

25 August 2020

## KIA ORA KOUTOU

**Plateau School Health Survey** - Every two years NZ schools are required to consult with their community in order to adopt a statement on the delivery of the health curriculum. (Section 60B Education Act 1989).

We encourage all parents to take a few minutes to give us some feedback on this important area, especially in light of recent/current events.

The survey will close on the 28th August

<https://forms.gle/t7zmxsPeMQwrxStr6>



**COVID Situation Update and Reminders for Parents at Level 2** - As you are probably aware schools in Wellington are currently at Alert Level 2 at least until the end of this week. At Level 2 we ask parents to be aware of the following key messages for Plateau School:

If your child is even slightly sick, please keep them at home. This is vital in stopping the spread of sickness across the school. This includes even minor symptoms such as a cold, slightly sore throat, cough, etc. Students who come to school and present as sick will be sent home. We ask that you are vigilant with this.

The school grounds are for students only where possible. We would like to keep the school grounds as a student only space.

If you do need to come onto school grounds you will need to scan the QR code around the school entrance.

At pick up time we have staggered pickups at the School Gate at 2:50 ( Juniors and siblings) and 3pm (Senior students).

Ideally, only students and staff are to be in classrooms in Level 2. In classrooms students will be asked to give each other space where possible and keep out of each other's breathing zones.

All classrooms have been provided hand sanitiser. Children will be required to sanitise as they enter and exit classrooms. Hand washing with soap and warm water in bathrooms is also available. These practices will be discussed with children in classrooms.

**Drinking fountains will be unavailable** while we are at Level 2 and we ask that students bring their own drink bottles for use during the day.

Celebration on Friday will be based around Junior and Senior schools independently. No whole school celebration and no parents sorry.

Face masks are not required under Level 2 in schools.

Before and After School Care continue at Level 2.

**Upper Hutt Schools Cluster Information** - The Upper Hutt Cluster continues to work closely together as we have for a number of years. Our cluster includes all primary, intermediate and secondary schools, as well as Whānau Manaaki, our local kindergarten association. We work together towards our vision of *shaping our future through engaging learning pathways for nga ākonga (learners)*. We are focused on ensuring the best possible outcomes for students across our city.

We have a strategic plan for the cluster which has 3 key strategic goals with action points:

1. *Develop agentic learners across the UH Cluster, with a focus on unpacking what is essential for all students to learn and how schools can work together to support our students as they transition through their education.*
2. *Having a resources model and plan that considers people, funds, time and their allocation across the cluster, working on bringing key resource groups together to support our students and the work of schools, developing processes around our recently appointed Learning Support Coordinators, and looking at how we can share and access resources to support our work.*
3. *Strengthen the capability of teachers and leaders within the UH Cluster which has a focus on providing quality professional learning opportunities for staff working in our schools across the cluster. This has included shared teacher only days and providing opportunities for our teachers and school leaders to learn alongside and from each other.*

We are also focused on making sure our practices are culturally responsive for all members of our community. Our work was recently highlighted by the **NZ Principals' Federation** as a great example of schools collaborating together.

Part of our strategic plan is to ensure we keep our community informed of our work together. We are incredibly proud to be in such a collaborative, hardworking and innovative cluster and we know our students across all of our schools are benefiting from the dedicated and united approach to getting the best outcomes for our students.

**Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini**

We cannot succeed without the support of those around us

# 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

It is great to see the tokens being accumulated. The voting taking place is being watched very closely by our students, who can often be seen looking at the boxes and keeping an eye on which reward is in top place. It seems at this time it is difficult to predict which one is the most popular, in the past there has always been a clear favourite. We look forward to seeing the tokens grow toward their next reward as our students are being recognised for showing our Plateau School values.

We have a school focus at the moment on Whakaute/ Respect, through the behaviour data collected throughout the school we have identified this as a need. It would be wonderful if you could discuss the value that we share with you through our newsletter with your child/children, relating this to their experiences at home and in the community. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful students who overall do show our values time and time again, although at times it is necessary to remind everyone the importance of this. Thank you for your support.

## OTHER NEWS

**Scholastic Book Club** - The latest issue (Issue 6) is open now for ordering. Booklets will be sent home today and can be ordered online through the parent loop. Orders close Monday 7 September.

