

11 December 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful Holiday to all our Families - 2018 has been a huge year for Plateau.

We turned 50, we have seen some staff changes, had some great trips and performers entertain us, two camps that the year 3-6 students have loved while planning for our first camp in a VERY long time to Rotorua early next year - the last time we went was over 10 years ago!

There has been a massive amount of learning happening at Plateau this year as ever, and combined with our new classroom environments and the challenges that have brought, we are very proud of how adaptable and resilient our students have proven themselves. The staff have done an incredible job this year and worked so hard in ensuring our students get the very best deal. Our teachers and support staff are all top drawer and we could not do the great job we do without them. Our parents and community must be acknowledged too for instilling our children with the right values that ensure we are working in tandem to achieve the very best for our tamariki.

So, in conclusion, thanks everyone, have a great break and see most of you back in 2019!

Year 6 Leavers - The end of a long stretch at Plateau for the following wonderful people - many of whom started here as 5-year-olds. We wish them well with their endeavours and thank their families for all the support they have shown for the school and their children.:

Connor Ashby*	Aimee McGall
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Andrew Bold*	Mercedez Miller O'Connell
Joshua Bryant*	Charli Powell*
Zoe Burrell	Hunter Revell-Higgins
Ben Ellison*	Tom Roberts*
McKenna Fowke*	Buddy Sherpa
Rion Green*	Spencer Smith
Makayla Hills	Ysabellah Snow
Taylor Howard*	Gabriel Snyman*
Evan Johnson*	Jake South
Jacob Kelland	Abbie Tudor
Sammie Leck	Abigail Venter*
Daisy Lockley	Leto White

All students with an asterisk have no siblings left at Plateau so are the final members of their family to attend Plateau.

Parent/Community Helper Thank you Morning Tea - We are using the Morning Tea break on Friday 14th December to thank all our parents and community members who have supported the school through the year. Normally the attendance is not outstanding, but we would love to show our appreciation for everything you have done so if you have helped on trips, been involved with Kapa Haka, sports trips, Camps, lunches, reading, BOT, Home & School, etc you are cordially invited along to share morning tea and have your help recognised in a small way. For catering purposes please RSVP to the school office (526 9909 or office@plateau.school.nz). Thanks.

Children Leaving Plateau This Term - We have a few students leaving Plateau at the end of the year. While our Year 6 leavers move on to Intermediate we have a couple of students who will be moving before they graduate from Plateau. We wish the following students well with their future learning and we hope they will look back fondly on their time at Plateau:

Emma and Cooper Chivers - St Josephs School

Chloe and Claire Snyman - Upper Hutt School

Savannah and Dayton Mahoney - Tokomaru School (Horowhenua)

Pool Cover - Our pool cover, while having given good service for many years is now beyond repair. While we have a replacement cover from Stokes Valley Pool that we need to cut down to size and add a border to, we need the services of someone with a heavy duty sewing machine. If you have any contacts with a portable machine that might be able to help, can you please make contact with the school as we have been quoted \$2500 to get this work done!

Library Books and Sports Kits - We are stocktaking our school library at the moment and are finding we have a lot of books that are missing. Please have a good check at home for school library books as they are very expensive to replace.

Also we are asking that all sports uniforms be returned now - Plateau School jackets, shirts and shorts. We are nearly at the end of the year and don't want to be coming back in February and chasing people!

Christmas Concert Today - A major highlight of our school year and a chance to come together as a community and celebrate our efforts through the year is **TODAY** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

As usual we are hoping to hold it outdoors (weather permitting) and the format will be dinner picnic from 5:30-6pm, followed by some of our Kapa Haka students, some Christmas songs and some individual performances from children who have been taking music lessons through the year.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and any other friends or family are welcome. Bring something to sit on and be prepared to join in with the provided song sheets!

We look forward to seeing you and your child there.

School Reports - School reports will be heading home this Friday.

Seniors \Walk up to Tunnel Gully, Junior Picnic at School - This Thursday our Senior classes will be walking up to Tunnel Gully for a fun day of outdoor activities and a picnic. We did this last year and it proved very popular. Thanks to the Senior Teachers for organising that! Our Juniors will have a Teddy Bear's Picnic back at school.

Pizza Thank You for Students - Today we are organising a thank you for our students who have had responsibilities this year and organising a pizza lunch to show them that we value their contribution. Many thanks to all the students who have contributed through the year.

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.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/>

We are also on Twitter
(@plateauschool)
And youtube as plateauschoolnz



Headphones - A reminder that headphones are available for pickup from the School Office while stocks last. We still have a few of each colour combination so get in quick to make your choice. They are \$15 each and will be needed for all students in the Senior Syndicate next year who do not already have a pair. These retail at up to \$29 elsewhere and are very well made to withstand the rigours of the classroom. If you wish to purchase one or more as Christmas presents, please let Sandra or Suzanne know so that we don't send them over to your child.



