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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

**Trillian Trek and Brett Fairweather Visit** - We have a busy morning tomorrow - Brett Fairweather - the creator of the Jumpjam programme will be here in the morning to lead the seniors in some Jumpjam in the hall. Here is a short video of Brett talking about his programme: <https://youtu.be/IXSAbC4O7mU>

Later on the Trillian Trek arrives at school with lots of quirky vehicles. The Trek supports the Bluelight Charity and travels over the Lower North Island this week visiting schools.



**Top School 2019** - We are defending our title tomorrow night - as Upper Hutt's Top School! We have been the Champions in 2016 and 2018. Come and lend your support - there are prizes for the Top support crew as well - the theme is animal movies and this year there are lots of things for all the family... a Coffee Cart, Real Fruit Ice Cream Van, Cardboard Slides down the grass bank, an Inflatable Hungerball Game for all to have a go at, the Play Pod, and of course the Top School Competition! Sounds like a fun evening!

A promotional poster for 'Top School' featuring film strips of school activities and event details. The poster has a blue and orange background. At the top right is the 'the gas hub' logo. The main text reads 'Top School' in a large, white, cursive font, followed by 'COME AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL' in orange, bold, sans-serif font. Below this are several film strips showing various school activities. At the bottom, the event details are listed: 'Wednesday 13 March, 5pm to 7.30 · Harcourt Park football fields', 'FOOD TRUCKS · CARDBOARD SLIDES AND THE INFLATABLE HUNGER BALL GAME FOR ALL TO ENJOY', and 'Postponement date: Wednesday 20 March'. Logos for 'activation ACTIVE RECREATION', 'Active Choices Let's Play!', and 'UPPER HUTT CITY' are at the bottom.



## **2016 Top School Champs!**

**Reminder: Picnic Time!** - Unfortunately, because of staff absence, we had to cancel our picnic last week. We are now planning to hold it this Thursday (14th March) instead. The weather forecast is for a few showers but clearing later. We would like to invite all our families to a picnic on the school field. 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.

We will be presenting to half our parents at a time - Red and Green whanau parents, then Yellow and Blue parents. This will ensure we have some adults and teachers around outside with the children. The sports trolley will be left outside for games time.

**Teachers Paid Union Meeting (PUM) - Our teachers will be attending their meeting on Tuesday the 19th March in the afternoon.**

To enable our teachers to attend this meeting we are asking our parents yet again to support us by **ensuring if at all possible that children will be picked up at 12:15 from school on that day.**

All teachers will be attending so that means we have very limited ability to provide supervision in the afternoon.

A signmee has been sent home so that we can work out how many students will not be able to go home for the afternoon. **Please check your emails and let us know ASAP so that we can start to plan for the supervision of the remaining students.**

Many thanks for the ongoing support and wishes in our negotiations, and once again we apologise for any disruption.

**Movin' March- be in to win a bike!** - This month is Movin' March- thanks heaps to Mrs Freemantle who organises the amazing activities!

All children have a Movin' March Passport which they are able to tick off every time they walk to school from the Pou. 10 ticks and they have completed a passport and can start on another one!



The completed passports will go into a draw at assembly at the end of March and the winning passports will receive some great bike accessories.

Following that, we will send our passports into the Movin' March organisers where all entries will go in the draw to win one of six \$300 AVANTI vouchers. The school with the highest percentage of walk or wheel trips in each district will win a \$100 Prezzy card.

There is also a competition for families on the Movin' March Facebook page:

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March. 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 one of these fun destinations - Wellington Zoo, Zealandia Ecosanctuary, Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe and Space Place

<https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch/>

**Current School Value Focus: AIMING HIGH** - We are looking at each of our 5 school values for 2 weeks before we move on to the next one. We have already looked at RESPECT and CARING. Our current value is asking students to be goal focussed and aspirational- Aiming High.

We would encourage our parents to support our values by initiating a conversation about the importance of aiming high and having aspirations.



This short animation might help spark a conversation.

<https://youtu.be/B4frsp-rR6c>. It is about Tamara - deaf child who wants to be a ballerina, here are some questions you could use-

What is this girl's aspiration?

There can be lots of things that get in the way of our hopes and dreams...what is making it challenging for this little girl?

Think how the mother supports her child's aspirations. We must also encourage, support and help others to achieve their goals - like Tamara's mum. We need to show patience with others.

There are plenty of stories from peoples lives that show how having aspirations can help people achieve seemingly unreachable goals.

**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](http://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



**Parent Teacher Interviews** - We will be running parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th March. Tuesday will run from 3.20pm - 7.30pm and Thursday will run from 3.20pm - 5.30pm. To book a time that suits you, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and put in the code "r2h5y". It will then prompt you through the process. If you have any difficulties, or would prefer us to book a time for you, please call the office.

**Capital E** - Our Years 4 - 6 headed off to Capital E today, and Years 1 - 3 will be going next Wednesday 20th March. The cost per child is \$22.50. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also if you have not yet signed the Signmee permission, please log on and do this. Thanks.



**Current School Value Focus: AIM HIGH**



- WE WORK HARD.
- WE ALWAYS TRY TO DO OUR BEST.
- WE GIVE NEW THINGS A GO.



