

**28 February 2017**

## **KIA ORA KOUTOU**

**Year 5 and 6 Camp** - We are off down south on Sunday. Our ferry will be leaving at 8am. **Please make sure you are at the Bluebridge Ferry Terminal by 7am on Sunday.** Any issues, please contact Pauline Roberts on 021 725 025.

While the 10 day forecast shows a few showers around the middle of next week, we are anticipating some fine late summer weather. It should be looking like the photo below we hope!



Many thanks to Mrs Roberts for all the time taken to organise the camp, and to the parents who are coming along and the parents who have been joining the classes for their training walks. Please check out our school social media accounts for photos and video of our experiences.

As our Year 5/6 students are away, there will be **no Pou Patrol or Friday Assembly next week.**

**Netball** - Registrations for the netball season close on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.** No late registrations will be accepted. If your child (Year 3 - 6) is interested in playing, please register their name at the office by this date. At present, we do not have many students registered, which will have an impact on how many teams we have.

After school training sessions will be: Year 5/6 Wednesdays after school and Year 3/4 Fridays after school.

Training will start early April. Games are played on a Saturday morning at Heretaunga College, starting on the 6th May.

To register your child, please either ring the school on 526 9909, or email [office@plateau.school.nz](mailto:office@plateau.school.nz). Thanks.

We still require a coach for our Year 3 team, and umpires for each team. If you are interested in coaching, please let the school know.

Any other questions, please either see Tracy Powell, or phone the school. The season fees will be \$50 - this increase is due to Upper Hutt Junior Netball Club increasing their fees.

**Seesaw** - We hope you are enjoying the increased contact that the Seesaw app has afforded us. It has been great to hear how the app has been used in class to strengthen the communication between home and school, and to give you an insight into how your child learns and what they get up to during the school day. Hopefully it will give you something to discuss over the dinner table as well!

These are early days and teachers and students are still getting to grips with the best approaches to using the app. We are very lucky to have a Seesaw ambassador at our school (Cath Brattle), and she is doing lots to ensure the app is used as productively and informatively as possible.

**Movin' March** - We are into Movin' March as well this Wednesday, so look out for some fun events coming up that will involve decorating shoes or bikes/scooters and lots of other fun events.

As part of Movin' March can you please drop your children at the pou in the mornings whenever possible, as the use has dropped off noticeably and we want to get kids exercising as well as reduce the number of cars on Molloys Road.

All students who use the pou / walk to school will get a stamp in their Movin March passport. Let's see if we can increase the number of pou users to a record high!

We are training some new patrollers as well so the more customers the better!

**Lunch Contents** - Just a quick reminder that we are encouraging you to ensure only healthy options are in your kids' lunchbox. No lollies/chocolate please as they do have an impact on behaviour, as well as our tamariki know they should not really be having them, so they feel they have to "sneak" them during breaks, which is uncomfortable for them.

The trip to the Life Ed truck really reinforced the importance of a healthy diet for our children.

We are happy for treats such as birthday cakes to be shared on special days with the whole class.

**Strategic Plan- Reminder** - The Board have recently reviewed and updated our Strategic Plan for 2017-2019 but would appreciate some feedback from YOU on how you feel things are going. Please follow the link below to give us your thoughts or use the link on our School Facebook Page. At the moment we have 37 responses, but we would like to get more so that we have a representative sample. Strategic Plan Survey link: [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/GiHRFTfZzw5NTGMA3>

**Swimming Lessons Reminder** - Just a reminder that your paper questionnaires are due back by this Friday. This involves students in **Pukeko, Tui, Tuatara and Kiwi.**

These will inform the swim school when they ability group the students for their lessons. **The cut off is Friday 3rd March.**

**Top Schools** - We are defending our title as **Upper Hutt's "TOP SCHOOL" this Wednesday!** Fairy Tales are the dress-up theme this year and our Fairy Tale is "The Three Little Pigs!" It would be great to get as many of our school community dressed up and supporting our team as possible!

If anyone can help with sorting costumes, Cath Brattle would love to hear from you. She can be contacted on [cath@plateau.school.nz](mailto:cath@plateau.school.nz)

**We are also catering the event as well, so please come along and support the Home and School by buying a sausage.**

**Great Prizes:**

1st: School win a Pool Party at H2O Xstream for their School and community, plus a \$300 Sports Voucher from Maidstone Sports.

