

8 August 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Weta Class Start Today! - Meet our newest class! Working in Weta room these 8 wonderful students (Brooke was away for this photo) will be taught by Mrs Schroeder 3 mornings during the week. This helps to ease the numbers in Pukeko during key learning times.



Upper Hutt Community Awards - It was fantastic to be recognised as the winner of the Education and Child Youth Development category in the Upper Hutt Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards! Thanks so much to all the Plateau people over the years who have made this happen! Next stop Te Papa for the big ceremony!



Firewise - The Juniors are learning all about staying safe around fires. We had a Fire truck arrive this morning and 5 local firefighters are helping teach Pukeko, Tui and Tuatara about fire safety. Thanks to the Rimutaka volunteer crew.

Expect lots of talk about keeping safe tonight parents and caregivers!



Bake Sale Tomorrow! - It is always great to support kids when they come up with an initiative. McKenna Fowke in Kea room recently got a kitten from Upper Hutt Animal Rescue and as a thank you asked if she could organise a Bake Sale with the funds raised being donated back to the Animal Rescue. What a great idea we thought! Thanks to all the other students who have come on board to help: Taylor, Abigail, Aimee, Charli, Andrew, Harrison and Connor. Great effort guys for a worthwhile cause.

**Kea's bake sale for
Upper Hutt Animal Rescue Society
When: 9th of August 2017 at lunch
Where: outside Kiwi room**



50c-\$2 baked goods including muffins, sausage rolls, brownies, scones, mini pies and more!

Netball - Thanks to all the parents who helped man (or woman!) the Sausage Sizzle on Saturday- we raised over \$700 for our Netball teams equipment. Great job team!

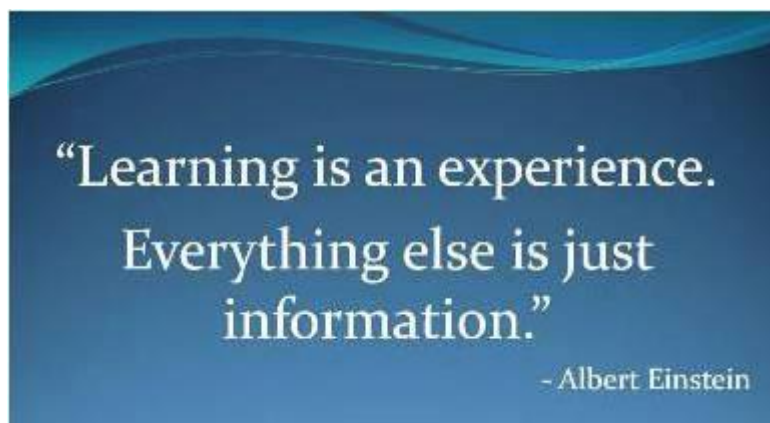
Good luck to our Year 5 and 6 teams who are taking part in the Upper Hutt Netball Competition at Taita Courts today.

Enrichment - We have only 6 parents sign up to do Enrichment groups so far - it is crucial we have enough groups for the 170 students to be in groups of 10-12. That means 14 options for enrichment are needed. If you are "sitting on the fence", please put your name forward to help us get things organised.

We will be looking at running workshops aimed at extending student's abilities and offering them the chance to experience new challenges and develop new skills. To do this we would need volunteers from the community to run workshops for 6 weeks from the 17th August between 2pm and 2:45pm. Workshops in the past have been in a range of areas including clay work, movie making, electronics, sewing, zumba, knitting.... The list goes on!

The more support we have from the community the more choices and more importantly the more manageable the group sizes. If you know anyone who would like to contribute time and their skills please let us know. We will be putting out information soon and hoping to get groups of students down to about 10-12. If your activity involves using materials a small charge can be passed on to cover the cost of that. **Please have a read of the attached notice** and think about taking a group (feel free to rope in other people to help you!)

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



Year 6 Maidstone Intermediate Visit - A Signmee came home yesterday with regard to the upcoming induction visit to Maidstone Intermediate for our Year 6 students. Maidstone Intermediate will cover the cost of the bus and will be collecting students from our school at 10.45am and returning them to school at 2.30pm on Tuesday 29th August.

Mary O'Regan, Principal at Maidstone Intermediate, will be coming to our school this Thursday, 10th August at 9.15am to talk to our students.

If you have not completed the permission form for your child to attend the induction day, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Year 3/4 School Camp - This year's camp will be on 23/24 November at Brookfield in Wainuiomata. More details on the camp to follow later in the term. We are advising those parents that wish to come along on the camp that they will need to have a police check done. Due to a recent change in legislation there is now a \$10 charge for each police check that we apply for. Unfortunately this cost will have to be covered by the parent wanting to attend. If you wish to go on the camp please let the office know and they will send you the required forms to be completed. Due to the length of time police checks take, the close off date for parents getting their documents/fee back to us is Friday 29th August. **Please note that there will be no late applications sent off after this date.**

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

Firstly a huge thank you to all the parents who helped out at our BBQ fundraiser last Saturday. The weather was fantastic, and it was a very successful fundraiser! The netball results are:

Plateau Ferns played Birchville and lost 15-6. Player of the Day - Kristina Cordner and Ariella Hannan.

Plateau Firebirds played Birchville and won 24-4. Player of the Day - Abigail Venter.

