

9 May 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Next week we are celebrating Primary Science Week. We are planning to ensure the children experience a fun week of activities and have a fun family Science and Technology Challenge on Thursday 25 May evening 6pm - 7pm - so put that date in your diary!

Upper Hutt Primary Schools' Cross Country - We have been really impressed once again with how the community have stepped up to offer extra opportunities for children at Plateau. We have had Problem Solving with Anna Herries, Soccer coaching after school, Netball training and Cross Country Training during lunchtimes. Darryl Robinson is a long-time runner and member of the Trentham Harriers, and has done a great job with the limited time available preparing our tamariki for the Cross Country. This is coming up on the 21st May and we wish the children taking part well.

Foster Children in Need - Please have a think if you can help out this worthy cause!

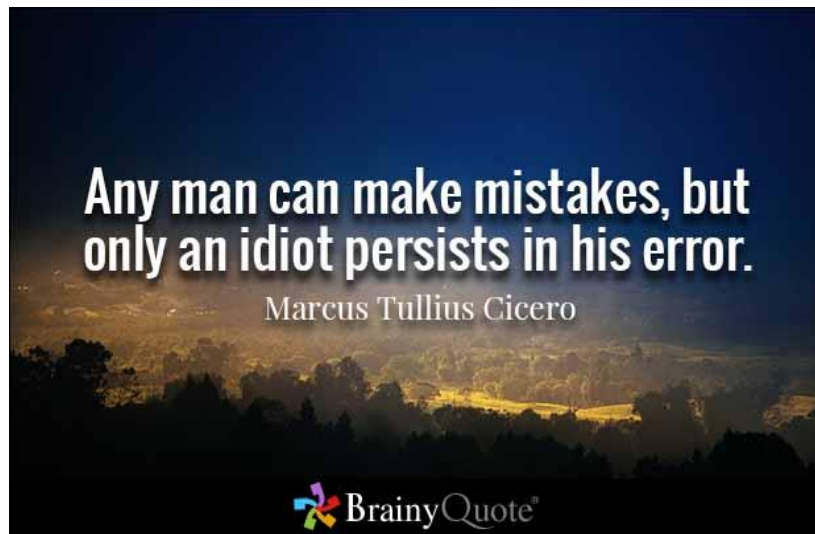
This is from a recent article in the press:

“Pyjamas, a toothbrush, a backpack - simple things for children in crisis. The Wellington region's foster children carry their possessions in black rubbish bags and arrive - often at night - into the homes of strangers. They are all ages, from babies to teens but they are nearly always unprepared.”

We would like to support this worthy cause and we have a box in the office for you to donate your old clean pj's, new toothbrushes and toothpaste, bags that clothes etc could be packed into.

Thanks to **Abbie Maclean** who has let us know about this excellent opportunity to support local kids in dire need.

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



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Reminders:

Junior Classes: Book boxes are in place for Tui, Pukeko and Tuatara classes.

The students are issued with 5 books. Two of these are Non-fiction and 3 Fiction. They have them for the week to read at self-times. The response has been great, the students really looking forward to this reading time. At this stage we are leaving these books at school. They also continue to visit the Library bus on their given rotation.

Senior classes: Books are loaned for two weeks. Reminder slips are printed after that time. Returning books can be done straight to the red box in the library on their visit day, or check with the class teacher for a located box in the classroom.

Thanks again for encouraging students to keep up their reading

Library Class Timetable				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9.30-10.30am		Pukeko	Tuatara	Tui
10.45 - 11.00am	Open Library	Open Library	Open Library	Open Library
11.15 - 12.00pm	Kiwi	Paua/kiwi	Paua	library bus
12.15-1.00pm	Ruru/Kea	Ruru/Kea		

Could you please help students have their books ready for returning on class visits to the library.



Mobile library visits have started. If you have any Library Bus books to return, this can be done at our school library.

Mobile Library Timetable Term 2 2017		
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
4 May 25 May 15 June 6 July	11 May 1 June 22 June	18 May 8 June 29 June
11.20-11.45am Pukeko and Tui	11.20-11.45am Paua	11.20-11.45am Ruru
11.45-12.10pm Tuatara	11.45-12.10pm Kiwi	11.45-12.10pm Kea

**Scholastic Book club.
Issue 3 for 2017 closes Wed 17 May.**

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

Happy Reading from Mrs Davidson

SPORTS NEWS

Soccer – Soccer practice will not be on today but should resume as normal next Tuesday.

Netball – Hi All

Well done to our teams from Saturday. Great weather and some great netball played.