Runner Up: \$200 Sports Voucher from Maidstone Sports

Best Supporting School: Wins a Pool Party at H2O Xstream for their school and community.

(Supporting Schools are encouraged to theme their support around one of the Fairy Tales or Fables and dress and support their support team as it travels around the various games. We will look for the school that makes a great effort to theme their support, chant and cheers positively and creatively during the event.

**Details:**

Venue: Harcourt Park (Football fields)

Date: Wednesday March 1st 2017 with a PP date of Wednesday March 8th 2017.

Time: 5pm-7pm

Team: 10 members: (5 Students and 5 Adults of which at least 2 must be School Staff). Only one team per School.

**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)**

**Parent / Teacher Interviews (Meet & Greet)** - We will be holding our Parent / Teacher Conferences / Meet the Teacher Evenings on Monday 20th March (3.20pm - 7.30pm), and Tuesday 21st March (3.20pm - 5.30pm). This is not a goal setting session, just a chance to meet the teacher and have a chat. To book a time to see your child's teacher, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and put in the code phsep, then follow the prompts. If you have any difficulty, or would like us to book a time for you, please call in or contact the office. Thanks.

**Headphones** – An update on the headphones – they have been ordered and we are expecting them any day. They assure us they are in transit!

**Chocolates / Easter Egg Fundraiser** – We still have a number of boxes for sale. If you would like a box to sell, please call the school office. Profits from the sale of Chocolates / Easter Eggs will go directly to your child's camp (eldest sibling), or the EOTC trip at the end of the year. Please return all money / unsold chocolates to school by this Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. However, if you would like more chocolates to sell, we will happily extend this date for you.

**Hats** - A reminder that it is compulsory for all students to wear a sunhat when they are outside during terms 1 and 4. We have school hats available for purchase in the school office (\$16 each).

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### ***February***

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sea Week

#### ***March***

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Camp

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Last day for netball registrations

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher Evening (3.20pm – 7.30pm)  
- H2O Swimming lessons begin (Pukeko, Tui, Tuatara, Kiwi Rooms)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Meet the Teacher Evening (3.20pm – 5.30m)

#### ***April***

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - 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 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** – Subway lunches are available every Thursday. Please ensure your child puts their order in the green box outside the office, or hands it into the office before school starts.

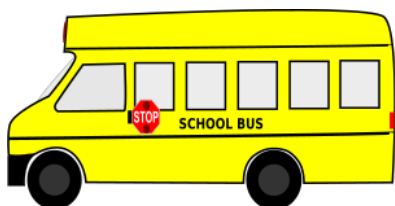
It would be very helpful if the orders are sent in a resealable named plastic bag, which will be returned each time to your child for re-use (no more hunting around for envelopes!).

The Friday lunch menu for Term One is below:

<b>Term One, 2017</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Lunch Offered</b>	
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		

## News from the Library

Library Class Timetable				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9.30-10.30am		Pukeko	Tuatara	Tui
10.45 - 11.00am	<b>Open Library</b>	<b>Open Library</b>	<b>Open Library</b>	<b>Open Library</b>
11.15 - 12.00pm	Kiwi	Paua/kiwi	Paua	<b>library bus</b>
12.15-1.00pm	Ruru/Kea	Ruru/Kea		



Could you please help students have their books ready for returning on class visits to the library.

If you have any Library Bus books to return, this can be done at our school library.

Mobile Library Timetable Term 1 2017		
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
9 Feb 2 March 23 March 13 April	16 Feb 9 March 30 March	23 Feb 16 March 6 April
11.20-11.45am Pukeko and Tui	11.20-11.45am Paua	11.20-11.45am Ruru
11.45-12.10pm Tuatara	11.45-12.10pm Kiwi	11.45-12.10pm Kea

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

Happy Reading from Mrs Davidson



**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 good attitudes developed now will reflect in children's traffic behaviour later on.



**GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Buy intelligently – Buy recycled paper products: it takes 70% to 90% less energy to make recycled paper and it prevents the loss of forests worldwide.**



**PUSH PLAY!** – Bike to school one day.