

23 June 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Chocolate and Lolly Day! - We are a PB4L school as you are aware, and part of our approach is a whole school reward for following the school values. The children have chosen their favourite reward from the 3 options they voted for last year. They voted with tokens that they earn through showing our school values. More information about the "Chocolate and lolly Day" reward is below (in the PB4L News).



Sara Francken - It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform our community that Sara, who has been working at Plateau for 7 years now, will be moving on to take up a full time position at Belmont School teaching a New Entrant class.

Sara has been an outstanding teacher, and as well as having 2 children of her own while she has been at Plateau, she has taught most of the children at school at one time or another. We will miss Sara's cheery, can-do approach and all the catch ups in the staffroom. I know many of our parents know Sara well and will want to pop in and farewell her before she leaves.

All the very best Sara in your new school, you will be missed!

Before and After School Drop-Offs - A huge thank you to our parents and school community for their support in our new school drop-off and collection process. We continue to see the benefits of the school gate drop off, with our tamariki showing amazing independence, and settling into school a lot quicker.

Absences - We have a very high number of students absent at the moment due to sickness. Can you please ensure you ring the office and leave a message on our absence option, or email office@plateau.school.nz by 9am please. (Also if you have any messages after 12.30pm, please do not use this email as Suzanne is only here until 12.30pm each day. Therefore, please phone the school office to ensure we get your message.) If your child is absent for 5 or more days, we require a medical certificate for them from your doctor. Thanks.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Kia ora whānau

It's been one year since you elected us as your Board of Trustees. We want to take this opportunity to let you know what we have been working on over this time.

The role of the Board:

The board sets the direction for the school (through policies and plans) and the principal is responsible for getting us there. Our most important responsibility is for student achievement. This means that the board is responsible for making sure that all students are getting a high-quality education that will prepare them to survive and thrive in the world by the time they leave school. To achieve this, the board is also legally responsible for the curriculum (what is taught), property, personnel, finance and health and safety. We are elected for a 3-year term.

The Board's focus over the last year:

Over the last year the Board has focused on:

- Reviewing our Charter and Strategic Plan which set out the community's vision for the school and what the Board will do to achieve it.
- Developing a work program for the Board to make sure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and in the best

interests of our students.

- Changing the way we manage our policies and procedures - we now have all our policies online, regularly reviewed, and available to our school community.
- Approved a 10 Year Property Plan to maintain and improve our school facilities.

Our current focus:

Our priorities for the rest of this year are:

- Putting our Charter and Strategic Plan into action
- Student achievement
- Communication between the school and families

Thank you all for your support so far. We look forward to working with you more this year. You are always welcome at our meetings, the next is at 6.30pm, 21st July 2020.

If you want more information:

Here are some useful links if you want to find out more about:

- [The role of Boards of Trustees](#)
- [Plateau School Board of Trustees](#) - who we are
- [Plateau's policies](#) -use "plateau" as the user name and "heart" as the password
- Our [Charter/Strategic Plan](#).

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 Whakaute/Respect

- We listen to others
- We treat other people as we would like to be treated
- We respect property

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana
A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae

It's PB4L Celebration Time!

Students have been focused on living our values, earning many, many tokens and have then been casting their votes. This week, as a school we have achieved our target...Chocolate and Lolly Day!



We congratulate Plateau learners, as this has taken two and a half terms to achieve our school-wide reward together. Now it's time to celebrate

We will be holding our reward day after 'Celebration Assembly' this Friday.

We have been busy planning a variety of Chocolate and Lolly activities.

On Friday all students can come in their whanau colours and will have an opportunity toretrieve a 'Golden Ticket', design their own chocolate playdough creation, use their Plateau School reward money to go shopping at our Lolly Shop, and play Candyland with their buddy. We will also be screening Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory throughout the day.



Students will be receiving rewards throughout the day, but we have been careful not to overload them on sugar at school or at 3pm!

Thanks to our PB4L team, and staff for the planning thus far...for what will be our very memorable Chocolate and Lolly Day.