Plateau Stars played Silverpine and lost 14-2. Player of the Day - Kane Skelton.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club - Issue 6 - Last day for orders is tomorrow, Wednesday 9th August.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

- Thursday 10th - Maidstone School visiting year 6 students
- Friday 25th - Daffodil Day
- Tuesday 29th - Year 6 students visiting Maidstone

September

- Wednesday 6th - Home & School Quiz Night at the Tote
- Tuesday 19th - Home and School AGM, 7pm (All welcome)
- Wednesday 20th - Artsplash - Choir
- Friday 22nd - Artsplash - Dance
- Friday 29th - Last Day of Term 3

TERM DATES FOR 2017

- Term 1 - Tues 31st January - Thur 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)

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 - TBA

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

HOME AND SCHOOL

**Tote Bar & Plateau School
Home & School Committee**

**FUNDRAISING
Q&A
NIGHT**

Wednesday 6th September from 7.30pm
**A great night of trivia fun to support
Plateau School Home & School
Committee**

All Ticket sales and 20% of meal sales going
straight back to the Committee

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
Only \$10 each!

 Mmmm...
TRIVIA NIGHT.

 THE
TOTE

Tote Bar, Trentham 74 Ararino Street
P: 04 5287 288 E:
toteandfurnace@trinitygroup.co.nz

Tickets are available at the school office.

SCHOOL GALA - Just a head's up... our annual school gala will be held on Sunday 5th November, so put this date in your diary!!! ☺

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

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

Friday – Macaroni Cheese - \$4 each. Gluten free option available.



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Bike Safety - Make sure your bike has working brakes.



PUSH PLAY! - Help out with active house chores, dusting, mopping, cleaning, etc.



GREEN SPOT - Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet - Try telecommuting from home - Telecommuting can help you drastically reduce the number of miles you drive every week. With growing broadband penetration in New Zealand, it is becoming possible to do many computer-based jobs from home.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ENGAGE
MORE CONFIDENCE LESS ANXIETY



SPORT BUILDS RESILIENCE



***Do you want your children to get better at dealing with failure, frustration, anxiety?
One great way is to get them involved in sport! - Come Find Out How***

As an adult, we have many instances when we have to deal with something that hasn't gone quite right. Being able to handle these moments is a skill, and it took practice. That practice took many, many, many instances of experiencing failure, frustration, anxiety etc

Playing sport naturally creates these moments, whilst in a team environment. These elements create a space for excellent resilience building.

This session will give you incredible insight, in such a short time, into how we can improve our ability to tolerate stressful situations. You can take this information and immediately apply it to your world. Reports of 'you have changed our household' and 'I get it now' are very common feedbacks from those who attend this session. ***Why wouldn't you come along??***

Kathryn is a mother of two and has her Masters in Educational Psychology. She will explain what is going on in simple, real language. You will leave her session with practical tips that you can use IMMEDIATELY.

Kathryn has been working in this area and training audiences for over fifteen years; working with groups such as Police, Teachers, Parents, Social Workers, NZ Rugby and many more audiences throughout New Zealand and UK.

Come along to this unique, local opportunity to hear what might be the most useful information of your life!

Wednesday 23rd August

7:00 – 8:30pm

Upper Hutt Rams U11 Rep Team FUNDRAISER

\$20

Where: Upper Hutt Rugby Clubrooms, Maidstone Park

Tickets from Eventbrite.com (search 'sport resilience'): or on the night if not sold out prior

***"Excellent presentation, loved the examples, easy to understand.
Have heard some of the info many times before however the way
you explained things CLICKED for me! – Parent (Whangarei)***

EASY TO UNDERSTAND EXAMPLES

HELP YOUR CHILDREN AND HELP YOURSELF

REAL 'TAKE HOME' STRATEGIES

ENRICHMENT CLASS INFORMATION AND RESPONSE SHEET

The Annual Plateau School Enrichment programme is drawing closer. It will be starting on Wednesday 23rd August 2pm-2:45pm, and take place every Wednesday afternoon until the end of the term.

Some important points to note:

- **Held on a Wednesday afternoon (2pm-2:45pm)** - This will enable learning experiences to be more aligned to specific key competencies or enable a teacher/volunteer/admin staff/parent/grandparent etc to select an area of strength or interest from the curriculum.
- 6 week duration - It would be great to have these activities locked in ASAP (just the basics below) so that students can start to make some choices next week.
- Please indicate below, if you are available and willing to share your expertise with a small group of students, what you could offer and where you would like to work. Also if there is a number cut off or age preference - Junior year 0-2/3 **OR** Senior year 3/4-6 etc.
- If you have any friends/whanau that you think would be great, please ask them. The more people running activities - the smaller the numbers in the groups.
- (We will endeavour to ensure that your child gets one of the activities they choose, obviously clashes for some are unavoidable)
- Examples of activities could include: Book Club, Creative Poetry, Technology, Electronics, Maths Club, Chess Skills and Strategies, Visual Art Techniques, Public Speaking, Drama, Debating, Computer Coding, Enviro activities, Knitting, Cooking, Sewing, etc, etc.

If you have any question please contact the office:

office@plateau.school.nz

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Enrichment Activity _____

Ideal number of students _____

Junior or Senior _____

Preferred location _____

Any cost _____

Resources required from school _____