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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

After a summer holiday spent in the UK winter, it has been great to get back to NZ and have the opportunity to enhance my Vitamin D levels. While the family time and visits to castles and churches makes up for the grey, damp weather there is nothing like being able to relax in the sun and enjoy a swim in the sea or an outdoor pool. I hope you have had ample opportunities to spend some quality family time with your children and have had a chance to get away and relax with family and friends. We have had a great start to our year and we know 2018 is going to be a great year at Plateau. We have lots of events planned, including our anniversary celebrating Plateau School turning 50!!!

School Picnic - All our families are invited to a School Picnic on the **23rd February at 5:30**. This is an informal chance to chat with your child's teacher and have fun with other families. We would love to see as many of you there as can make it.

Nzei Paid Union Meeting - There is a Paid Union Meeting coming up on the 19th March in the afternoon. This means all teachers will be attending to discuss issues around pay and conditions. Please place this in your calendar and while we will not be officially closing the school there will only be a couple of staff on site so we would really appreciate it if you could make arrangements to have your child picked up at lunchtime (1:15) so that we don't have too many children to look after that afternoon. Many thanks.

Plateau Team Changes - It gives me great pleasure to announce 4 additional members to the Plateau team. Firstly we welcome Elizabeth Morris who is our new Deputy Principal and also teaching in Paua Room. Elizabeth comes to us from Maidstone Intermediate. While Gary will be missed, Nikki Luke will be taking on the role of caretaker and has been working alongside Gary in the holidays to ensure continuity. Judith Burns will be our Librarian. Judith has a Master's degree in Librarianship and is looking forward to being part of the team and working with our students in the library. Moana Brown used to be a

student at Plateau and knows many of the staff who were here when she left. Moana has just finished her Psychology degree at Vic and will be joining us as a Teachers' Aide in our Junior area. Welcome all!

Gary McIlwrick - Gary, our amazing caretaker has left us for fulltime employment. He will be driving a digger for the Burns family business. Gary has done an incredible job and will be missed as he has been both a parent and employee at our school. We wish him well in his new role.

Pedestrian Access - Please ensure that you set a good example for students and when on foot ONLY access the school via the pedestrian walkway. Entering and exiting via the carpark is something we want to avoid as the children are strictly told not to walk down the driveway. We also ask that parents do not drop off or pick up, or park in the school car park between the hours of 8am - 4pm on school days. Thanks.

Pou - Walking to School - This year we are looking at **not instituting a pou patrol**. We found last year that often there was confusion or children did not arrive on time to take on the duty. I would appreciate feedback from parents who would ONLY drop students at the pou if there were Year 6 students on duty there, as we want to ensure we don't put people off while creating a manageable system.

Flippaball, Hockey, ki o rahi - There are 3 opportunities for our older students to get involved in sport outside of school this term. The Ki O Rahi tournament is on the 27th February and we have accessed some coaching for participants. There is big interest in our Year 5/6 students in Flippaball. 29 students have registered an interest in taking part so watch out for a Signmee for permission shortly for that and/or for Floorball.

Makahika Camp - Year 5/6 Camp - A Signmee was sent out on Monday for permission for camp. Please sign this as soon as possible.

We had 21 parents register their interest in attending, which is a fantastic response, however, unfortunately we can't take everyone. We selected parent helpers the fairest way we could by putting all names in a hat, and these were

the parents who were drawn out: **Sarah Swan, Nichola Revell, Kelly Fairbrother, Charisa Lockley and Glen Falconer.**

While we would love to take everyone who would like to attend that is just not possible. The camp is different to other camps in that it is all instructor led so there is not as much of a requirement for parents to attend.

The camp will be a great "warm-up" for our Year 5's as next year they will be going further afield and for longer. Camp is always a great way to get students working well together and to meet new challenges.

The cost of the camp has come down significantly with fundraising. We have raised over \$3300 towards the camp through grants and our cookie fundraiser. This has lowered the cost from \$350 to \$285. Invoices have been sent out and we would appreciate payment in full by 28th February (unless otherwise arranged with Sandra, ie account holders). Thanks.

In preparation for camp we will be walking up Plateau hill and along Plateau Road with the goal of walking to Tunnel Gully (by week 6). We will walk on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. You are welcome to come if you would like to walk with us. Please ensure your child has suitable shoes for walking, drink bottle, sun hat and rain jacket. If your child is unable to walk on any particular day, please can you let us know by phoning the office or by sending in a note.

