

20 October 2020

KIA ORA KOUTOU

We have a very busy Term 4 ahead, with camps, concerts, farewells and lots of learning.

We have been very successful with our recent advertisements for jobs and I am delighted to announce that following the resignation of Pauline Roberts and Joanne Schroeder, we have been through our appointments process (where we had a large field of high quality applicants). and have made 2 appointments of teachers for the 2021 year.

Jodie Haar will be working in a New entrant class and Nadine Smyth will be working in our Senior school at the start of 2021.

Just a reminder that after the previous lockdown finished we did a review of our arrangements for drop off and pick up. We noticed our students (especially juniors) were so much more settled and independent with the "kiss and run" arrangement at the school gate in the morning. Also the end of the day was made much more manageable by parents waiting out of the line of sight of the classrooms until the bell goes, when the children are tidying up and getting ready for the end of the day. Parents entering the class or even visible through the windows are a big distraction.

We also said that Friday was a good time to engage with your child's teacher if you would like to, as we also have a whole school celebration as well that morning.

We found that these practices made a significant difference to how children settled at school and managed themselves at the end of the day, so would like to continue with these routines.

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 one of our values is Manawanui/Resilience

- We are brave
- We can be strong again after something bad happens
- We keep trying even when things are hard

Congratulations Eva Edwards for receiving your fifth wristband, which was for resilience in Celebration last week. Eva now has all five wristbands for earning at least 25 points in each of the Plateau School Values - Manawanui (Resilience), Manaaki (Caring), Rawe (Aiming High), Pono (Honesty) and Whakaute (Respect).

Well done Eva, this is a great achievement, you are an excellent role model for other students in our school.

OTHER NEWS

Pink Shirt Day - A huge thank you to everyone who managed to wear something pink last Friday. By participating in Pink Shirt day, we were all being part of the movement to Korero Mai, Korero Atu, Mauri Tu, Mauri Ora (Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!).

We are a KiVa School, which means we run an anti-bullying programme. The statistics show that every year, one in 10 workers report they have been bullied at work, and New Zealand has the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries. Many studies show that people who are bullied are more likely to experience mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety. Together we can turn this around by creating workplaces, schools and communities where diversity is celebrated and everyone can feel safe, valued and respected at all times. We raised \$142.00 to help towards the Mental Health Foundation, Thank you!

Scholastic Book Club - The latest issue closes next Wednesday, 28th October.

Floorball - Here is the Council website for any Floorball game times and updates:

<https://www.upperhuttcity.com/Sport-and-recreation/Activation/Floorball>

Year 5/6 Camp 2021 - Our 2021 Year 5's and Year 6's will be heading off to camp in Nelson in February next year. We are just in the final stages of confirming bookings, and once we have this finalised, we will be able to let you know the cost. We are hoping (with fundraising) to be able to get the cost down to approximately \$350 per child. You are welcome to start drip-feeding payments towards this to help with spreading the cost out. We will be holding a Quiz Night at the Tote on Wednesday 25th November. More details will follow, but please pencil in this date, as it is always a great night and an excellent fundraiser to help reduce camp costs. Please get as many people together as you can to support our senior students. Thanks.

HOUSE-KEEPING

Riding Bikes to School - Just a reminder to children that ride their bikes / scooters, etc to school must walk them in and out of the school grounds.

Signmee - This is our communication channel between home and school re different events / trips, etc that are happening at school at present. Please check your emails for notifications of any new Signmee messages, 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.

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.

Before and 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. (Please note - it is not necessary to book them into Before School Care, however, students cannot be dropped off before 7.30am.)

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

- Friday 23rd - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- Monday 26th - Labour Day (School Closed)
- Friday 30th - "Be Bright, Eat Right" School Performance, 1.30pm
- School Disco (Halloween Theme)

November

- Tuesday 3rd - Non-stop Cricket
- Thursday 5th - Whanau Sports Day
- Non-stop Cricket Postponement Day
- Tuesday 10th - Interschool Athletics
- Wed 11th - Interschool Athletics (1st Postponement Date)
- Thursday 2th - Whanau Sports Day Postponement Day
- Tuesday 17th - Interschool Athletics (2nd Postponement Date)
- Thursday 19th - Year 3/4 Camp at Brookfield
- Tuesday 24th - BMX Challenge
- Wednesday 25th - Quiz Note at the Tote (Camp Fundraiser)

December

- Wed 2nd - Seniors Outing
- Thursday 3rd - Seniors Outing Postponement Day
- Monday 7th - Christmas Concert
- Wednesday 9th - End of Year Whole School Trip to Staglands
- Friday 11th - Year 6 Leaving Party
- Monday 14th - Year 6 Class Placement Afternoon Visit at Maidstone Intermediate, 3pm - 6pm
- Christmas Concert Postponement Day
- Tuesday 15th - Last day of Term 4

There will be **ONE** more Teacher Only Day this year (School Closed):

- Friday 23 October (THIS FRIDAY)

TERM DATES FOR 2021

- Term One - Thursday 4 February - Friday 16 April
- Term Two - Monday 3 May - Friday 9 July
- Term Three - Monday 26 July - Friday 1 October
- Term Four - Monday 18 October - Thursday 16 December

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 Friday lunches this week due to school being closed.



PLATEAU SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 30 October

6:00 – 7:30pm

Cost \$5

(includes a sausage in bread)

GF options must be pre-ordered
via email:

hands@plateau.school.nz

by 3pm 29 Oct

SUMMER RIP RUGBY

(Formally Summer Flag)

COMPETITION 2020 / 2021

Hosted By



SEASON: 30th October - 11th December
12th February - 12th March

VENUE: Maoribank park, Upper Hutt

GAMES: Friday afternoons from 4pm
(TBC depending on numbers)

TEAMS / AGE GRADES:

Under 7s

Under 9s

Under 11s

Under 13s

Social Adults / College

Competitive Adults / College

COST: \$250 PER TEAM, 10 PER TEAM

TEAMS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 26TH OCTOBER
INFORMATION EVENING 27TH OCTOBER
TEAM TO PAY FEES BY 30TH OCTOBER
BIBS CAN BE SUPPLIED OR COME ALONG WITH YOUR TEAM
COLOURS!

To register a team, your
interest to be placed into
a team or more info

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A prestigious club with modern facilities and beautiful grounds



Tulip Cream Tea

SUPPORTING PEOPLE
LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S

Join us for a delicious Tulip Cream Tea
in our beautiful grounds:
nude petanque, kubb & bush bathing

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 10.30AM - 4PM

\$5.00 donation
proceeds to Parkinson's New Zealand

20 Molloys Road, Te Marua,
Upper Hutt 5018
Please RSVP to
judemercereslingshot.co.nz



Upper Hutt Swimming Club: "Have a go night"

Come along and train with us at H2O Xstream, Upper Hutt @ 6.15pm

Wednesday 14th October or Monday 19th October

(Cost of pool entry \$3)

Registration night: Wednesday 21st October for new members

Open to swimmers aged 9+ who have completed swimming lessons

For further information and to RSVP please contact Jenni on jenninind@gmail.com

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/upperhuttswim/Home>