

22 September 2020

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It is great to hear that the measures we have taken over the last few weeks have managed to stop the spread of Covid-19, and that we can return to relative normal practice.

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.

Just to make things easier and less confusing, we will still be releasing the juniors at the earlier time of 2.50 for the remainder of this week. We will start back with the usual full school 3pm finish at the beginning of next term. As from today, parents are allowed back on site, however, you will need to either scan the contact tracing QR code, or use the manual sign in sheet in the office.

Whilst parents are now permitted to come into the school grounds, we would like to ask that we continue with our current drop-off and pick up routine for this week (until Thursday) if possible, to save any confusion.

On Friday, however, we would love to see you all come in for our final celebration of the term. We will have our Kapa Haka students performing, and we are now able to hold full school celebrations again.

Also on Friday we are holding our "Plateau's Got Talent" competition, which we again would like to invite you all to come and watch. This will start at 1:45pm and finish close to 3pm, **so we will be releasing all students at 3pm on the last day of term.**

We would like to thank all our parents for your support and understanding during Level 2, as we know how difficult it has been, and how distanced you must feel, not being able to come on site. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

A big thanks to Stacy Grootjans who has been in at the weekend getting the sandpit cage ready to be waterproofed and making a support for our basketball hoop. It is a big ask for parents to give up extra time to help school out, and being a small school, budgets are always tight so we really appreciate it when parents are prepared to donate their time and skills to help us out.

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 we are working on Manaaki/Caring

- **We are kind**
- **We look after people and the environment**
- **We are good friends to others**

Look at the voting box, School Movie votes have increased over the last couple of weeks as the students are getting closer to reaching their target, followed closely by Toy and Teddy Day. It is fantastic to see how many tokens have been placed in the voting box as this reflects the acknowledgement of our students showing the Plateau School Values.



If your child brings home one of our Plateau School values cards, please take the time to congratulate them on the value they have shown and talk to them about the reason they have received this. Then once you have seen it, they can bring it back to school and place it in the Values Card Box to go in the draw for 10 minutes free time on a Friday. The draw takes place every Friday during Celebrations.

OTHER NEWS

School Holidays - We break up this Friday for the September / October school holidays. School will resume for Term 4 on Monday 12th October. We hope you all have a great holiday!

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 Signmees, 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

September

Friday 25th - Last Day of Term 3

October

Monday 12th - First Day of Term 4

Thursday 15th - National NZ Shakeout Day

Friday 23rd - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)

Monday 26th - Labour Day (School Closed)

November

Tuesday 10th - Interschool Athletics

Wed 11th - Interschool Athletics (1st Postponement Date)

Tuesday 17th - Interschool Athletics (2nd Postponement Date)

Thursday 19th - Year 3/4 Camp at Brookfield

Tuesday 24th - BMX Challenge

December

Monday 14th - Year 6 Class Placement Afternoon Visit at Maidstone
Intermediate, 3pm - 6pm

Tuesday 15th - Last day of Term 4

TERM DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

Term Three - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term Four - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

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

- Friday 23 October

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.



Tots to Teens Magazine - The link to the latest issue is:
<https://readymag.com/TOTSTOTEENS/NS12/>

IN THIS ISSUE - parents can **win \$600** worth of amazing Jamie Kay clothing! We have 5 ways a special furry friend can help **your child's mental health** (check out adorable Jett and Noah on our cover) , ways to match your child's personality to the right childcare option and our experts help with understanding **allergy symptoms** (not to be confused with colds and flu!) . We hope to inspire you with a mountain theme **bedroom redo** for three adventurous brothers and our Food Editor has come up with two delicious kid-friendly recipes including uber-healthy **spinach**. We have a ton of ideas and tips on **travelling NZ with kids** including a **\$1000 family getaway in Wairarapa** up for grabs. There are a multitude of toys and books to **win** and a **Family Fun** page to enjoy .





The Best family day out, Racing, fun
with friends and loads of kids activities

Pony Rides - The Bush Ponies
Fear Factory Ghost Race
Colouring in Competition
Kids Gardening Clinic
Life Flight helicopter virtual reality headset
Stockdale Farms
Emergency services display
Greyhounds as pets
Market Stalls
Spring BBQ
and MUCH MORE

Admission by Gold Coin



If you would like to play or try baseball this season. We have the Hutt Valley Hornets Baseball club that is the catchment club for the Hutt Valley region.

We have the following information for you:

1. **Open Day/Have a go day**
 - a. Sundays 13 & 20 Sept (10-12noon)
2. **Spring Trainings**
 - a. Sundays 27th Sept, 4th & 11th Oct (10-12noon)
3. **Wednesday Development League** commences weekly from **14th October** – Fee is \$60 (incl. top and hat to keep).
 - a. **5-6pm** we will be running Baseball 5 for Under 11s and new to diamond sports - A fun introduction to baseball for our young and new players. Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-FPwfwlOiM> for more information.
 - b. **5.45-7pm** we will be running Baseball games 13 years and under – coach pitched games between HV Hornet teams to give kids the opportunity to build on their skills in a baseball game environment.
4. **Sunday Travel League** (selected players) commences weekly from **8th November**.
 - a. Games played in Wairarapa, Hutt Valley, Wellington and Levin. Players must commit to attending these games to ensure HV Hornets club and player eligibility for NZ National tournament.
 - b. 13U the fee is an additional \$40 (additional to the Development League).

Click on the following link to register you or your child for an exciting season with the HV Hornets Baseball Club. <https://www.sporty.co.nz/huttvalleybaseballclub/Registration-1/Season-1>

New home base, additional diamonds, and more fun with Baseball 5 added into the mix for our younger players!

IMPORTANT TO NOTE WHEN REGISTERING:

1. Choose either Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt or Wainuiomata but NOTE that Upper Hutt and Wainuiomata locations will commence when sites are ready.
2. All baseball will be at Naenae park until such time the other locations are available. Mid-week Development League is held on a Wednesday.
3. 13U, 16U, 19U and Open Mens Leagues; players will be selected depending on numbers registered and shown interest. Please show your interest if you would like to play in these leagues on a Sunday by ticking these grades.

Here is the link to our Facebook page for future posts and updates

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

Junior Cricket Upper Hutt

COME AND PLAY CRICKET IN 2020!

Softball Cricket is **THE** awesome summer game for kids aged 4 to 12. Games range between one and one and a half hours long and non-stop for the kids. All equipment is provided, so you don't have to buy any gear to play.

Joining **Junior Cricket Upper Hutt** is a great way for girls and boys to learn new skills, meet new friends and start summer with a six!

Playing times during the season:

Age 7–9: 1 hour on Saturdays
between 8-11am + 1 weekday
practice

Age 9–11: 1.5 hours on Saturdays
between 8-11am + 1 weekday
practice



For more information on joining
the club contact us:

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OPEN DAY 10th Oct TMP Park