Please let Fiona or Pauline know if you are intending to walk with us.

Thank you to all parents who put their names forward and we look forward to helping your children have an amazing, unforgettable and character building experience that they will talk about for many years to come!

Loose Parts Play - We are on the hunt for loose parts to stock up our Loose Parts shed.

This article explains how beneficial Loose Parts Play can be to children:

http://www.childcarequarterly.com/pdf/winter14_parts.pdf

Manufactured items could include the following: boxes, buckets, blocks, trucks, cloth, baskets, tools, dramatic play props.

Recycled items could include: plastic/cardboard boxes, building materials, packing pellets, old pots and pans, tyres, milk crates, ribbon, rope, string, polystyrene, plastic bottles and felt containers.

Car parts proved really popular last time as well - steering wheels and gear sticks etc.

50th Anniversary - We are taking registrations now for our 50th Anniversary weekend this year: <https://www.facebook.com/plateau50/>

The events are on the 25/26 May and there are a range of options available to book in for and places are limited. Registrations close on 28th February and payment must be made with registration.

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

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.facebook.com/plateau50/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/>

We are also on Twitter (@plateauschool)

And youtube as plateauschoolnz

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Parent / Teacher Interviews - We will be holding our parent / teacher conferences on Tuesday 6th March (3.20pm - 7.30pm) and Thursday 8th March (3.20pm - 5pm). To book a time that suits you, log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and put in the code xzvkw. This will then prompt you to select your booking time with your child's teacher. If you have any problems, or would prefer us to book a time for you, please call the school office. Thanks.

Staff for 2018:

Principal	- Nigel Frater
Deputy Principal / Paua Room	- Elizabeth Morris
Pukeko Room	- Mel Freemantle
Tui Room	- Sara Francken
Tuatara Room	- Laura Collins-Gasson
Kiwi Room	- Cath Brattle
Kea Room	- Fiona Brown
Ruru Room	- Pauline Roberts
CRT Release	- Joanne Schroeder
Reading Recovery	- Wendy Amies
Accounts / Office Manager	- Sandra Moore
Office Assistant	- Suzanne Modd
Librarian	- Judith Burns
Teacher Aides	- Pip Thompson
	- Jill Philpott
	- Moana Brown
ICT	- Graeme Sheppard
Caretaker	- Nikki Luke
ASC Supervisor	- Jill Philpott
BSC Supervisor	- Ineke Kruger
ASC Assistant	- Harry Homan

LIBRARY NEWS

Term One, 2018

We welcome our new Librarian, Judith Burns. If you get a chance, and you are around from 9.30 - 1.30pm on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, pop in and say hi to Judith, I know she would love to meet you.



Scholastic Book Club - Booklets for Issue 1 have come home. Orders close on Wednesday 21st February.



Mobile Library - The mobile library will restart visits for the year tomorrow.

Summer Reading Programme:

It is now time to return all books that were borrowed under our Summer Reading Programme. Thanks.