## ***SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB***

The latest issue (# 2) of the Book Club is now open. Brochures for these came home yesterday. The last day for ordering is Wednesday 27th March.

# ***HOUSE-KEEPING***

**Hats** - All students are required to wear a hat at school during Terms 1 & 4 when they are outside (break times and PE). School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$17.00.

**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 Molloy's Road, watch out for children crossing, and do not stop on the yellow lines (even to drop off your child).



When children arrive at or leave school, how and where you stop, park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility to be able to see each other.

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason - to protect our tamariki.

***CHAOS at the school gate...  
are you part of the problem?***



Stopping on broken yellow lines, across a driveway, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky manoeuvres. They endanger children and other pedestrians and you may get fined if you choose to:

- Stop or park on broken yellow lines ..... \$60
- Double park ..... \$60
- Stop or park in front of or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance or driveway ..... \$40
- Stop or park on the footpath. .... \$40
- Stop or park on or near a pedestrian crossing... \$60
- Stop or park in a way that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians. .... \$60



## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### ***March***

- Wednesday 13th - Top Schools Competition, Harcourt Park (5.00 - 7.30pm)
- BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Tuesday 19th - Teachers' Paid Union Meeting (see above)
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> February - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April (98 half-days)
- Term 2 - Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July (98 half-days)
- Term 3 - Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> September (100 half-days)
- Term 4 - Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October - Thur 19<sup>th</sup> December (94 half-days)

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

**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

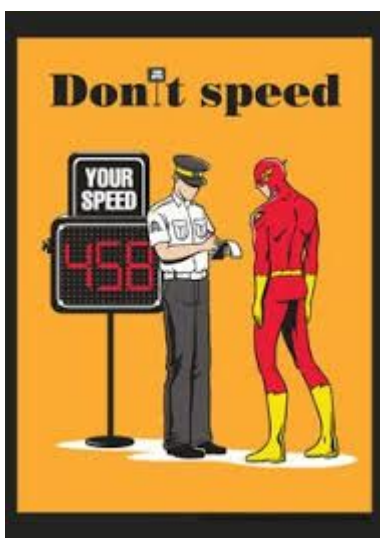


**School Lunches – School lunches this week:**

**Hi fXUm–** Subway (\$5.00 mini sub pack, \$6.00 6” sub pack). To order please go to [www.subway.co.nz](http://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.

**: fjXUm–** Mince Pie or Mince & Cheese Pie - (\$4.00 each)  
Please note there is no gluten or dairy free option - sorry.

**STAY SAFE / GET FIT / HELP OUR PLANET...**





# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Night Disco**  
**Come as your favourite Character**

Saturday 30th March 2019  
6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Spot Prizes  
Pizza and other snacks  
for sale on the night.



Entry \$10  
Skate/Blade Hire: Free  
Spectators: Free  
Fundraising for our National Skaters.

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club  
4A Railway Avenue  
Phone: 022 682 4517  
skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz  
[www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub](http://www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub)

**Grand Training Holiday Programmes** - Grand Training runs fun computer courses in both weeks of the school holidays. We have courses for all aspects of computer skills, from building your own computer, to encrypting a message with Python, to fighting a zombie in Minecraft. Tell us what you want to learn about, and we'll make it happen. Check out [www.grandtraining.co.nz](http://www.grandtraining.co.nz) or ring Wanda at (04) 499 2211 for more details.

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Hutt Repertory Theatre is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and we're putting on a events for everyone who wants to have a go at theatre in its many forms.

In March we have two, free, one hour drama workshops for kids to have a go at acting.

Spaces are limited so please register through our website.

[Kids 7 - 9 Years](#)

[Kids 10 - 12 Years](#)

# JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

## EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT



**Come join thousands of kids in NZ's biggest MUD RUN SERIES**  
22 May - 22 August

For children School Years 3 to 8  
Enter individually or through your School

doing our bit for cure kids

Get Kids Active

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## EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

**THE KIDS EVENT**  
Get Kids Active Charitable Trust and Event Promotions are excited to have the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge series back for 2019 across seven different set cities! This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them. The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will include many of the same amazing parks as the original adult Tough Guy and Gal Challenge along with all competitors receiving a starting finishers medal, Hal Pava voucher and the chance to experience the challenging obstacles, incredible views, hot showers and socialites.

**GRADES**  
1.5km Aekle Bites: Open to kids in school years 3 - 4  
3km Little Nippers: Open to kids in school years 5 - 6  
3km Big Rascals: Open to kids in school years 7 - 8

**Finishers medal for all competitors**

WELLINGTON - Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May  
HAMILTON - Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June  
AUCKLAND - Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July  
HAWKE'S BAY - Monday 29th July  
PALMERSTON NORTH - Friday 2nd August  
TAURANGA (New Venue) - Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th August  
ROTORUA - Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd August

For more info visit: [www.eventpromotions.co.nz](http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz)  
Phone: (07) 348 3301  
or email: [aimee@eventpromotions.co.nz](mailto:aimee@eventpromotions.co.nz)

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