**Currently we have numerous students away unwell. For those who are absent on Friday; their Chocolate and Lolly Rewards will be bagged up, ready for their healthy return to school.*

KIVA NEWS

KiVa at Plateau School

KiVa means against bullying. We have begun KiVa in 2020 as a school.



Why KiVa?

It's a proven successful programme to reduce bullying in a number of countries worldwide.

KiVa is an evidence-based program to prevent and reduce bullying. Support from Victoria University will help us implement and track it's success over a period of years.

KiVa was introduced to New Zealand in 2014 and is now active in more than 40 schools across the country, supporting children from Years 2 - 10 to proactively manage bullying.

What does this mean for Plateau?

All staff have been trained in recognising bullying and having a consistent approach to dealing with incidents of bullying at school. Learners throughout the year will work on a series of lessons to help them reduce, prevent and minimise bullying.

What is bullying? Harmful behaviour/degrading treatment which is

- deliberate
- Repeated
- targeted at a relatively defenseless or a less powerful person

We have a key team of staff at Plateau trained in identifying and implementing the KiVa process to reduce, prevent and minimise bullying.

KiVa lead team consists of Sandra Moore, Sara Francken, Haylee Partridge and Elizabeth Morris.



OTHER NEWS



Disco - The Home & School will be running an end of term disco (Matariki theme) next Friday, 3 July from 6pm - 7.30pm. \$5 entry. Plateau School students only.



Fundraising Ideas - The Home & School would love to hear some fresh new fundraising ideas. If you have anything that you could offer, please contact Rebecca at hands@plateau.school.nz. Thanks.

Dental Van - Due to COVID levels 3 and 4, we have had to reassess our van visits to schools, and unfortunately we are now unable to complete all our van visits for this year.

We are prioritising schools with children with a high risk of dental decay. As Plateau School is low risk, the mobile van will not be visiting in 2020.

However we will be prioritising your school early in 2021.

If parents have any concerns regarding their child's dental care, need to update contact details or require an appointment, these can be done at our hub clinic. Please contact us on 0800 TALK TEETH (825583).

Maidstone Intermediate (Year 6 2020 Students) -



The timeline for 2021 enrolments are as follows:

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| Mid August | - DP will come to Plateau School to talk to our Year 6 students. |
| Thur 27 August | - Family Information Evening |
| Early Sept | - Year 6 students will visit Maidstone Intermediate |
| Friday 18 Sept | - Enrolments close |
| Monday 14 Dec | - Year 6 Classroom Placement Afternoon Visit, 3pm - 6pm |

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. Thanks.

Signmee - This is our communication channel between home and school re different events / trips, etc that are happening at school. 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.

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.

<p><u>Parking</u> - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

Friday 26th - PB4L Reward Day (Chocolate & Lolly Day)

July

Friday 3rd - School Disco (6pm - 7.30pm)

- Last day of Term 2 (School finishes 3pm)

Monday 20th - First day of Term 3

TERM DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

Term Two - Wednesday 15 April - Friday 3 July

Term Three - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term Four - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER - There will now be TWO Teacher Only Days this year (School Closed):

- Friday 21 August
- Friday 23 October

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 LUNCHES THIS FRIDAY.

NEXT FRIDAY, 3 JULY - Pepperoni Pizza OR Hawaiian Pizza - \$2.50 per slice ($\frac{1}{4}$ pizza). The Hawaiian will also be available in gluten free. Bring your money in to the school office on Friday morning with your order.



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SATURDAY DISCOS are back on Saturday 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club, [4A Railway Avenue, Upper Hutt](#). Entry fee \$10.00 includes skates/blades hire. Half price entry for one adult when accompanying a paying child 8 years of age or under. More info email rinkbooking@gmail.com www.skatewellington.org.nz or www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollingskatingclub. We are excited to have you all back! July school holiday sessions as usual. Check details on website under Public Discos [#skatelove](#) [#skatewellington](#) [#uhrsc](#) [#rolling](#)

