

25 June 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Greetings all,

Well it's been a busy week at Plateau School. On Friday we had the opportunity to celebrate the first Plateau PB4L wristbands being awarded for living our school values. Stephanie and Tarn both have earned 25 values points for 'Aiming High'. Congratulations - we are sure there will be a few more wristbands awarded even before the end of term.

As you can see; the student votes are looking like the last election! Pet Day and Water Play are pretty evenly matched. Not long now and one will pass the winning line.



Rockin Bingo...

A big thank you to our Home and School Team for organising a fun event for our community on Saturday night. We appreciate your ongoing support and service to improve Plateau for learners and their families. Over \$1600 was raised on the night. Rock on team!

Asthma Performance...

We were pleased to host an Asthma and Respiratory Foundation show. Learners were treated to an informative and musical presentation about asthma. Over 12% of our school population suffer from asthma or other respiratory condition. We were also able to show our caring nature; another school can gain insight and understanding through the performance koha we shared.



Progressions Based Reporting...

Teachers have been busy ensuring everything is ready for the launch of our Linc-Ed Progressions Based Reporting next week. A reminder there will also be a Parent Information Evening on **Tuesday 2 July at 7pm**, where we will share a presentation with interested parents and be available to answer any questions.

Next week you will receive a login code; this will allow you an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the landing page and site. On Thursday next week we will aim to activate access so you can view your child's progress.

As a parent you can expect to see the following:

- One short general comment - regarding your child's learning and behaviour
- Reading, writing and maths goals - aspects of your child's learning that they have achieved to date as well as 2 or 3 goals they are currently working on in each of these curriculum areas.

Goals are highlighted as learners show evidence of their understanding and current ability. This has been somewhat time consuming for teachers in the initial setting up stages, especially in the senior end of the school where we are highlighting goals retrospectively.

In our Senior Maths classes, teachers are still working through the assessment procedures to ensure we have the most accurate data for our current learners. Therefore please note: for Years 3-6 students, the math goals and next steps will be fully completed around mid Term 3.

This new reporting process has included professional development for teachers too. We are continuing to learn, and also adjust our teaching practices in the classroom to align. We view this as a positive move forward for student learning and achievement at Plateau.

Lockdown Drill...

During our school day this Friday, we will be practising our first lockdown drill for 2019. We have been working on improving and clarifying our procedure. We are aiming for this to be standard practice for our students.

We will be using the scenario of 'a swarm of wasps'. We will support students through the process, as well as developing the efficiency of our working drills.

As parents please continue to support us through talking about this with your child at home. It is critical that instructions of staff are followed by all students at all times. In risk situations, staff have been trained in procedures to keep as many children as possible safe.

We have an emergency plan in place for any situation that should arise. If you would like to view our plan, go to <https://getprepared.nz/organisations/schools/> and type in our school name. This is updated on a regular basis.

Staffing News....

Our thoughts continue to be with Nigel with the passing of a close family member. It is uncertain at this stage whether Nigel will return before the end of this term.

Support Staff; at times our amazing team are unwell or the school receives small amounts of additional funding to support learners in the classroom. If you are interested or available to assist could you please email elizabeth@plateau.school.nz. It would be beneficial to have a small pool of parents who could come in and assist if needed.

PB4L CORNER

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.'

PB4L is about changing the environment, systems and practices we have in place to support students to make positive behaviour choices.

What has Plateau School done so far?

These are the first 3 features that outline progress towards putting Tier 1 in place:

1. Sustaining Principal commitment

- Principal, staff, and Board of Trustees commitment has been established.
- Initial meetings and training with the Ministry of Education have been completed.

2. Setting up for success

A PB4L team has been set up and has:

- Developed an action plan to put PB4L in place.
- Reviewed current behaviour management and rewards systems to see if they fit with PB4L.
- Reviewed systems for collecting data on behavioural incidents.
- Consulted with students, staff and whanau on school values.
- Introduced the school values.

3. Identifying positive expectations

The PB4L team are developing a matrix that will:

- Identify expected behaviours across the school (this will define specific behaviours expected across all school contexts such as playground, classroom, assembly etc.)
- Set out how expected behaviours will be acknowledged consistently across the school.

This week our Values focus is **Caring - Manaaki**.

Our key teaching points for this value include:

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



OTHER NEWS

Huttfest Tickets - Today is the last day for purchasing tickets for the upcoming Huttfest Festival. They are \$5 each. If you wish to pay via internet banking, please use your name and Huttfest as a reference, and we will send them home with your child. There will be door sales if you don't get a chance to get your ticket today.

Hoodies - Orders will close next Wednesday 3rd July, so please ensure you let Suzanne know what size you would like and what you would like written on the back. Hoodies will be here at the beginning of next term. Hoodies come in both children's and adult sizes (S, M, L, XL). Cost - Child (\$35.00), