

15 October 2019

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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

**School Gala** - Our School Gala is coming up fast on the 10th November. The Home and School Committee are working very hard to ensure it is a success. We need lots of support from our Community to help with this. Please start by reading the information further on in the newsletter, putting it in your diary and committing some time to helping out with the stalls. It should be a fabulous event, as ever!

**Change in Newsletter Timing** - A reminder that we are now working on a fortnightly timetable with our newsletter.

**Teacher Only Days Reminder** - Please be aware that school is closed for instruction from the 25-30th October. This is an extra day either side of Labour weekend. Teachers and Support Staff will be taking part in important Professional Development on those days.

**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 many photos from different events for you to peruse:

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

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/>



## PB4L CORNER

In Ruru we work hard and stay focussed on our work. We help each other with our work. We choose work to challenge us and work at the appropriate level for ourselves. If something is hard we keep on going and finish it to a high standard. We are honest with our learning and if it is too difficult we find the appropriate level. We help the school run smoothly by treating it well, we are good role models to the other classes, we do lots of jobs to make the school function smoothly like; ringing the bell and doing office, sport shed, assembly, whanau groups and jump jam. We try as hard as we can to show all the values of the school.



# BOT NEWS

Kia ora whānau

The Board has started looking at the school's 10 Year Property Plan. We are required to develop this plan to ensure that our school is well maintained and the physical environment supports teaching and learning, all within the budgets provided by the Ministry. The 10YPP sets out the property work to be completed over a 10-year timeframe. The Plan must be submitted to the Ministry by March 2020.

The Board has been continuing its work to develop the Charter: seeking feedback from students and staff and attending a workshop run by the School Trustees Association. We will have a draft plan in late October/early November which you will be able to look at and comment on.

Our next meeting is tonight Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

## HOME & SCHOOL NEWS (PLEASE READ)



### Plateau School Gala Requests



The Plateau School gala is coming up on Sunday 10 November (11am - 2.30pm).

**We are now taking donations of kids clothing, toys, puzzles, books, games, bric-a-brac / white elephant items, etc, etc.**

We will be holding a drop-off session for these items this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm - 3pm at school. If possible, please drop your items off during this time, however, you can still drop them off at school during the week if this suits you better.



**Wanted - If you have a car trailer that we could borrow for the Friday before the Gala, and the Monday after the Gala, please email [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz). Thanks.**

We will need as many volunteers on the day as possible, so if you are able to spare a couple of hours to do a "shift", please fill in the form in the office. We will need people  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour before the gala to help with the set up, and half an hour at the other end to help clean up. The more people we have to help, the less time we will require people to work, which will free up time for everyone to have a look around and enjoy our gala. Thanks.

If you have any no-longer-wanted crockery (chipped, unloved, etc) which we could use for the crockery smash stall, please could you send/bring it along to school for use at the gala? Or call Neville on 934 4114 if you'd like it collected.

Musically talented people - would you be interested in performing in the outdoor stage? Please let Neville know...

Please can you bring in empty, clean wine bottles (minus the labels) to Ruru?

Friday 1st November is PJ Day - wear your PJ's and bring in a food item for the grocery raffle for the Gala. In order for us to get a variety of food, we would really appreciate the following classes bringing the food listed for their class.  
Thanks.

Kea & Ruru - Snack foods (biscuits, crackers, bars, lollies, nuts, chips, etc)

Paua - Canned food

Kiwi - Body Products (toothpaste, soap, body wash, moisturiser, etc)

Tuatara - Meal ingredients (Pasta, noodles, sauces, rice, oils, baking items)

Tui - Breakfast foods (cereals, spreads, tea, coffee, juice)

Pukeko - Chocolate

**Calendar Orders** - Your child has created a work of art for their calendar.

Order forms have been sent home, and orders close next Thursday 24th October. Payment needs to be made with order, and can be in cash or paid directly into the Home & School Account - 03-0774-0021243-000. (Please note this number is different to the Plateau School account.). Please use your name and calendar as a reference.

## YEAR 5/6 CAMP 2020 NEWS

There will be a camp meeting this Thursday 17th October at 6.30pm. This is for parents of our current Year 4 and 5 students. A Signmee will be sent out with more information.

Just a reminder that you are welcome to start paying towards the camp costs, at this stage the cost will be approximately \$370 per child and \$185 per adult. We have been fundraising through fish and chips, sausages, hot cross buns, etc, and plan on holding a fundraising event next term. We will also apply for grants to assist with the cost, and fingers crossed, we will be successful. This will all help to reduce the cost, but at this stage, we can't say by how much.

Camp fees will need to be paid in full by the end of January next year.

We will be running a fundraising Quiz Night at the Tote on Wednesday 27th November, so get a team together. More details will come out closer to the time.