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

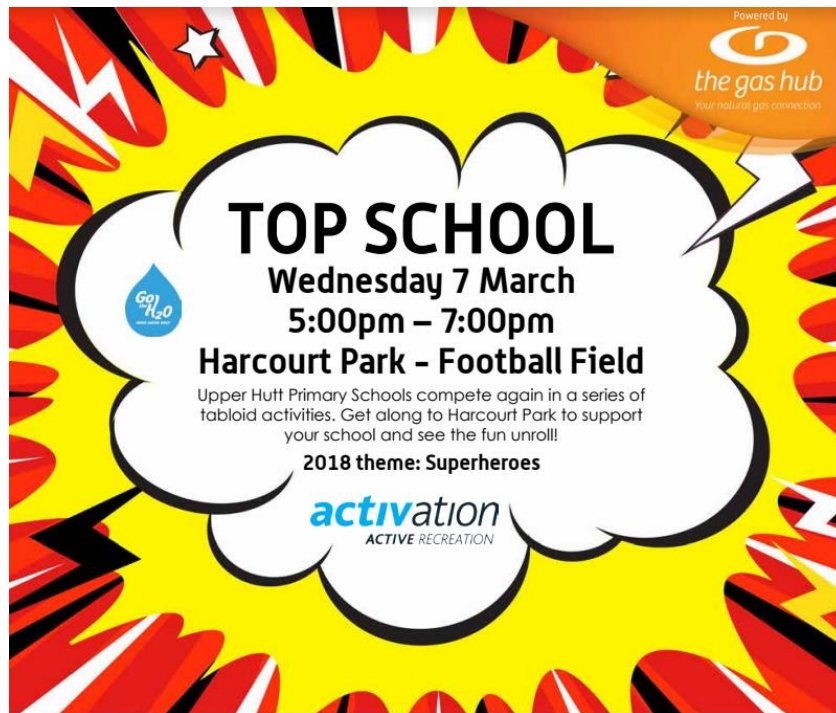
**Happy Reading from
Mrs Burns**



OTHER NEWS

School Sun Hat - All students are now required to wear sun hats whenever they are outside. We will be ordering some more school sun hats and will let you know when they are available for purchase from the school office (\$15.00 each).

Top Schools Competition - See Cath Brattle in Kiwi Room if you are keen to take part ... it promises to be another great, fun-filled event again this year.



HOUSE-KEEPING

Absences - Please remember to phone the school office early if your child is going to be absent from school. We have a "leave a student absence" option on our answer phone system. Please leave a message stating your child's name, room and the reason for the absence. Thanks.

Parking - Please do not park in the school driveway between the hours of 8am and 4pm on school days. This car park is for staff only. Also we would appreciate your consideration for not dropping off / picking up your children in the turning area or stopping on the yellow lines. Many thanks.

Lunches - We will continue to provide an option of ordering school lunches every Thursday and Friday. Each Thursday you can order Subway (see below for details), and each Friday we will have different choices which will be advertised in the school newsletter.

Newsletter - This will be emailed out to everyone every Tuesday, and will also be available on our school website and a link to it will be put on our Facebook

Page. If you don't receive yours via email, please let us know so we can add you to our list.



Subway - Subway lunches are available every Thursday, and they have moved over to a new lunch system whereby parents order and pay online for their child's lunch. Close off for each Thursday is 8.45am that morning. If you have not ordered online by this time, please contact the school.

From now on, to order please go to www.subway.co.nz. Select "Online Ordering" then "Subway School Lunch Programme".

You will need to initially set up a log in, but once this is done, you will not have to do it again. Go through the ordering process (self-explanatory), and then pay for it by either debit card or credit card. The lunch will then be delivered to school as normal. If you have any issues with the ordering process, please contact 0800 782 273.

NO ORDERS WILL BE NOW BE TAKEN IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE, SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE BEFORE THE CUT-OFF TIME. THANKS.

If we get 50 online orders, Subway Rimutaka will donate sports equipment to our school, so make sure you give it a go this week!

NETBALL NEWS

Hi All

Netball 2018

Hey guys welcome back to Plateau School netball!

I know it's early but I like to be fully organised before the netball season starts and some teams train towards the end of the season.

Netball Skills for Year's 2 and 3 - I will be holding 2 "HAVE A GO" sessions for any new netball players (including boys) who are keen to play this year! I have opened this up to year 2 and 3 as some years we are short of year 3 players! These will be sessions of simple ball skills and a few drills, and also so your child can decide whether they would like to play this season!

- Friday 16th February 3.10pm until 4pm
- Wednesday 21st February 3.10pm until 4pm

I may do a few more depending on how we go!

Also looking for a year 3 coach/umpires for the netball season!

I will also be running some fitness sessions on a Wednesday after school further into the term! Times and dates to be confirmed.

Registrations this year will close on Friday 2nd March - please fill in the form and hand to the office!

The season starts in May (date also to be confirmed). Games are played at Heretaunga College on a Saturday morning!

After school trainings are held:

- Wednesday's - Year 5 and 6
- Friday's - Year 3 and 4

Will post further details later in the term!

Year 2's will only be put in a team if we are short of Year 3's, which usually is the case!

Please contact me if you require any further information

Thanks guys
Trace Powell
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- Thurs 15th - Tues 20th - Life Education Bus (Paid from your Performer's Fee)
Wednesday 21st - Scholastic Book Club Orders close
Friday 23rd - School Picnic (Meet the Teacher), 5.30pm - 7pm
- School Picnic Postponement Date

March

- Tuesday 6th - Rhythm Interactive (Paid from your Performer's Fee)
- Parent / Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)
Wednesday 7th - Top Schools Competition, Harcourt Park (5pm - 7.30pm)
Thursday 8th - Parent / Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 5pm)
Mon 12th - Fri 15th - Year 5/6 Camp at Makahika
Wednesday 14th - Top Schools Competition Postponement Date
Monday 19th - Teaching Staff Paid Union Meeting - Please collect your children at 1.15pm if possible (more information in body of newsletter)
Friday 30th - Good Friday (school closed)

April

- Monday 2nd - Easter Monday (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd - Easter Tuesday (school closed)
Wednesday 11th - School Swimming Sport
Friday 13th - Last day of Term One (finishing 3pm)

TERM DATES FOR 2018

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

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6" sub pack). See above for ordering instructions.

