

24 September 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Busy Last Week! - As usual the final week of term is proving the busiest! We have our Kapa Haka group heading down to Lane St Church to perform tomorrow in the Upper Hutt Cultural Festival. We are due on stage at 10 am. The whole school head to Lower Hutt tomorrow afternoon for the production of the Lion King at the Little Theatre.

On Thursday we have our Values Reward to celebrate all the work the students have put into showing the school values. We will be providing popcorn and chocolate milk, and enjoying a movie in the school hall. It promises to be a great way to finish off our term.

Here's hoping you all have a great holiday with your children.

Planting with Ranger Steve - Last week, to kick off Conservation Week, Ruru and Kea went to Kaitoke Regional Park to do some planting with Ranger Steve and a group of Rangers from other regional parks. We were lucky enough to have a group of parents to help, and our special thanks go to Lorraine Johnston, Ian and Hannah Parker, Glennis and Allan Shepherd and Sue..... as well as to Ranger Steve. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to do this every year, and it is great to see the difference our planting has made to the park.

Change in Newsletter Timing - Next term we plan to move to a fortnightly newsletter. This is in part due to our use of other platforms to communicate with parents such as Signmee and Seesaw.

BMX Schools Challenge - Unfortunately the weather conditions were unsuitable for BMX racing last week. The organisers are postponing this event until the 7th November. Please pop this in your calendar if your child is keen. More information will come out on a Signmee next term.



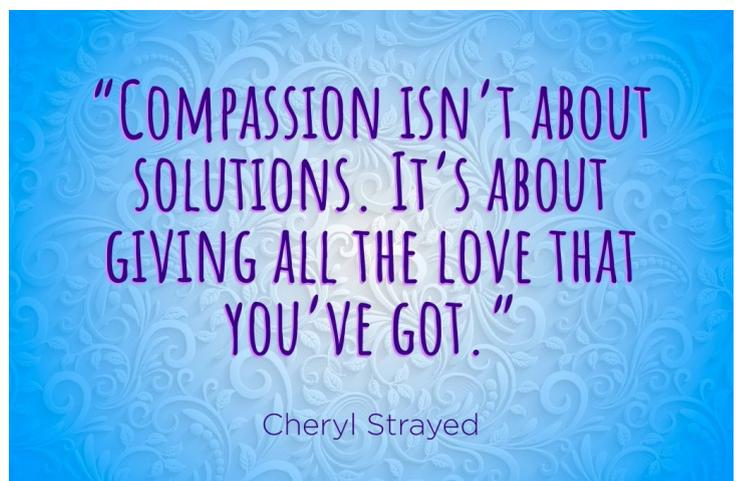
Super Hero Day - Thanks to everyone who dressed up as a Superhero and donated a bottle last Friday for the Gala - loads of great costumes in evidence!



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

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

Kea Kids Are Caring

Kea Kids care
Kea Kids are kind
Kea Kids share
Kea Kids forgive
Kea Kids help
Kea Kids are patient
Kea Kids listen
Kea Kids are friendly
Be like a Kea Kid, work like a Kea Kid, care a Kea Kid

By Hannah and
Baden



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Plateau School Gala Requests

The Plateau School gala is coming up on Sunday 10 November.

We are now taking donations of kids clothing, bric-a-brac / white elephant items.

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

There will be a committee meeting on Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm. You are welcome to come along - we would love to see you there.

Calendar Orders - Your child will be creating a work of art for their calendar. Orders for these will come home today, so please check your child's school bag. Orders will close early next term.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP 2020 NEWS

There will be a camp meeting on 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 in Week One of next term. More details closer to the date.

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 week 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

September

- Tuesday 24th - Home & School Meeting, 6.30pm
- Wednesday 25th - Lion King Show
- Upper Hutt Cultural Festival
- Thursday 26th - Values Reward (Movie, Popcorn & Chocolate Milk)
- Friday 27th - Last day of Term 3

October

- Monday 14th - First day of Term 4
- 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)
- Thursday 7th - BMX Challenge
- Sunday 10th - Plateau School Gala (10am - 3pm)
- 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
- Thursday 19th - Last Day of Term 4

**THERE WILL BE TWO TEACHER ONLY DAYS IN TERM 4
(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. 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 - Mince Pie or Mince & Cheese Pie - \$4.00 each

COMMUNITY NEWS



Your school community’s link to the September - November ISSUE digital magazine is available here <http://issue1909w.totstoteens.co.nz/>

We can’t believe we are up to issue #7 with our new digi mag. More and more parents are opening this version every issue - it’s incredibly exciting to see. Thank you all for your positive feedback, it’s important for us to know Kiwi schools and parents are enjoying the format we have chosen. We love it too. A lot of schools prefer to hand out the actual magazines, as parents find the online world very busy these days, and are keen to role-model book reading skills to their children. If all or some of your parents would love to receive a copy, please get in touch.

We’ve also included an image of the front cover of the latest issue and a short blurb about the articles inside, as an option for you to include in your newsletter or email to parents along with the link to the digital issue.

What's in the latest issue of Tots to Teens Magazine

In this issue, we have 25 simple and fun things to do with your young (and older!) children that you should definitely put on your family bucket list. We look at the magic of Fairy Tales in helping with children's reading. Also, how quiet time is good for all kids, as it's a lifetime skill we can help our kids to learn. We ask the question "What *else* are computers good for?" (as we're all well and truly over our kids' desire for gaming) and we look at how to start an early savings plan for university. Our Food Editor has three very delicious recipes using healthy seeds that are great for nutritious school lunches, and we have an eco-themed family fun page for all to enjoy. This issue you have the chance to win a \$6,500 family holiday to the Gold Coast: Read all about this easy and close destination in our travel story.

We now have a fantastic new smartphone- and computer-friendly digital version of Tots to Teens for parents to view!

And a bit of history...

In case you don't know us, Tots to Teens magazine is a free community parenting resource for Kiwi families. We focus on positive, well-researched parenting advice to support children's reading, learning, behaviour, nutrition, health, well-being, and resilience. We have distributed 550,000 free magazines nationwide each year to families through schools, preschools, libraries, and Plunket for over 17 years.

To help support more New Zealand families, we are now producing Tots to Teens as a free digital magazine, using new technology that ensures an easy-to-read experience for parents, particularly for those parents who read emails using their phone. We want to make it easier for parents to read our helpful articles, and we're doing this by making it simple to share the Tots to Teens digital magazine in your school newsletters and emails to parents.

If this is your first time receiving the digital link, I'm contacting your school to ask you to take part in our schools programme to receive the latest issue of Tots to Teens as a digital magazine, which you can share with your school community. Parents can access the latest issue of Tots to Teens for free through this link. It's easy to open and there are no big files to download, and it's secure – parents can only access their digital copy of Tots to Teens magazine through this link via their local school.

Have we sent our digital version of Tots to Teens Magazine to the right person in your school? If not, please let us know by emailing aana@totstoteens.co.nz.

We'd love to hear your feedback, so please keep in touch and let us know what you think.



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