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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

**Parent, Student and Teacher Meetings** - On the 14th and 16th August we will be holding our Term 3 meetings. Bookings are now open. Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and put in the code u4vvg and then follow the prompts. If you have any issues, or would prefer us to book a time for you, please contact the school office.

During the evening we would like all our parents either before or after their meetings to take 10 minutes in helping us review our school values. This will be a chance for you to have your say about what you think should be the important values we focus on at Plateau School. We are looking at slimming down our range of values to just 3-4 so that everyone knows them and can act on them both in school and at home. Please pop into the library where a Board member will be helping facilitate this important review.

**Parent and Grandparent Reading Support** - It is a good indication of the state of your community when the school can put out a call for support and receive volunteers that are prepared to donate their time to help support children that are in need. A heartfelt thanks from the teachers and parents of those students to Alex Davidson, Sarah Byrne, Hannah Kyle and Abbie Hewitt who are supporting some of our most needy students in helping them achieve well in their reading.

Reading is the most crucial academic skill for students as it is the base of the work they do in all other areas. Without a solid foundation, children slip back and this impacts on all their other learning.

**Enrichment Help** - We now have 15 activities that students can choose from for enrichment. We are still open to other parents putting their names forward. Contact the office please if you would like to help. Enrichment will run on Mondays from 13th August to the 17th September from 2:00-2:50pm. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who have offered their support and assistance.

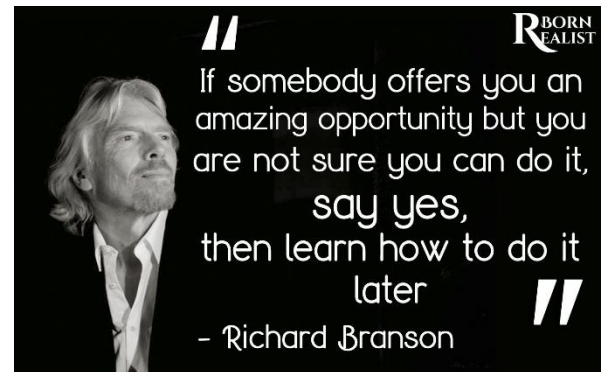
**Plateau Facebook** - All our blog posts, Flickr photos and recent school news are gathered on our Facebook page making it the "one stop shop" for school events.  
[www.facebook.com/plateauschool](http://www.facebook.com/plateauschool)

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!

## *OTHER NEWS*

**School Photos** - We have a few spare classroom photos in the office. If you missed out, please contact the office. They are \$17 each and will be sold on a first in, first served basis. Once we have sold them, you will need to contact the photographers directly to order. Thanks.

**School Hoodies** - We will be putting in an order for school hoodies. The cost will be \$35 (children's sizes) and \$40 (adult sizes). Sizes available are S, M, L, XL in both children and adult sizes. If you would like to place an order, please contact the office or email Suzanne on [office@plateau.school.nz](mailto:office@plateau.school.nz). Please state what size you would like and what you would like written on the back. Payment can be made to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000. Please use your name and "Hoodie" as a reference.

**Syndicate Newsletters** - Both senior and junior syndicate newsletters will be coming out today via email. Please check your inbox for your copy.

**Junior School Trip** - Next Thursday 9 August Pukeko, Tui and Tuatara rooms will be travelling into Wellington to enjoy Capital E's performance Odd One Out.

The cost for each child is \$10.00. Please ensure you sign the Signmee permission and either drop the money into the office, or pay via internet banking to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000. Please use your name and Capital E as a reference. Thanks.



**SCHOLASTIC  
REWARDS**

**Did you know?**

For every child in your class that orders from Book Club, on average, your school receives enough Scholastic Rewards to buy another book for the library, or classroom library shelves!



Orders for the current issue close next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

## ***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***

## **August**

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Basketball (Year 5/6)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Club closes
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Junior School Trip to Capital E
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Teachers' Strike Action (more information to follow)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Maidstone Intermediate visiting Year 6 Students
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Netball Tournament (Year 5/6)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Netball Tournament (Postponement Date)
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - Daffodil Day

## **September**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Football Tournament
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - Football Tournament (Postponement Date)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Onesie Day
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Students Visit to Maidstone Intermediate
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Science Roadshow (Kea / Ruru)  
- BMX Challenge
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term 3

## **TERM DATES FOR 2018**

- 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** – Mince Pie or Mince and Cheese Pie (\$4.00 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: Follow what the bus driver tells you to do.



**PUSH PLAY!** - Go to Silverstream Golf Driving Range and hit some balls.

**GREEN SPOT** - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Power your home with **renewable energy** - Choose a utility company that generates at least half its power from wind or solar.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Maidstone Intermediate**  
**FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING**  
Thursday 30 August  
7.00 pm in the School hall  
Redwood Street, Elderslea, Upper Hutt.

Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to come along and see what Maidstone has to offer their children. After a welcome by the Principal and Student Leaders they will go on a tour of the school and see students at work in all the Technology and Arts areas and other students will share their options programmes. The school bands will also be practising and performing.

Tea and coffee will be provided.



**Week of Engineering Expo –  
Come along and get inspired!**

*Interested in learning more about engineering or just want to learn more about how the world works? If you're looking for a fun family day, are considering engineering as a career pathway or wish to answer your child's tricky questions about how things work, head along to the Week of Engineering public open day. There'll be drones, robots and virtual reality to get involved with! Find out more at [www.weekofengineering.co.nz/engineer-expos-2018](http://www.weekofengineering.co.nz/engineer-expos-2018)*

**When and where:**

Shed 6

[4 Queens Wharf, Wellington](#)





**31 Maclean Street, Upper Hutt. Right next to Wallaceville Train Station, with plenty of parking**

**[www.squashupperhutt.co.nz](http://www.squashupperhutt.co.nz)**



We have Junior Squash every Friday night during school terms from 5pm to 7pm – any Junior (under 18) is welcome to come along for free and we have rackets available, just need to wear comfortable clothes and non-making shoes.

Squash is about having fun, playing with friends and being active and most Friday there is coaching available.

To join is currently \$99 for the year. This gives you access to play most of the time against a friend and to play in competitions, which are scheduled regularly across the Wellington region.

For more details:

**[www.squashupperhutt.co.nz](http://www.squashupperhutt.co.nz)**

**TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.**