

23 May 2017

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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*



**Science Evening** – We are looking forward to welcoming many of you at 6pm on Thursday to our fun, hands on science evening. You will have the chance to look over some of the work done last week during

Primary Science Week, then take part in fun STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges. Many thanks to Mrs Roberts and Mrs Schroeder who have organised the evening. Good luck to everyone taking part! If it is as fun and competitive as our “tall poppy” challenge 2 years ago, it will be a great night!



**Teacher Only Day** - A quick reminder that school will be closed for instruction on Friday 2nd June while teachers take part in Professional Development with all the other teachers in Upper Hutt as part of our Upper Hutt Cluster. We will be listening to expert speakers as well as working together to explore challenges in our school environment and come up with solutions.

**Me and My School Survey** - This week our Year 4-6 students will be completing a survey online. The same survey is being completed by every Year 4-10 student in Upper Hutt. The aim is to establish some baseline data on engagement and Student Agency across the city. We

are looking forward to seeing the results of this both for our school and the wider city to see areas we might need to look at more closely. Details of the survey are:

*The survey is easy to administer, completely anonymous, and asks students to report their level of agreement to a series of statements regarding affective, behavioural and cognitive aspects of engagement. It provides:*

- *anonymous data through whole school, class, year level, gender, and ethnic filters*
- *rich reporting information that tells your school's story*
- *a statistical framework for tracking aspects of engagement over time*
- *a separate report showing student engagement with reading*

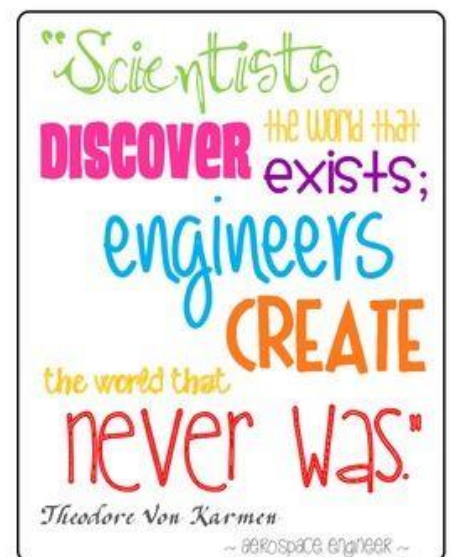
**Road Safety Alert** - We have had reports of cars driving at up to 50Km down Plateau Road. Although there is no posted limit at our busy times, there will only be a matter of time before a disaster occurs. We have the pou available and our Patrollers are happy to escort younger students to school. Please slow down, think about our children and use the pou if you are in a rush, or if you want to help ease the congestion in Molloy's Road in the morning.

**Drop Off Times** - Please be aware that children arriving at school before 8am will be directed to Before School Care and parents will receive an invoice for their care. 8am or after and children are welcome to wait outside their classrooms or play on the playground.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/plateauschool)

**Wanted for After School Care** – Does anyone have a child's tea set that they no longer want? Our children love playing with them, so if you



have a spare set (plastic) that you could donate, it would be much appreciated. Thanks.

**Beanies** – Our fabulous knitted Plateau School beanies are back for the winter. We have some available for you to buy for \$5.00 each. Call in to the office and have a look. A huge thanks goes to Ewan and Mia Batson's grandmother for knitting these.



**Preschoolers** – Can you please let the office know if you have any children due to start school within the next 3 years, so that we can ensure we have them recorded on our list? Thanks.

Also if you know of anyone else in the school area (neighbours, friends, etc) that will be sending their children to our school, that do not already have a child here, can you please either let us know, or ask them to contact us. Thanks.

**Kapa Haka** - We are starting to think seriously about the upcoming (4th July) Kapa Haka event. We have had a huge interest with 71 students signing up for the group!

In order to prepare for the Polyfest we will need to concentrate on a core group of students to ensure they are at performance standard.

We are focussing on our older students this year initially, so all students in Year 3-6 will be part of the performance group. Once Polyfest is done we will look at involving younger students.