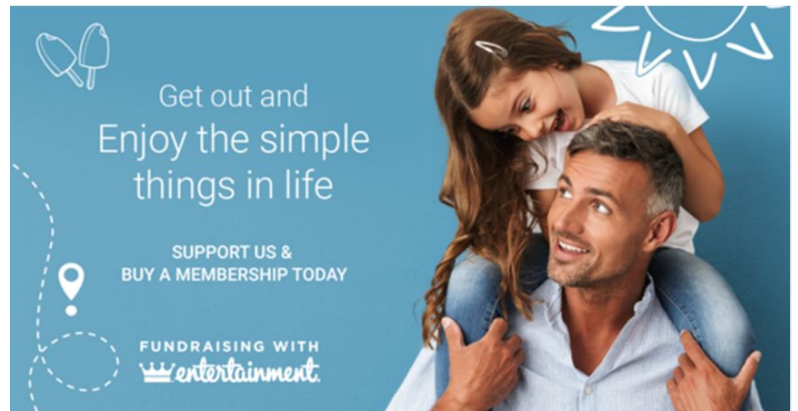
**School Gardens** - With spring nearly upon us, our gardening team will soon be prepping the school's garden beds for the planting season ahead. If you keep livestock and could possibly bring in a sack or two of manure (cow, horse,

sheep), our team would really appreciate it - as will the gardens! The sacks can be left beside the school's compost bins.

We are also seeking new members to join our gardening team of school parents, which usually meets to garden for an hour or so, once a week on a weekday morning (currently Wednesdays). If you are interested, please call Kate on 021 146-4115 or email her at: [katedowling200@gmail.com](mailto:katedowling200@gmail.com)

### **Entertainment Book Fundraiser** -

Entertain the family, save money and support our Fundraising whilst enjoying the simple things in life! Help yourself to savings and support local today, 20% of every membership sold helps support Plateau School



<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/10531r1>

Thank you for your support and please share with your friends and family!



**Daffodil Day** - Once again we will be supporting the annual Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Cancer Society. This is happening this Friday 28 August, and we will have a coin trail in each classroom, so please send your child along with a gold coin donation, and they will receive a fabric daffodil or sticker.

**Onesie Day** - This is another great cause that we fundraise for each year. This year Onesie day is on Friday 4th September, so come along in your Onesie and bring a gold coin donation!



**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:

- Thur 27 August - Family Information Evening, **Cancelled** due to being in Level 2
- Tues 8 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.

**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***

### **August**

- Wed 26th - School Photos
- Thursday 27th - School Photos
- Friday 28th - Daffodil Day

### **September**

- Tuesday 1st - Non-stop Cricket (years 3 - 6)
- Thursday 3rd - Non-stop Cricket (postponement date)
- Friday 4th - Onesie Day (Fundraiser for the Wellington Free Ambulance)
- Monday 7th - Science Roadshow (Kea & Ruru)
- Tuesday 8th - Year 6's Visit Maidstone Intermediate
- Regional Cross Country
- Thursday 10th - Regional Cross Country Postponement Date
- Tuesday 15th - Tee Ball (Years 1 - 6)
- Thursday 17th - Tee Ball Postponement Date
- Friday 18th - School Disco
- Maidstone Intermediate Enrolments for 2021 Close
- Friday 25th - Last Day of Term 3

## October

- Monday 12th - First Day of Term 4  
Thursday 15th - National NZ Shakeout Day

## November

## 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](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 or Fish Fingers in Bread - \$2.00 each.



*Ahoy  
there sailors!*

# **Junior Learn to Sail**

## **Heretaunga Boating Club (Petone)**

### **Junior learn to sail course:**

Tues 29th September Huia Pool 7-8pm











Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd October 9am-3pm Petone beach

**Course details:** [www.sailhbc.org.nz](http://www.sailhbc.org.nz)

**Contact:** [Instruction@sailhbc.org.nz](mailto:Instruction@sailhbc.org.nz)



Artrageous Holiday Adventure | 28 Sept - 9 Oct | For children 5 – 12 years

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<p><b>Lost Cities</b></p>  <p>Design ancient cities never seen before</p>	<p><b>Day of Adornments</b></p>  <p>Necklaces, Crowns, Capes &amp; Bags – Add a little extra to your outfit!</p>	<p><b>Magic Garden</b></p>  <p>Art for the Outdoors</p>	<p><b>uPSIDE dOWN &amp; bACKWARDS</b></p> <p>Paint with your feet &amp; draw upside down: A day of wacky art making</p>	<p><b>Out of this World</b></p>  <p>Outer Space &amp; Extra-terrestrial</p> 
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>
<p><b>Fabric &amp; Fibres</b></p>  <p>Felting, Fibre Arts, Fabric Collage &amp; Sewing</p>	<p><b>PRINTS &amp; PATTERNS</b></p> 	<p><b>Art of Scale</b></p> <p>Teeny-finy to</p> <p><b>BIG, BIGGER, BIGGEST!</b></p> 	<p><b>Mask Parade</b></p>  <p><b>Mask Making &amp; Face Paint</b></p>	<p><b>Power of Paper</b></p>  <p>Collage, decoupage pop-ups, paper folding &amp; more!</p>

For more information check out our website [www.artrageouskids.co.nz](http://www.artrageouskids.co.nz)

In addition to the scheduled programmes, our primary activities are always available i.e painting, drawing, 3D and construction. Activities can change due to the interests of the children.