

12 February 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Life Education Bus - The students have learned heaps from their visit to Life education, plus they get to meet Harold the Giraffe! As a member of the Life Education Trust Board for the Hutt region I am aware of the great impact this programme has on our tamariki. Andrea the educator does a fabulous job of delivering tricky concepts in an engaging way. Have a chat at home with your child to see what they have taken away from the learning in the truck and look out for the student packs that get given out at the end of the visits.

Picnic Time! - On the 7th March we would like to invite all our families to a picnic on the school field (weather permitting). Bring your dinner along and something to sit on and we will have games for adults and children afterwards. We are also planning to have a short presentation in the hall on the new way we will be reporting on your child's progress using goals in an online way. We look forward to seeing you there.

Assembly Times - We are trialling this term having our assemblies at the start of the day (9am) on Fridays. The feedback we have received is that the new times are much better suited to our younger students as they are able to manage themselves much better in the early morning.

School Camp - We wish our students and helpers well as they head off early on Sunday morning for a week in Rotorua. They will be getting up to all sorts of exciting adventures including Mountain biking, lugging, visiting a local school, having a hangi and loads more! Thanks to the teachers who have organised this and also to Stan Morris (Mrs Morris's husband) who is driving the bus for us!

We look forward to sharing our adventures on our Facebook page while we are away.

Current School Value Focus: RESPECT

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

A person's a person, no matter how small.

Dr. Seuss

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 this 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.

OTHER NEWS

Book Club - The latest book club brochures have been sent home. Orders for Issue 1 will close on Wednesday 27th February.

Hoodies - We will be placing an order for school hoodies this term. The cost is \$35 (child), \$40 (adult). Sizes for both are S, M, L, XL. If you would like to place an order, please email Suzanne on office@plateau.school.nz and let her know the size, and what name you would like written on the back. Orders close on Tuesday 5th March. Please make payment to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000. Thanks.

HOUSE-KEEPING

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.

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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Mon 11th - Thur 14th - Life Education Bus at school

Wednesday 13th - BOT Meeting, 7pm

Sun 17th - Fri 22nd - Year 5/6 Camp in Rotorua

March

Mon 4th - Fri 8th - Sea Week

Tuesday 5th - Paua trip to Carterton

- Super Eight Cricket

Thursday 7th - Super Eight Cricket

- School Picnic & Information Evening (5pm - 7pm)

Tuesday 12th - Years 4-6 Arts Festival Trip

Wednesday 13th - Top Schools Competition, Harcourt Park (5.00 - 7.30pm)

- BOT Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday 20th - Years 1-3 Arts Festival Trip

- Top Schools Competition Postponement Date

Tuesday 26th - Parent Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)

Wednesday 27th - Getwise Financial Literacy

Thursday 28th - Parent Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm)

April

Tuesday 2nd - Hockey

Thursday 4th - Hockey Postponement Date

Wed 10th - Thur 11th - St John's 1st Aid with students

Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1

TERM DATES FOR 2019

Term 1 - Mon 4th February - Fri 12th April (98 half-days)

Term 2 - Mon 29th April - Fri 5th July (98 half-days)

Term 3 - Mon 22nd July - Fri 27th September (100 half-days)

Term 4 - Mon 14th October - Thur 19th December (94 half-days)

THERE WILL BE A TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Tea Towels - We still have a few tea towels left, so if you missed out at the end of last year, now is your opportunity to purchase one with your child's portrait on it. 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 – Sausage in bread or Fish Fingers in Bread (\$2.00 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: Load Limiting: this technology matches the protection provided by the belt to the size and weight of the wearer. It works in conjunction with the pretensioner to either feed out more of the belt webbing, or slightly alter the way the retractor works.

PUSH PLAY! - Become a hacky sack expert.

COMMUNITY NEWS

VTNZ Vouchers - We still have some VTNZ vouchers which entitle you to a \$5 discount, and for every voucher redeemed, we also receive \$5.00. If you would like one (or more), please contact the school office. These are only valid at the Upper Hutt branch of VTNZ.





Swimming Lessons at Plateau School Pool

Term 1 lessons

Mondays and Wednesdays

between 3.15pm to 5.45pm

BOOK ONLINE NOW

[https://www.thinksmartsoftware-
au.com/customer_portal/swim/silverstreamswimacademy/?tab=login_tab](https://www.thinksmartsoftware-au.com/customer_portal/swim/silverstreamswimacademy/?tab=login_tab)

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Anita's Dance Academy

Happy New Year!

Preschool dance specialists in the heart of Upper Hutt.

We love sharing the joy of dance with our littlest dancers and see them blossom as they learn the ballet basics and have fun.

We have a special offer for you. We would love to come to your centre to do a free 30-minute dance lesson with the children. We promise a fun session that the children and teachers alike will enjoy.