Swimming Pool Keys - We are now selling pool keys for the summer season. These allow you access to the pool through the summer. You will be able to start using the key from Wednesday 19th December (the day after school finishes). The cost for the season is \$120 (\$20 refundable bond when the key is returned at the end of the season). If you would like to order one, please let the office know. Payment needs to be made when ordering, and keys will be available for collection (by an adult) from Monday 10th December onwards.

This week is the last chance to order.

SCHOOL GARDEN NEWS



This cheerful blue-flowering herb currently popping up in the school veggie gardens is called Borage. The gardening team have planted it to help the local bee population, as bees love Borage. Plus it adds a nice touch of colour to the garden and the unusual, star-shaped flowers may be of interest to the children.

HOUSE-KEEPING

Medical Certificates Required - If your child is absent from school due to illness for 5 or more days, we require you to produce a medical certificate for us to keep on file. Thanks.

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 and 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.

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.

Parking - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.

The Police are doing random visits to monitor driving and parking habits outside our school. Please ensure you drive slowly down Molloy's Road, watch out for children crossing, and do not stop on the yellow lines (even to drop off your child).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

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| Tuesday 11 th | - Christmas Concert (5.30pm - 7.30pm) |
| Thursday 13 th | - Senior School Trip to Tunnel Gully |
| Friday 14 th | - Parent Helpers Morning Tea, 10.30am
- Year 6 Leaving Party, (6pm - 8pm) |
| Tuesday 18 th | - Last Day of Term 4 (finishing at 12pm) |

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON THE LAST DAY.

TERM DATES FOR 2019

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| Term 1 | - Mon 4 th February - Friday 12 th April (98 half-days) |
| Term 2 | - Mon 29 th April - Fri 7 th July (98 half-days) |
| Term 3 | - Mon 22 nd July - Fri 27 th September (100 half-days) |
| Term 4 | - Mon 14 th October - TBC (94 half-days) |

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Tea Towels - Your children have drawn a portrait of themselves for our bi-annual Tea Towel fundraiser. These make fabulous Christmas gifts and will be available shortly. These can be pre-ordered. The cost is \$10.00 and you can make payment either by cash to the school office, or directly into the Home and School bank account - Plateau Home & School Assn Inc, 03-0774-0021243-000. Please use your name and tea towel as a reference. **Please note this is a different account number to the school account.**

SCHOOL LUNCHES



School Lunches – School lunches this week:

Thursday – Thursday – Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack,

\$6.00 6" sub pack). 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 – Nachos (\$4.00 each)

STAY SAFE / GET FIT / HELP OUR PLANET... TIPS FOR THE WEEK

ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Safety Belts - Did you know there are new safety belt advances: Retractors: these provide a secure fit, lock automatically during a crash and keep the belt out of the way when not in use. More sophisticated 'active control





retractors' work with other in-car technologies to tighten the belt before a crash, and release it afterwards.

PUSH PLAY! - Make a tree hut with some friends.



COMMUNITY NEWS

VTNZ Vouchers - VTNZ vouchers were given out last week, which entitle you to a \$5 discount, and for every voucher redeemed, we also receive \$5.00. If you would like more, please contact the school office. These are only valid at the Upper Hutt branch of VTNZ.

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**WHAT NOW TV SHOW** - During 2019 we are broadcasting our first 10 shows from around Wellington, showcasing a different community each week. On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** our show will be coming live from **Upper Hutt** and I would like to invite Plateau School families to be part of the live audience!

Families (including adults) are all invited to come and experience live tv being made while being part of our awesome audience...& it's **FREE!!** As space is limited, we work on a 'first in best dressed' approach.

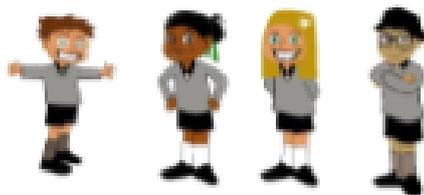
**To register online to be part of the audience**

[www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience](http://www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience)

Ground Location: Upper Hutt Primary, [49 Martin Street, Wallaceville, Upper Hutt.](#)

We look forward to joining your community in 2019!

## **Year 6 students attending Maidstone intermediate in 2018**



The next important date to mark on your calendar is:

**13 December 2018. Open afternoon from 3-7.00 pm**  
This is an opportunity for you and your child to view the classroom they will be in next year and find out who will be in their class. Your child will receive an Information Pack. This will include an Induction Booklet, Uniform List, Basic School-wide Stationery list etc



## Swimming Lessons at Plateau School Pool

Term 1 lessons

Mondays and Wednesdays

between 3.15pm to 5.45pm

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**Year 6 student  
Maidstone info**



The next important

**13 December 2018**  
This is an opportunity  
classroom they will  
be in their class. Year  
Pack. This will include  
List, Basic School-

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