

3 July 2018

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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

**ERO Visit Preliminary Findings** - The Board and staff found the job done by the Education Review Office (ERO) to be a very collaborative one. We felt that many of the good things that happen at Plateau were affirmed and valued. The team remarked several times that they were really pleased that they felt we were being open and honest with them. While we think we have a couple of things to work on, the tone of the visit was very positive. They enjoyed meeting with some of our children and found them very capable, and demonstrating strong values and student agency. They visited our new collaborative environments and found them promoting a strong culture of learning and student agency. With the Junior classes, as Play Based Learning was taking place, they co-opted an expert reviewer in that area, and she was very positive about where we have got to in a short space of time, and that the students at our school on the whole are getting a very good deal.

I would like to thank all the staff and the Board for the hard work that has gone into creating this environment over the 3 years since our last review.

**Polyfest** - Good luck to the 40 or so students from Plateau who are performing tonight at the Polyfest at Walter Nash Stadium. We had a great rehearsal session yesterday and the students were treated to a visit to the "PolyOdessey" that had them taking part in Polynesian workshops and activities including drumming, weaving and finding out more about the vaka.



**Health and PE Survey** - Many thanks to those of you who have completed the Health and PE survey already. We have 23 responses at the moment but would appreciate more to ensure we have a broad picture of your views on this important part of what we do at Plateau.

Please follow the link below to fill out a very brief (6 questions) survey on our programmes at Plateau. This is to inform our practices and is part of our self-review. We would appreciate both positive and negative feedback about our programmes. **The survey will be closed off this Friday.**  
<http://bit.ly/plateauhealth>

**Enrichment Help** - It is that time of year again! Next term we are launching into our Enrichment groups. In order to offer the children the best range of options we need parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to step up and offer an hour a week of their time on a Wednesday afternoon for around 6 weeks. The range of options we have been able to offer in the past has been enormous, thanks to your generosity and the children have really enjoyed the chance to choose an activity that suited them.

Please look out for the Signmee that came out last week so that we can start organising our groups.

**The Upper Hutt Education Network Update** - You may not realise this but ALL the schools in Upper Hutt have been working together for several years now on a collaborative project that aims to improve student agency and engagement in all students from Primary to High School. We meet regularly and all the teachers will be coming together at Maidstone Intermediate on the first Monday of the holidays to work on this initiative. This will be the fifth time teachers have worked together as a group like this.

To that end we would like to gather feedback from our parent and caregivers on how engaged your kids are. We have already done this last year with the students - they completed a survey called "Me and My School" which told us a lot about student attitudes in Upper Hutt and at our own schools. This is helping drive change - especially in the High Schools as we see a drop in engagement for year 9 and 10 students.

There is a link to the survey below with a video about the project made with the help of all the schools in Upper Hutt. Can you spot our star?

[Upper Hutt Education Network Community Survey](#)

**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)

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!

**Beanies** - A huge thank you to Ewan and Mia Batson's grandmother for again knitting some nice warm "Plateau" beanies for us. If you would like one, please call in to the office (\$5.00 each).



## ***OTHER NEWS***

**Advance Notice** - On Thursday 9 August Pukeko, Tui and Tuatara rooms will be travelling into Wellington to enjoy Capital E's performance Odd One Out.

We are anticipating the cost for each child to be \$10.00. We will send more detailed information home during week 1 next term.

## *HOUSE-KEEPING*

**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*

### **July**

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| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | - Polyfest Performance, 6pm            |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>     | - Last day of Term Two (finishing 3pm) |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | - First day of Term Three              |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | - BOT Meeting, 7pm (all welcome)       |

### **TERM DATES FOR 2018**

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| Term 1 | - Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> February - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April (96 half-days) |
| Term 2 | - Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July (98 half-days)          |
| Term 3 | - Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> July - Fri 28 September (100 half-days)                  |
| Term 4 | - Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> October - Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> December (90 half-days)  |

**TEACHER ONLY DAY - FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER (SCHOOL CLOSED)**

## 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](http://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 - Riding on the bus: Put your bag on your lap or under your seat

- keep the bus aisle clear.



**PUSH PLAY!** - Walk around town with some friends.

**GREEN SPOT** - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - **Speak up** - The single biggest way you can make an impact on global climate change is to talk to your friends and family and make sure they are making good decisions.







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