To book for this free lesson, please give Anita a call on 021 168 6115 or email anitadanceacademy@gmail.com. We'll find a day and time that best suits you.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in dancing,

Anita Perin-Zgomba
Principal
Anita's Dance Academy

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Heart Foundation Information Session

I work in the Wellington Branch of the Heart Foundation and we are running a FREE Heart Foundation information session for people to discuss heart medications in the Hutt area as well as Wainuiomata and Kapiti.

Is there any way you can help me promote this by adding this information in your next school newsletter? I have attached a copy of the poster that has a hyperlink to the registration page and all the information as follows:

Medications for the heart

The Heart Foundation are holding FREE sessions across the region to discuss heart medications. Run by registered pharmacists, we will talk about all of the various groups of medications, what they do, common side effects, etc.

Whānau are encouraged to come along and learn more about your heart condition.

UPPER HUTT:	Wednesday 6 March, 5.30pm-7.00pm Hapai Club, 879-881 Fergusson Drive Speaker: Mara Coler, Clinical Pharmacist, HVDHB
PARAPARAUMU:	Tuesday 12 March, 5.30 – 7.00pm Te Newhanga Kāpiti Community Centre, 15a Ngahina St Speaker: James Westbury, Community Pharmacist
TAITA:	Tuesday 26 March, 5.30 – 7.00pm Walter Nash Centre, 20-22 Taine St Speaker: Mara Coler, Clinical Pharmacist, HVDHB
WAINUIOMATA:	Tues 2 April, 5.30 – 7.00pm Wainuiomata Community Hub, 1a Queen St Speaker: Mara Coler, Clinical Pharmacist, HVDHB

Please register at medheart.eventbrite.co.nz or by contacting Annette on 04 472 2780 or annettes@heartfoundation.org.nz

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Arts a Go Go! Performing Arts School for Kids Upper Hutt still has limited spaces available in some of our popular drama, dance, singing, pre-school music, Irish Dancing and musical theatre classes. For more details, please see [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://www.artsagogo.co.nz), contact [rachel@artsagogo.co.nz](mailto:rachel@artsagogo.co.nz) or ph 0211441641. We have classes for babies right through to older teenagers. Beginners to advanced! Classes are held at The Spot, 651 Fergusson Dr. Try a class before committing to the term! (*Waitlists apply to some classes.*)

# 2019 Choir Scholarships Now Available

The Major Minors Children's Choir is Hutt Valley's Award winning Children's Choir.  
We rehearse in Upper Hutt & perform across the region.

Scholarships include:

Term fees for 2019

Choir Uniform T-shirt for performances

Folder/lyrics



Apply here or via our website

<https://goo.gl/forms/X1DsMqzqKqyPbgUT2>

[majorminors.instantencore.com](http://majorminors.instantencore.com)

## Kids Love Singing! Join our Choir!

The Major Minors Children's Choir is an un-auditioned award winning choir.

There are over 40 kids from the Hutt Valley Region who sing with us.

We also have an auditioned vocal group  
The Harmonic Minors.

We sing a large variety of music, performing throughout the year at community events, with other groups and have our own concerts

Most of all we have fun!



Contact  
**Joanne Roelofs**  
**027 566-7672**

email  
[hvkidschoir@gmail.com](mailto:hvkidschoir@gmail.com)

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[www.facebook.com/ChoirMM](http://www.facebook.com/ChoirMM)





**31 Maclean Street, Upper Hutt. Right next to Wallaceville Train Station, with plenty of parking**



We have Junior Squash every Friday night during school terms from 5pm to 7pm – any Junior (under 18) is welcome to come along for free and we have rackets available, just need to wear comfortable clothes and non-making shoes.

Squash is about having fun, playing with friends and being active and most Friday there is coaching available.

If you want to play friends at other times and take part in competitions, it's only \$101 for the year. Junior competitions are scheduled regularly across the Wellington and Wairarapa region.

For more details:

[www.squashupperhutt.co.nz](http://www.squashupperhutt.co.nz)

[uhjuniorsquash@gmail.com](mailto:uhjuniorsquash@gmail.com)

Text 028 421 5685

**TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.**

# BIKE THE TRAIL 2019

Sunday 3 March



FREE  
ENTRY

**Start** at Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt (25km) or Stokes Valley (12km)  
**Finish** at Hikoikoi Reserve, Petone

**Riders start 9.30am** at Harcourt Park, **10am** at Stokes Valley

- Free shuttle for you and your bike back to the start
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Scan the QR code with your phone or visit [bbethstoll.co.nz](http://bbethstoll.co.nz) to register.

Drop your coloured in entry, with your details on the other side filled in, at any Hu! Valley library, Mile 10 MEGA Upper Hutt or Mile 10 MEGA Petone during February and be in to WIN! Or mail them to:

Bike the Trail, Petone Trail Sports House, Hutt Park, Sedgwick, Lower Hutt 5010.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_