizza Party Roller Disco**  
Fundraising for National skaters  
Saturday 1 April  
6.30pm-8.30pm  
Spot prizes  
throughout the night  
Pizza slices available  
\$2 a slice

Entry \$7  
Skate/blade hire \$3

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club  
4A Railway Ave  
(Opposite Orongomai Marae)  
Phone 04 939-0507  
[www.skate.wellington.org.nz](http://www.skate.wellington.org.nz)

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**WILDERKIDS**  
AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVERY  
SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Spend the school holidays connecting with nature, exploring the Town Belt's birds, bees, trees and creepy crawlies. Learn about sustainability in a hands-on, fun way. To register or find out more visit [sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids](http://sustaintrust.org.nz/wilderkids)

WHERE Inasmuch Gardens, 4A Railway Ave, Upper Hutt  
WHEN April 18-20  
WHO Kids aged 5-12  
COST \$20 a day, \$16 @school for a full week

SUSTAINABILITY TRUST



**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE**  
PALMERSTON NTH | HAMILTON | AUCKLAND | HAWKE'S BAY | WELLINGTON | ROTORUA  
[www.eventpromotions.co.nz](http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz) Ph: (07) 348 3301

The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will be held in Wellington on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. All participants will receive personalised bib numbers and finishers medals. For more information on this event, please go to [www.eventpromotions.co.nz](http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz) or email [nicky@curekids.org.nz](mailto:nicky@curekids.org.nz) or phone / text Nicky on 027 531 5603.