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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

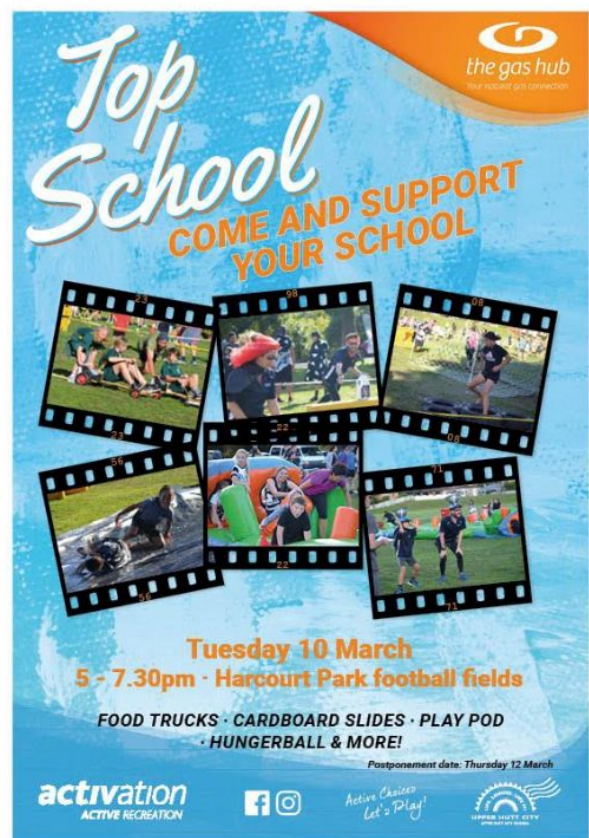
Welcome back!

School Picnic - We hope to see you all tonight at our School picnic- on the field between 5:30 and 7:30pm. Bring your blanket, food and drink. We will be giving parents a couple of short presentations on our KiVa antibullying programme and how we are using and plan to use our Linc-Ed system during the evening. Children will be taken for some field games while we do this by our teachers.

Movin' March- Fancy Feet Friday - We have been taking part in Movin' March for many years now and this year is no exception. While this Friday is not quite March we are using it to kick off the month by dressing up our feet. We will be having a parade after the roll and then heading to the hall for our celebration. Thanks are due again this year to Mrs Freemantle for organising the events during Movin'March. <https://www.movinmarch.com/infographic>

Top Schools - We are taking part in the annual Top Schools Competition which is fast approaching. It would be great to have lots of families down at Harcourt Park to support us. There are loads of fun activities for families while you watch the fun!

The event is from 5- 7:30 Tuesday 10th of March with the postponement date of Thursday 12th of March.



Any Issues? - From time to time you may have an issue come up that you would like dealt with. We have a system in place to deal with that.

This starts with having a conversation with your child's teacher first and foremost though followed by escalating this if required.

Our policy around this together with all our other policies and procedures can be found on our new dedicated website at:

<https://plateau.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Your Community login is :

Username: plateau

password: heart

Parent, Student and Teacher Meetings - We have our beginning of the year meetings coming up. These will be a chance to share important information you would like your teacher to know, or if this is your child's second year with their teacher to talk about their Learning Goals and how the year has started. The booking code is: st2qf.

To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and put this code in. You will then be prompted through the process to make bookings to see your child's teacher. If you have any problems, or would prefer us to make a booking for you, please contact the school office.

BOT NEWS

Kia ora whānau, ngā mihi o te tau hou

Greetings to you all! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

The Board held its first meeting of the year on 11th February. We approved the Charter and Strategic Plan. The Charter sets out the community's aims for our students and our school for the next 3 years. The Strategic Plan outlines the actions that we will take to achieve these aims. A copy of the Charter and Strategic Plan are attached to this newsletter, so you can have a look at what we came up with.

The staff, led by Nigel, are now working on developing the Annual Plan for 2020. The Annual Plan sets out in detail how the staff will deliver on the actions in the Strategic Plan.

As you may have seen, sliding doors have been installed in the senior classrooms. Feedback from teachers and students is that the doors are helping to provide quiet time for classes to work individually, while also allowing for students to work across classes when appropriate.

As we start the year, we are thinking about how we best consult, inform and listen to the community. We will be doing a survey later in the year to get detailed feedback from you about this, but if you have any initial ideas about this, please let us know.

You are very welcome to attend any of our meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday 24th March at 6.30pm.

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 Rawe/Aiming High

- **We work hard**
- **We always try to do our best**
- **We give new things a go**

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable, but it's real message is to be persistent and to not let obstacles stop you from reaching your goal.