Friday – Sausage in Bread / Fish Fingers In Bread (\$2.00 each)



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

Talk to your child about what to do if a ball, toy, pet or other item goes on to the road while they are playing: They need to ask an adult to get the ball or object that goes onto the road.



PUSH PLAY! - Walk to the library and get a book out.



GREEN SPOT - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Burning fossil fuels such as natural gas, coal, oil, and gasoline raises the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, and carbon dioxide is a major contributor to the greenhouse effect and global warming. You can

help to reduce the demand for fossil fuels, which in turn reduces global warming, by using energy more wisely - Home appliances now come in a range of energy-efficient models, and LED bulbs are designed to provide more natural-looking light while using far less energy than standard light bulbs.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Open Day at Wellington Curtain Bank: Friday, February 16, 10am to 11am

Want to find out more about Wellington Curtain Bank's free services? Want to better support the people you work with to access the service?

Please join us for a talk about the services we offer to low-income families in Wellington region, a tour of the Curtain Bank, and a little morning tea.

Wellington Curtain Bank, supported by Sustainability Trust, upcycles good quality donated curtains for the homes of people with Community Services

Cards. Lined curtains keep in the heat, keep out the cold, and offer people privacy (and a little coolness during the summer season too!). More details here: <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/free-curtains>

We'd love to see representatives from organisations and community groups that work with low-income families regularly, such as Citizens Advice Bureau volunteers, budget advisors, social housing providers, health advocates, social workers, community centre staff and advocates. All welcome. RSVPs essential for catering purposes, using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/GKl8+pdT8EM+U0Vz1>

Wellington Curtain Bank is located at [2 Forresters Lane](#) (off Tory St), Wellington city. No public parking available, but a lot of paid parking on Tory St and close to buses on Courtenay Place.

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**REGISTRATION DAY**  
Saturday, 10 February, 9 - 11am  
Fergusson Intermediate School Hall

Saturday Morning  
**Music Lessons**  
**UPPER HUTT MUSIC CENTRE**  
Welcomes new and returning students for 2018!

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Visit our Facebook page:  
facebook.com/upperhuttmusic

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Arts a Go Go! - Performing Arts School for Kids in Upper Hutt is celebrating its 10th birthday! Limited places still available in term 1 for drama, dance and singing combo classes aged 4 - teenagers, after school drama, Irish dancing and Little Mozarts pre-school music. (Waiting lists

apply to some classes.) Announcing a new weekly class in creative writing for 11 - 18 year olds! It includes scripts writing, short stories and speeches. Taught by award winning writer Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch, PhD and MA in creative writing from the International Institute of Modern Letters, BA in Theatre and Film. A wonderful opportunity for creative students with a love of writing. For more details about Arts a Go Go!, please see www.artsagogo.co.nz and contact rachel@artsagogo.co.nz ph 0211441641.

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**Building Awesome Whānau Toolbox parenting group – from The Parenting Place (for parents of children 0-12yrs)**

This course is packed full of ideas, positive stories from parents still on the journey with their own tamariki and useful resources to help you build a great future for your whānau.

**Mondays 7:30pm to 9:30pm, 19 Feb to 26 March 2018. Stokes Valley Library.**

Bookings are essential. Cost: \$75 per person, \$110 per couple (subsidies available).

Free for foster and adoptive parents & grandparents raising grandchildren, thanks to govt funding.

This Toolbox course will be led by Ivan & Julz Wong Kee.

For more details visit [www.theparentingplace.com/events](http://www.theparentingplace.com/events) or contact [wellington@parentingplace.nz](mailto:wellington@parentingplace.nz)

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'The Major Minors Children's Choir are now taking new members for 2018! Our 40 strong, non-auditioned community kids choir is looking forward to an exciting year. Scholarships also available. For more information see our website: majorminors.instantencore.com, www.facebook.com/ChoirMM or contact Joanne 027 566 7672 or hvkidschoir@gmail.com - Come sing with us!

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