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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Holidays are here!

We are into the last week of term 2 so this will be the last newsletter of the term. We hope you have the opportunity to have some quality family time over the next fortnight and see you back on the 24th July. We will be having Enrichment groups next term so it would be great if you could have a think about if you had something you could offer at this time. The groups last year were outstanding!

Regional Cross Country

We wish Nikau, Charli and Renee luck as they take on the best in the region in the Cross Country competition in Masterton today. Here they are about to start their events. Thanks to parents for supporting them and transporting them.



Kapa Haka

Good luck to our Kapa Haka group- all 40 of them! They are performing tonight in front of hundreds of people in what is their first public outing of the year. They looked great in the rehearsals yesterday at Walter Nash and no doubt will wow everyone tonight. Parents please remember we will meet at 5:10 in the area between the Library entrance and the shops. We need to be seated by 5:30 so please be on time. Children are to remain in the hall until the end of the show (8pm).

Some great parenting tips!

Some more top parenting tips, this week looking at our behaviour as parents and “starting from where you are”.

Three questions to ask:

Is what I'm doing something I would be happy to see my kids emulate?

Is what I'm doing creating a positive family dynamic?

Is what I'm doing solving one problem but creating another?

For parents with older kids, there is one last tip, titled “Great parents start where they are”. Rather than fretting over past actions, keep in mind that you can only act on what you know, and most parents have been doing the best they can with what they know so far.

Thankfully, most kids are both resilient and forgiving; they are more like hardy weeds than delicate flowers.

Reports

Your child’s mid-year report will be coming home on Thursday in a sealed envelope.

Behaviour Management at Plateau

From time to time it is worth reflecting on the processes we use at Plateau for identifying students that need support with their behaviour as well as how we deal with behaviour and bullying in general.

What is Restorative Practice?

The essence of restorative practices is disarmingly simple: that human beings are happier, more productive and more likely to make positive changes in their behaviour when those in positions of authority do things with them, rather than to them or for them.

Increasingly parents, caregivers and community groups are seeking out support and direction around managing the young people in their care. Building, enhancing and restoring relationships across any workplace, community group, school or culture, is absolutely essential for a strongly connected, empathetic, functioning society.

Restorative approaches in schools

Restorative approaches in schools are being sought as alternatives to more punitive disciplinary systems and procedures where often there have been little or no links between wrongdoers and those they have harmed, nor any real connections between the punishment and the actual offence.

Previous measures are also often failing to meet the relational needs of teaching and learning in 21st century schools. Increasingly schools are finding restorative approaches more effective in establishing long term lasting changes in relationships, more connecting of the members of a school community, more involving and hearing of victims, and more

enhancing of climates of care within schools as a whole. We incorporate circle time in our classroom programmes to enhance the Restorative process as this develops a high degree of empathy in our students.

Punitive verses Restorative Responses

Punitive Responses

Focus on punishment

1. What rule has been broken?
2. Who is to blame?
3. What is the punishment going to be?

Restorative Responses:

Focus on accountability, healing

1. What happened?
2. Who has been affected? How?
3. What needs to be done to put things right?
4. What do we need to do to move forward?

What is bullying?

In order to be considered bullying, behavior must be aggressive and include:

- **An Imbalance of Power:** Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- **Repetition:** Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

If behaviour is identified as fitting this definition then we need to know about it as soon as possible. This is so that we can intervene with a **Support Group** approach to resolving the issue which has proven very successful in mitigating situations in the 10 or so years that I have used it. You can find out more about this approach here:

http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/pdf/Bullying_Prevention_Strategies_in_Schools_Ken_Rigby.pdf

The Board, Teachers and Support staff take bullying very seriously and the sooner it is brought to our attention the sooner we can deal with it.

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

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.



SPORTS NEWS

Netball – Hi all

Plateau Ferns played Trentham and won 8-0 player of the day the whole team!

Plateau Firebirds played Trentham and won 10-8 player of the day Andrew Bold

Plateau Stars played Oxford and won 16-1 player of the day Isabel Millar and Taylor Howard

One more weekend of netball then 2 weeks off. What a great term Plateau has had some awesome wins!! It's great to see some great netball being played! Thanks to our great coaches and umpires who do a fantastic job! And to all the parents who manage to get the kids there every weekend!

Our turn for the BBQ at the courts is on the 5th August. First week of term there will be a roster going out for those that can help.

I am away this weekend so won't be at the courts good luck to all the teams!

Trace Powell

LIBRARY NEWS

*DON'T FORGET TO KEEP READING
DURING THE HOLIDAYS*

**HAPPY
HOLIDAY
READING!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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)

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 LUNCHESES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6” sub pack).

Friday – Sausage/Fish finger in Bread - \$1.50 each.



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES:

Cyclists – Have your cycle seat at the right height. It is important to be able to put a foot down on the ground to keep your balance when you come to a stop. You need to be able to stretch your legs as you push too – this gives you a stronger push and you don't want your knees to be hitting the handlebars!!

PUSH PLAY! – Wash your parents car on sunny day



GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Try **car sharing** – Need a car but don't want to buy one? Buy one with a friend or relative and share it.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Staglands are giving away free marshmallows to roast on the fire down at the barn, these school holidays!!

You can also win a Family Staglander Pass (worth \$180)!! Just visit Staglands during the school holidays (8th - 23rd July), and guess how many marshmallows we will give away, and you're in to win!!

ART CLASSES



BLOOMING ARTISTS

TERM 3 WINTER ART CLASSES

1 August to 29 September 2017

BloomingArtists is offering a winter program in term 3 as an extra mural activity at Plateau School, covering a range of different topics, styles and methods. Students will be given a workbook that will allow them to share their learnings and will also be used as their portfolio of art pieces. Each student will complete 10 pieces of art that will go into their portfolio books and 2 canvas art pieces that will be used in the gallery display at the end of the year.

Topics to be explored

Masters

Leonardo da Vinci

Michelangelo

Albrecht Dürer

Ambrosius Bosschaert

Vincent Van Gogh

Authors Through Art

Dr Seuss

The School

A School specific piece

Famous Man Made Landmarks

Great Wall of China

New Zealand

National Animals

Maori Traditional Art

Myself

Something chosen by the student

Costs and Times

Every Tuesday starting 1 August 2017

Day: Tuesday

Time: 3.10pm - 4.30pm

Total of \$120 for the entire term 3, inclusive of all materials.

Cost can be spread out over 2 months of two \$60 payments starting 1st of August.

**ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE
BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

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