

30 May 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Scott Fairbrother - There has been some terribly sad news over the weekend with the passing of Scott Fairbrother. Scott was husband to Kelly Fairbrother and the stepfather to Max, Abbie and Briar. Many of you would have known Scott, as Kelly and Scott were great supporters of the school, and while Abbie and Briar are still at Plateau, Max moved on to Maidstone this year. It was great to see Scott and Max and the family come along and support the Science Challenge at school just last Thursday. Scott was hugely devoted to family and gave of his time freely to the school, especially around Gala time.

During Kelly's time working with Tania Langerveld on the Home and School, the two families developed a close bond which has continued. Bryan is making the casket for Scott and the funeral will be held this Thursday at 2pm at the Langerveld's home. Our thoughts are very much with the family at this time.

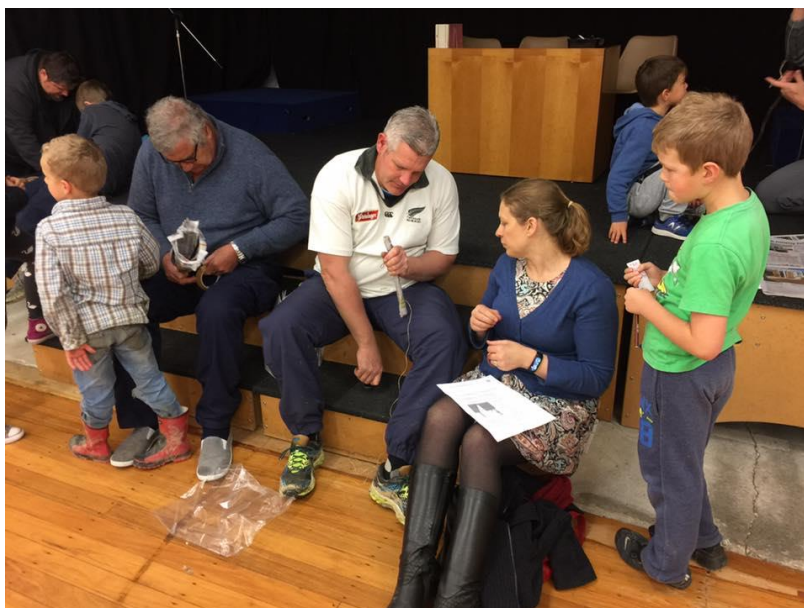
The children and staff have all made a flower which we will create a bouquet from, and take along on Thursday, as the family have requested no shop bought flowers.

Given the close association teachers and staff have had with the family, we would like all staff that wish to go to the funeral on Thursday, to be able to attend.

Can we ask that you pick up students where possible at the start of lunch (1:15pm). We will be providing limited supervision for students after this time and are not officially closed.

We will be sending out a Signmee to parents today to find out how many students will be at school.

Science Evening - Thanks to all of you that came along to our very successful Science and Technology challenge evening last week. It was a great fun evening and a great opportunity to finish off our Science week, share work the students have done, and get together as a community.



Phillip Ferzli - We welcome Phillip Ferzli to Plateau School this week. Phillip started in Kea Room on Monday and we look forward to working with him for the rest of 2017. Here is a little information from his recent letter to the parents in Kea:

“Here are a few things you should know about me: I am new to New Zealand by way of Canada. I have been teaching for over 8 years and I have taught in Canada, the United Arab Emirates and now in Aotearoa. I have completed my Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta and my Master of Education from Perth, Australia. On a personal level my wife and I are expecting our first child in September and it’s a girl!”

Teacher Only Day - A quick reminder that school will be closed for instruction on the 2nd June (this Friday) while teachers take part in Professional Development with all the other teachers in Upper Hutt.

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

**“learning is not
just knowing
what to do, but
doing what we
already know
..”**

Nourma F Fauziah

Friday - Sep 28, 2012(2:31 pm)

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.

SPORTS NEWS

Soccer – Soccer practice is on today after school.

Netball – Hi all

Another great day for netball on Saturday!!

Plateau Ferns played St Joseph's and won 9-0; player of the day Emma Hills.

Plateau Firebirds played Silverpine and won 18-1; player of the day was the whole team.

Plateau Stars played Upper Hutt and drew 7-7; player of the day was Renee Houghton.

Awesome works guys!

Remember there is no netball this Saturday! Enjoy the break.

Congratulations to Charli Powell and Zoe Burrell who were selected into the year 5 development team on Sunday!!

Thanks guys

Trace Powell
NETBALL CO-ORDINATOR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

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| Friday 2 nd | - Teacher Only Day (School Closed) |
| Monday 5 th | - Queen's Birthday (School Closed) |
| Tuesday 6 th | - AFL Tournament (Postponement Date) |
| Tuesday 20 th | - Interschool Swimming Sports |
| Thursday 29 th | - School Gym |
| Friday 30 th | - School Gym |

July

- Tuesday 4th - Polyfest / Kapa Haka Festival
Thursday 6th - Reports sent home
Friday 7th - 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 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 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 – NO LUNCHES THIS WEEK DUE TO SCHOOL BEING CLOSED.



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Over one-third of the pedestrians injured were children under the age of 15, and half were aged under 20.



Teach your children to be safe on the roads and footpaths. Show them where it is safe to walk, and how to cross the road safely.



GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Don't leave an empty roof rack on your car – This can increase fuel consumption and CO2 emissions by up to 10% due to wind resistance and the extra

weight – removing it is a better idea.

PUSH PLAY! – Vacuum the whole house.

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 23rd 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.

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.

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**Missed out on getting your Girl Guide biscuits in March!**

**Upper Hutt District still have original (plain), chocolate and Mini packets available for sale**

**Contact our Biscuit Champion via email: [uhguidebiscuits@gmail.com](mailto:uhguidebiscuits@gmail.com)**

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz      0800 22 22 92      

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ARE YOU KEEN TO WORK SCHOOL HOURS? – Are you able to multi-task, have an eye for detail and competent in following established processes?

Leda is a local plastics manufacturing business and we are looking for a “star” casual employee who is able to work as part of our team. The role involves doing quality checks and packing with high levels of accuracy. The job requires some heavy lifting, and good numeracy skills are necessary.

If you are interested in working with us in our manufacturing environment, please send a cover letter outlining your suitability for this to richard@leda.co.nz.

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Squash@Upper Hutt, 31 Maclean Street, next to Wallaceville Station.  
[www.squashupperhutt.co.nz](http://www.squashupperhutt.co.nz)

## **Junior Squash**

This term and term 3 Junior Squash is running their social evening every Friday from 5pm till 7pm. First evening starts 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The focus for Junior Club Night is teaching you how to play the game, keeping fit and having fun. The club believe this is the best way to improve your game and get more enjoyment from your squash. As a junior member, you can take advantage of coaching with instruction provided by experienced players and there are regular games for you to socialise and practice competition skills.

Non-members are welcome, bring a friend and give squash a try!

Please contact the Junior Convenor, Alfred Enslin, at  
[alfred.c.enslin@gmail.com](mailto:alfred.c.enslin@gmail.com) if you have any questions