Plateau Ferns played St Brendan's and lost 16-2; Player of the Day - Elisa Cordner

Plateau Firebirds played Pinehaven and won 16-3; Player of the Day - Aimee McGall

Plateau Stars played Trentham and lost 25-1; Player of the Day - Riley MacGregor

Trace Powell
NETBALL CO-ORDINATOR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

Sunday 21 st	- Interschool Cross Country
Thursday 25 th	- Science Evening
Tuesday 30 th	- AFL Tournament

June

Thursday 1 st	- AFL Tournament (Postponement Date)
Friday 2 nd	- Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
Monday 5 th	- Queen's Birthday (School Closed)
Tuesday 20 th	- Interschool Swimming Sports
Thursday 29 th	- School Gym
Friday 30 th	- School Gym

July

Thursday 6 th	- Reports sent home
Friday 7 th	- 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 1 st May – Fri 7 th July (98 half-days)
Term 3	- Mon 24 th July – Fri 29 th September (100 half-days)
Term 4	- Mon 16 th October – Fri 15 th 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 – School lunches this week.

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

Friday – Mince Pie or Mince & Cheese Pie - \$4.00 each.



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: That a cyclist must ride with lights on from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise (the same as



for motorists).



GREEN SPOT – Tips for greener, cleaner living. Everyday ways for us to help make a healthier planet – Seek out and support local farmers’ markets – They reduce the amount of energy required to grow and transport the food to you by one-fifth.

PUSH PLAY! – Take the stairs instead of the elevator.



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS –

Entertainment books were sent home last week. These are available as a printed book membership or digital membership. If you would like to purchase the App, or do not want a membership this year, please return the book to school as soon as possible.

Entertainment books offer fantastic 2 for 1 deals, 25% off discounts or half price savings on a huge number of Cafes, Restaurants, Attractions, Travel and Accommodation and shopping throughout Wellington and more.

Please let family and friends know that we are selling the books and help us to reach our fundraising goal of \$1000.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Your reaction when you hear about all the opportunities at SOLWAY COLLEGE

achieving personal bests ..

...friendship...video conferencing ...drama
...surfing ...**outstanding academic results** ...Spanish ...hockey ...netball
...volleyball ...**boarding hostel** ...art
...theatre sports ...German ...kapa haka ...French ...**school sisters**
...Mandarin ...waka ama
...swimming ...outdoor education
...athletics...**supervised homework**
...Duke of Edinburgh ...digital editing ...music ...horizons programme ...Shakespeare
...mathematics ...science
...debating...volleyball ...talent quests ...house competition
...wearable arts ...**equestrian academy** ...speech competitions
...canoe polo ...touch rugby ...design
...instrumental tuition ...tennis
...cricket ...basketball ...travel and tourism ...computer science ...YES scheme
...careers advice ...bridgebuilding
... **Christian values** ...



family atmosphere ...table tennis

... beautiful grounds ...**wide range of subjects** ...hostel fun nights
...**individual programmes**
...service to community ...rock band
...Scholarship excellence ...flipped classrooms ...Stage Challenge
...Matharapa ...SuCEED (Gifted and Talented) ...Sport Talent development ...**leadership opportunities** ...creative writing
...rugby sevens...chapel ...Te Reo
...small classes ...skiing ...**one-on-one support** ...food technology
...textiles ...business studies ...child care ...retail management
...cycling...badminton ...international students...student council ...**mentoring programme** ...minecraft coding
...EPro Challenge ...colours awards
...**students supporting students**

Join us for our Open Day

13th May 10am-2pm

www.solwaycollege.school.nz phone 06-3782219

Kids Cross Country Series Starts in May

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May, and the second in Karori on Sunday 28 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five events. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. Only \$8 to enter. For more info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz or contactjo@athleticswellington.org.nz

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## Mehana

is inviting you to  
**Late Nite Sound Bite**  
25 May, 7.00pm (Thu)

**EXPRESSIONS**

**Rotary Foyer**



Late Nite Sound Bite is a once a month late night opening on the last Thursday of the month with fresh NZ music and all galleries, cafe and shop open until 9pm. Entry is by Koha and it is casual/family friendly.

Mehana is a 5-piece ensemble with a unique repertoire influenced by traditional Balkan and gypsy music styles. Their rich and colourful melodies have curious rhythms, gently blending with local musical culture.

[facebook.com/MehanaMusic/](https://facebook.com/MehanaMusic/)

[mehana.bandcamp.com](https://mehana.bandcamp.com)

<http://www.expressions.org.nz/events/current-events/late-nite-sound-bite-2017/>