

10 March 2020

KIA ORA KOUTOU

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Corona Virus Update - Kia ora, during the last month there has been much media coverage on this topic. You may be wondering what Plateau School is doing to plan and prepare for an event like this.

The Ministries of Education and Health have been providing communications to school principals on this issue for the last few weeks. Here is the current advice to us all:

Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:

- regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly).
- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze.
- staying home if you are sick.
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events.
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Here are two links for those who wish to read more.

Ministry of Education

<https://www.education.govt.nz/.../novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

Ministry of Health

<https://www.health.govt.nz/.../dis.../covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

If you are interested in the statistical analysis of the virus there is a very useful source here:

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/coronavirus-cases/#recovered>

Teacher Only Day - The **27th March** is a teacher only day, when the school is closed for instruction. Teachers will be taking part in Te Reo Maori Professional Development.

After/Before School Care Price Changes - Next term prices for After and Before School Care will be changing. We have held prices steady for around 5 years now and costs have risen significantly in the meantime. The new prices will take effect from next term and will be:

One child: \$6.50 per hour

Two or more children: \$6.00 per child per hour

Sponsored Running Event - We are planning a sponsored running event for week 9 of this term. This is scheduled for Friday 3rd April. More information and a sponsorship form will be coming home this week.

Swimming Gala - Our swimming programme has been focussed on Water Safety Skills this year rather than stroke improvement. We are, however, still planning our annual swimming gala on Wednesday 8th April. Juniors in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. Pop it on your calendar and see if any other family would like to come along and support the children.

Top Schools - The annual Top Schools has been postponed to Thursday and will be held at Harcourt Park on the sports fields starting at 5pm. The theme of the games is "Survivor". We would love to have lots of support - Mr Frater, Miss Partridge and Miss Collins will be taking part with some students and parents. There are food trucks and loads of fun activities for children.

Building Work - We have started work on an assistive toilet outside Kea and Ruru rooms. We also will be doing some work around the sports shed area over the next few weeks.

Parent, Student and Teacher Meetings - We have our beginning of the year meetings coming up. These will be a chance to share important information you would like your teacher to know, or if this is your child's second year with their teacher to talk about their Learning Goals and how the year has started. The booking code is: st2qf.

To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and put this code in. You will then be prompted through the process to make bookings to see your child's teacher. If you have any problems, or would prefer us to make a booking for you, please contact the school office.

PB4L NEWS

PB4L at Plateau School....

PB4L is about building a school-wide culture of **Positive Behaviour for Learning**.

At Plateau School we are aiming: 'To create a safe, secure and positive school environment through a consistent approach to managing learning and behaviour.'



At Plateau we are working on Manaaki/Caring

- We are kind
- We look after people and the environment
- We are good friends to others

Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua

Care for the land, care for the people, Go forward

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Home & School - We have set some dates for this year, there will be more to add, but this is it so far:

Friday 3 April - Easter Disco
Friday 1 May - Twilight Market
Friday 26 June - Mid Winter Christmas Disco
Friday 18 September - Black and White Disco
Friday 30 October - Halloween Disco

Sunday 21 March 2021 - School Gala (no gala this year)

MOVIN' MARCH NEWS



We are now in Week 2 of Movin March. It is great to hear so many of our students are being dropped off by the pou and are getting their WOW passports marked off.

Capture your walking or wheels journey to or from school to win prizes during Movin March.

Parents also win - Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March and win. It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey. Post your photo publicly on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) with [#movinmarch](#).

All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to a fun destination in the Wellington region. And don't forget to post on Friday when Jack does his draw of his favourite photo when participants go in the draw to win a child's [Sprite Micro scooter](#) RRP \$189.95. T&C's are [here](#).

WOW Passport - Every day we will stamp the walk and wheel trips your tamariki take to OR from school over March, this includes children who walk from the pou down to school. All entries will go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 AVANTI vouchers. [More information on WOW](#) from the [Movin' March](#) website.

Park and Stride and Walking Pou - Our school is asking parents to use a "Park and Stride" location over March to encourage families to walk the last 500m or so to school. This helps ease congestion and get kids active before the school day AND we'll stamp your passports at the gate! It is suggested that you park and walk down from the Pou on Plateau Road.

Thank you to all the parents who are encouraging their tamariki to walk or wheel to school during this time. Movin' March is about becoming more active and making it safer for all of our students coming to and from school by having less traffic down Molloy's Road.

OTHER NEWS

Mathletics / Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs, Performers, Activity Fee & School Donations - These all will have appeared on your back to school invoice. These are all voluntary payments and are tax deductible. We really appreciate whatever you can pay towards these costs as it is an expense to the school, however, if you would prefer not to pay (no questions asked), please let Sandra know so that she can take it off the invoice. Thanks.