**Rembrandt** – A reminder to please complete the permission form on Signmee and send \$3 per child along to school. Thanks.

## *SPORTS NEWS*

**Soccer** – Soccer practice is on today after school.

**Netball** – Hi all

Was a chilly day on Saturday – although the sun managed to shine!!!

Plateau Ferns played Koraunui and drew 7-7; Player of the Day was Allysha Swan.

Plateau Firebirds played Fraser and won 23-0; Player of the Day was Charli Powell.

Plateau Stars played Naenae and lost 33-6; well done to these guys who never gave up the whole time. Player of the Day to the whole team.

Congratulations to Charli Powell, Zoe Burrell, Taylor Howard, Aimee McGall and Abigail Venter from Year 5 Firebirds who will be trialling for the Upper Hutt Junior Netball Development Squad on Sunday. Good luck girls and well done - that's a huge amount for one team selected.

Umpires - If you would like to attend another Umpire course, there is one being held at Heretaunga College on Thursday the 31st May 6pm - 7.30pm

Thanks guys

Trace Powell  
NETBALL CO-ORDINATOR

## *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

### **May**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Science Evening  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> - AFL Tournament

## **June**

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

## **July**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Polyfest / Kapa Haka Festival
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Reports sent home
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - 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 1<sup>st</sup> May – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July (98 half-days)
- Term 3 - Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September (100 half-days)
- Term 4 - Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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** – Mince Nachos - \$4.00 each (gluten-free available).



**ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES:** Joggers – it is hard for drivers to see you when you are running. Wear bright clothes and reflective belts or bands. Obey the road rules for pedestrians. Be very careful at intersections.



**GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Start a car pool with your co-workers or classmates –** Sharing a ride with someone just two days a week will reduce your carbon dioxide emissions by 700kg a year.

**PUSH PLAY!** – Help out the community and deliver leaflets around your area.

## *HOME & SCHOOL NEWS*

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS –** If you have not returned (or paid) for your entertainment book yet, please do so by this Friday. Thanks.

**TWILIGHT MARKET –** This will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. There will be a coffee cart and pizza bus for those who don't have time for dinner! Keep an eye on the Home & School Facebook page for more information.

## *Plateau School's* Twilight Market

Come along to Plateau Schools Twilight Market,  
and grab yourself some goodies  
Handmade toys, sweet treats, kids clothes and so much more!

Cost: \$5, includes a glass of drink & a sweet treat

Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 6:30-9pm

Where: Plateau School Hall, Molloys Rd, Upper Hutt

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Maidstone Intermediate Information Evening** – Maidstone Intermediate will be holding a prospective parent information evening on Wednesday 28 June, and a “School in Action” Day on 4 July (between 9am and 12 noon). Please phone Maidstone Intermediate on 528 3094 for more information.



## Table Tennis Coaching 2017 Term Two (6 weeks)



**Fun                      Fast**  
**Goal Oriented!**



Separate Beginner Learning & Intermediate Skills Groups  
Primary/Intermediate ages 8-13  
Six Thursdays June 1 to July 6 (6.30pm to 8.00pm)

**What** TABLE Tennis Coaching - separate beginner & intermediate groups  
**Where** Empire Table Tennis Stadium, Marine Parade, Petone  
**When** 6.30pm - 8pm Thursdays June 1 – July 6  
**Cost** \$30 for the entire 6 weeks payable at your first session  
**Bring** Table tennis bat if you have one; soft-soled shoes; sports top & shorts  
**Enrol/Info** [ttwellington.org.nz](http://ttwellington.org.nz) or Gabrielle [chair@ttwellington.org.nz](mailto:chair@ttwellington.org.nz), 021 361162

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### Table Tennis Wellington Coaching Enrolment

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginner learning group     Intermediate skills group     Not sure (determine on the day)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_, phone + cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees for Term Two:** \$30, payable at the first attendance (cash or cheque only).

Email [chair@ttwellington.org.nz](mailto:chair@ttwellington.org.nz) or <https://goo.gl/forms/NrgUSWbGvzjwLAtA2>