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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Staff Changes at Plateau for 2018 - I am very saddened to let everyone know that our amazing librarian, Nadine Davidson will be leaving us at the end of this year. Nadine is heading south to Nelson with her family and we will miss her creative influence and quirky, crafty ideas! Go well Nadine, Alex, Jasper and Finn.

Next year will also see Phillip Ferzli leave us. Phillip has joined us to take over from Richard Sheehan as he moved to San Antonio School to take over as Principal.

Phillip has secured a role at St Joseph's School as a teacher in 2018.

Elizabeth Morris will be joining us in 2018 and will be based in Paua class as well as taking over the role of Deputy Principal. Fiona Brown will be moving along one class and will be taking over Kea class in 2018. We are finalising classes and those will be displayed shortly so that we can begin the transition process for our tamariki.

This means we will be looking for a School Librarian for 2018 as well as a Board of Trustees Secretary. If anyone in the community is interested in either of those roles please pop in and let me know.

Brookfields Camp 2017 - Our Year 3 and 4 students are getting very excited this week as they build up to their camp in Wainuiomata on Thursday and Friday. We have the usual exciting range of activities planned and a great ratio of adults to students (about 1:2 as it stands!) We will try to keep the photos coming as we progress over the 2 days.

If you have not already paid for camp, please do so by tomorrow. Thanks.

Loose Parts Play - We now have our Loose Parts shed erected and will soon be ready to start building up our stock of loose parts for the children to let their imaginations run wild! Thanks to Blake (Willow Boyd-Collings' dad) who came on Saturday to help put the shed up.

School Pool - Unfortunately our testing of the pool has raised an issue that we need to address this week. This means we have been unable to safely open the pool. Please continue to get in the habit of bringing togs so that when it is declared open we can use the pool straight away.

50th Anniversary - We are taking registrations now for our 50th Anniversary weekend next year: <https://www.facebook.com/plateau50/>
The events are on the 25/26 May and there are a range of options available to book in for and places are limited.

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/>

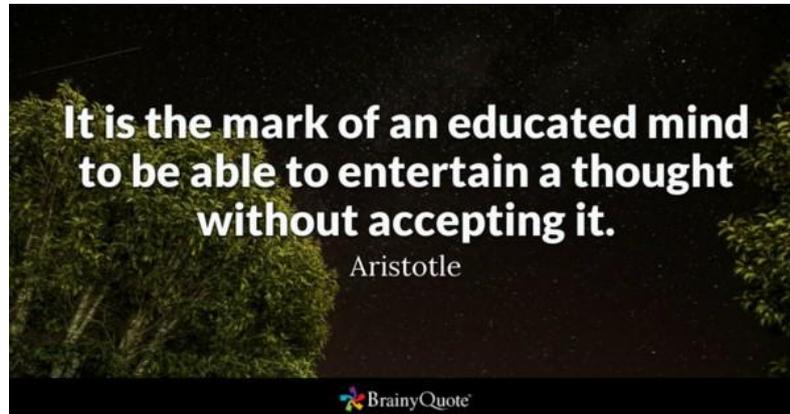
We are also on Twitter (@plateauschool)
And youtube as plateauschoolnz



New Way of Ordering Subway! - Subway have now moved over to a new lunch system, whereby parents now order and pay online for their child's lunch. Close off for each Thursday is 8.45am that morning. If you have not ordered online by this time, please contact the school.

From now on, to order please go to www.subway.co.nz. Select "Online Ordering" then "Subway School Lunch Programme".

You will need to initially set up a log in, but once this is done, you will not have to do it again. Go through the ordering process (self-explanatory), and then pay for it by either debit card or credit card. The lunch will then be delivered to school as normal. If you have any issues with the ordering process, please contact 0800 782 273.



LIBRARY NEWS

Term Four 2017

This term for the library is our annual stock take and Summer Reading programme. Any library or school "Ready to Read" books found, it would be really appreciated if you could return them from now on.

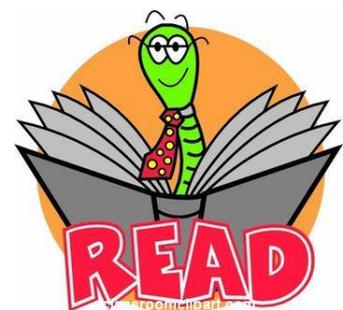
Scholastic Book club brochures are coming home.

Issue 8 for 2017 closes FRIDAY 24th November

We really appreciate the books you purchase.

The library receives rewards to purchase books for the library.

A book always makes a lovely Christmas present. There is the last one year for the year.



Finding school library books or journals appreciate them back anytime



Mobile library visits this term - if you have any Library Bus books to return, this can be done at our school library.

This year's summer reading programme:

In order to continue progress made throughout the year, it is important to encourage children to keep reading over the summer break.

This year the students have made magnets promoting reading.

To follow there will be a Signmee asking permission for your child/children to select books from the school library. We would love that to be our biggest response yet.



Thank you for your support and encouragement for the students' reading.

Happy Reading from Mrs Davidson

OTHER NEWS

School Sun Hat - All students are now required to wear sun hats whenever they are outside. We have school sun hats available for purchase in the school office (\$15.00 each). Please call in and have a look.

Cut and Polish - Congratulations to Suzanne Modd who won the auction for the Cut and Polish from Heretaunga Collision Centre.



Grab 'n' Go Bags - Did you miss an opportunity to see the baskets?

They are made from spaghetti yarn, which is repurposed salvages, 90% cotton and 10% polyester. Great for a grab 'n' go bag:

- Sturdy
- Colourful
- Easy to squash and reshape
- And for gift giving.

All proceeds before Christmas go to Plateau School (Small - \$10, Medium - \$15, Large - \$25).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- Thurs 23rd - Fri 24th - Year 3/4 Camp at Brookfield
 Tuesday 28th - Interschool Danish Rounders
 Thursday 30th - Interschool Danish Rounders Postponement Day

December

- Tuesday 5th - Regional Athletics Day
 Wednesday 6th - Grandparents Day
 Thursday 7th - Whole School Day out - Days Bay
 Friday 8th - Year 6 Leavers Function
 Tuesday 12th - End of Year Concert (5.30pm - 7pm)
 Wednesday 13th - Maidstone Intermediate Year 6 Classroom Placement Afternoon Visit (3pm - 7pm)
 Friday 15th - Last Day of Term 4 - finishing at 12pm (No After School Care)

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 - TBA

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 (\$1.50 each)



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES:

When picking up or dropping off your children:
Walk to the school gate with your children in the mornings.



PUSH PLAY! - Set up your own obstacle course around the home, try and include both inside and outside obstacles.



GREEN SPOT - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Burning fossil fuels such as natural gas, coal, oil, and gasoline raises the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and carbon dioxide is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect and global warming. You can



help to reduce the demand for fossil fuels, which in turn reduces global warming, by using energy more wisely - Wherever practical, replace regular light bulbs with LED bulbs; they are even better than compact fluorescent light (CFL). Replacing just one 60 watt incandescent light bulb with a LED, used 4 hours a day, can yield \$14 in savings annually. LEDs will also last many times longer than incandescent bulbs.