HOUSE-KEEPING

Signmee - This is our communication channel between home and school re different events / trips, etc that are happening at school. Please check your emails for notifications of any new Signmees, then log in to see / action as necessary. If circumstances change and you need to amend any Signmee response, you are able to do this by logging back in and changing your reply.

Calling in to School - Please ensure you sign in at the office if you are going to be at school for any length of time (this does not include if you are dropping off or picking up your school age children (preschool visitor parents will still need to sign in). If you need to drop something off to your child, please drop it into the office and Suzanne or Sandra will take it over for you. This stops any disruption to the classroom. Your support with this is appreciated.

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. Medical certificates are required for 5 or more days away from school due to sickness.

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. Before School Care operates between 7.30am and 8.30am and After School Care starts at 3pm and closes at 6pm. All children must be collected by 6pm at the latest.

Time sheets showing the balance owing will be emailed to you at the beginning of each month, for the month previous.

Toys at School - We understand that children want to bring their special toys to school to show their friends. However, we discourage this as, more often than not, the toys end up broken or missing, which is very upsetting for the children plus they can also cause a distraction in class. Please support us in this by ensuring your children do not bring their toys to school, as we take no responsibility for broken, lost or missing toys. 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

March

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| Thursday 12th | - Top Schools Competition Postponement Date |
| Tuesday 17th | - Parent Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm) |
| | - Traditional Maori Games |
| Thursday 19th | - Parent Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm) |
| | - Traditional Maori Games Postponement Date |
| Tuesday 24th | - Quick Rip Tournament (Yrs 3/4, 5/6) |
| Wednesday 25th | - Wheels Wednesday |
| Thursday 26th | - Quick Rip Tournament Postponement Date |
| Friday 27th | - Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) |

April

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| Friday 3rd | - Easter Disco |
| Wednesday 8th | - Swimming Sports (Whole School) |
| Thursday 9th | - Last Day of Term 1 (finishing 3pm) |
| Tuesday 28th | - First Day of Term 2 |

May

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| Friday 1st | - Twilight Market |
| Friday 29th | - Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED) |

TERM DATES FOR 2020

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| Term One | - Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April |
| Term Two | - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July |
| Term Three | - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September |
| Term Four | - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December |

There will be **THREE Teacher Only Days** this year (School Closed):

- Friday 27 March
- Friday 29 May
- Friday 23 October

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – To order please go to 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 - No lunches this Friday.

We will only have Friday lunches available 2 - 3 times per term and we will let you know via the newsletter and Facebook which days these will be, and what will be on offer.

Subway will still be available every Thursday, and is ordered online (as per above).

COMMUNITY NEWS





**EMERGENCY
MOBILE ALERT
NATIONWIDE TEST**



Northern Upper Hutt EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Nau mai haere mai

- ✓ **Learn** about how your community can respond together,
- ✓ **Get to know** your local community emergency hub,
- ✓ **Practice** how it might unfold during a major event AND
- ✓ **Meet your neighbours**, who will be a huge support when you need it most.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Saturday
14 March 2020
10 am - 12 noon
Plateau School
Molloys Road
Te Marua**



**WELLINGTON REGION
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

OFFICE



METLINK - SCHOOL BUS ROUTES: *One thing in particular and encouraged; is to have the students, particularly your senior students (maybe parents too) set up the Journey planner on their phones, if they have the Smart Phone models. This is so they have this as a first start guide-line to assist with their journeys to and from school.*

This is the link: <https://www.metlink.org.nz/>

Metlink school bus routes for start of Term 1 2020

Plateau School

AM

906 - Clouston Park - Brown Owl - Birchville - Birchville & Plateau Schools

*8:30 FergussonDr (1087)
PlateauSch (sch)*

Daily

8:50

PM

906 - Plateau & Birchville Schools - Birchville - Brown Owl - Trentham

*15:10 PlateauSch (sch)
TrenthamSch-FergussonDr*

Daily

15:30



Community Sports Bank

Community Sports Banks have been set up in your community to allow everyone access to sports gear, and get more kids active. If you need or want sports gear, talk to your school sports coordinator.

If you've grown out of sports gear from last year, or don't use it anymore, drop it in, so it can be used again and someone else can enjoy playing because of it.

Your nearest sports bank is

Orongomai Marae, 1/9 Railway Avenue, Maidstone, Upper Hutt

For more information check us out on facebook

www.facebook.com/communitysportsbank/

Room in the car? Keep your neighbours and school friends in mind when you're registering for sports, and offer a ride to games and trainings. Tell your kids to tell their friends.

Sports clubs also often have a selection of second hand boots/gear for a small cost as well, to enable cheaper participation. Some clubs have scholarships too. Give them a call or email.