## OTHER NEWS

**Wanted** - If you have any scraps of gold, silver, red, green or brown fabric that you no longer need, please send them to Ruru. Thanks.

**Netball** - Our end of season annual netball party will be held this Friday, 18th October at 3.15pm - 5pm (approximately).

Prizegiving will be first, followed by afternoon tea and then a couple of students and parents /family games of netball.

All coaches and umpires to be there if possible and all parents / families are welcome to attend.

Can all players please bring a small plate of shared food.

Thanks.

## GARDENERS' CORNER

*Many thanks for the donations of farm manure that have been brought in, to help fertilise the garden beds.*

*Do you have any culinary herb seedlings or cuttings you could spare? The gardening team plan to turn the two small plots where the greenhouse used to be (see photo) into a herb garden, and would be grateful for any plant donations you could bring in. Suitable herbs include: thyme, oregano, rosemary, chives, etc.*

*Last term Paua Class planted out the broad bean seedlings they have recently been germinating in the classroom. Pay a visit and check out their individually named seedlings!*

## **HOUSE-KEEPING**

**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***

### **October**

- Tuesday 15th - BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 17th - National Shake Out  
- Camp Meeting, 6.30pm
- Friday 18th - Netball Breakup Party, 3.15pm
- Tuesday 22nd - Interschool Softball Tournament
- Thursday 24th - Interschool Softball Tournament (postponement date)
- Friday 25th - Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
- Monday 28th - Labour Day - **School Closed**
- Tuesday 29th - Teacher Only Day - **School Closed**
- Wed 30th - Interschool Touch Rugby Tournament
- Thursday 31st - Interschool Touch Rugby Tournament (postponement date)

### **November**

- Friday 1st - PJ Day (bring a grocery item - please see above for details)  
- Plateau Fun Athletics Day
- Thursday 7th - BMX Challenge
- Sunday 10th - Plateau School Gala (11am - 2.30pm)
- Tuesday 12th - Interschool Athletics
- Wed 13th - Interschool Athletics (postponement date)  
- World Kindness Day
- Tuesday 19th - Interschool Athletics (2nd postponement date)
- Wed 20th - Universal Children's Day
- Thursday 21st - Year 3/4 Camp at Brookfield
- Friday 22nd - Year 3/4 Camp at Brookfield
- Wed 27th - Year 5/6 Camp 2020 Quiz Night Fundraiser

### **December**

- Friday 6th - School Picnic
- Tuesday 17th - Christmas Concert (6pm - 8pm)
- Thursday 19th - Last Day of Term 4

**THERE WILL BE TWO TEACHER ONLY DAYS THIS TERM  
(FRIDAY 25TH & TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2019 - SCHOOL CLOSED)**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES



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

**Thursday** – 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.

**Friday** - Sausage in Bread / Fish Fingers in Bread - \$2.00 each  
(Gluten free sausage in bread option available).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Whitby Collegiate Open Days and Year 7 Scholarship for 2020 - Open Day**

From the beginning of 2020 Marsden Whitby will become Whitby Collegiate. You are invited to view Whitby Collegiate during our Open Days on Friday 18 October and Friday 15 November. The school will be open for guided tours between 10am and 2pm. There will be staff and students to talk to and our students look forward to showing you around.

Scholarships- Whitby Collegiate invites applications for Year 7 Scholarships in 2020.

Applications can be submitted online on our website - [whitbycollegiate.school.nz](http://whitbycollegiate.school.nz). If you have any questions or would like a personal tour, please contact Lorraine Rose on 04 234 1070.

Transport - There are easy transport links to Whitby Collegiate and our school buses bring students from the Hutt Valley, Johnsonville, Churton Park, Tawa and Aotea, and connect with the train for students travelling from the Kapiti Coast.





# UPPER HUTT ATHLETIC CLUB

**Upper Hutt Athletic Club invites you to register  
for the Athletics season 2019/2020**



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Have a Go night**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Have a Go night**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> Club Night**

**5:45pm - 7:00pm**

**Trentham Memorial Park (Brentwood Street entrance)**



[Click here to register](#)

or visit our website

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/upperhuttathletics>

	<b>Cost</b>	
7 - 14 Years		\$ 85.00
15 - 19 Years		\$ 95.00
20 + Years		\$110.00

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

**FACEBOOK - UPPER HUTT ATHLETIC CLUB**



## Raising Happy, Resilient Tamariki



Upper Hutt City Council presents a FREE EVENT

Join internationally recognised Educational Psychologist Kathryn Berkett for an evening of neuroscience.

Learn how overreaction of the stress response in children can negatively impact behavior, resulting in behaviors such as anger, violence, shutting down, anxiety and many more.

Seats are limited so RSVP required by 30 October to:  
[community@uhcc.govt.nz](mailto:community@uhcc.govt.nz)

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