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

Home & School Meeting - We will be holding our first meeting for the year this Thursday, 27th February at 6.30pm at the 7's Bar in Upper Hutt. We warmly welcome new people - so please come along and find out what we are all about.

OTHER NEWS

Mathletics / Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs, Performers, Activity Fee & School Donations - These all will have appeared on your back to school invoice. These are all voluntary payments and are tax deductible. We really appreciate whatever you can pay towards these costs as it is an expense to the school, however, if you would prefer not to pay (no questions asked), please let Sandra know so that she can take it off the invoice. Thanks.

Newsletter - This is the last time that we will be emailing the newsletter out to you. Newsletters are sent out each fortnight, and from 10th March onwards they will be available through Linc-Ed, our school website and our school FaceBook page.

KiVa - This year we are implementing a new antibullying programme that has been developed using research on bullying and incorporating experiences from previous intervention programmes used around the world.

Our staff have undergone the initial training in this programme, and we now have a KiVa team in place (Elizabeth Morris, Haylee Partridge, Sara Francken and Sandra Moore).

We will be informing parents / caregivers about the KiVa programme at our school picnic tonight at 6.30pm in the hall. As part of this programme, teachers are running lessons in the classroom.

Scholastic Book Club - The first Book Club issue will close tomorrow, Wednesday 26th February.. Please use the parent loop online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP. Alternatively you can download the Scholastic App on the App Store or Google Play.

School Hoodies - We are placing an order for school hoodies again this term. Hoodies are available in child's and adult sizes (S, M, L, XL). The cost is \$35 child, \$40 adult. If you wish to place an order, please email Suzanne at office@plateau.school.nz and let her know which size you would like and what you would like written on the back. Payment must be made with order and can be paid in cash or online to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000. Please use your name and HOODIE as a reference. Orders close tomorrow, Wednesday 26th February.

HOUSE-KEEPING

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.

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

February

- Tuesday 25th - School Picnic (5.30pm - 7.30pm)
- Wednesday 26th - Book Club Orders Close
- Hoodie Orders Close
- Friday 28th - Fancy Feet Friday

March

- Monday 2nd - Movin March starts
- Tuesday 3rd - Interschool Netball Tournament (Yrs 3/4, 5/6)
- Thursday 5th - Interschool Netball Tournament Postponement Date
- Tuesday 10th - Top Schools Competition
- Thursday 12th - Top Schools Competition Postponement Date
- Tuesday 17th - Parent Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)
- Traditional Maori Games
- Thursday 19th - Parent Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm)
- Traditional Maori Games Postponement Date
- Tuesday 24th - Quick Rip Tournament (Yrs 3/4, 5/6)
- Wednesday 25th - Wheels Wednesday
- Thursday 26th - Quick Rip Tournament Postponement Date
- Friday 27th - Teacher Only Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

April

- Wednesday 8th - Swimming Sports (Whole School)
- Thursday 9th - Last Day of Term 1 (finishing 3pm)

TERM DATES FOR 2020

- Term One - Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April
- Term Two - Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July
- Term Three - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
- Term Four - Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

There will be THREE Teacher Only Days this year (School Closed):

- Friday 27 March
- Friday 29 May
- 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 - Sausage in Bread or Fish Fingers in Bread (\$2.00 each)
Gluten free Sausage in Bread option available.

We will only have Friday lunches available 2 - 3 times per term and we will let you know via the newsletter and Facebook which days these will be, and what will be on offer.

Subway will still be available every Thursday, and is ordered online (as per above).

COMMUNITY NEWS



KIDS GO FREE AT STAGLANDS!

Great news! To celebrate National Children's Day on 1st March 2020, KIDS GO FREE at Staglands!

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**TAX RECEIPTS / DONATIONS** - Inland Revenue are now making it easier for families to claim back a portion of their donations made to our school. Here is some information from Inland Revenue:

There's no need to complete a paper form this year because you can now claim donation tax credits online in a myIR account, Inland Revenue's secure online service.

- You'll receive your refund much sooner.
- Your receipts can be electronic receipts, or photos or scans of paper receipts.
- Your receipts can be uploaded anytime during the year.

You can find more information on [ird.govt.nz/donations](http://ird.govt.nz/donations). Feel free to direct your supporters here too.

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TOTS TO TEENS MAGAZINE - Here is the link to the latest issue of the Tots to Teens Magazine: <http://issue2002w.totstoteens.co.nz/>



JACK 'n' JILL
PORTRAITS

Saturday, 02 May, 2020

**The 8th Count Dance Studio -
L.A. Tour Fundraiser**

Shelley

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Please choose your shoot time and pay your \$10 fee to lock in your time slot.

You can invite others to book their shoot at this URL:

<https://jnjportraits.co.nz/book/11422>

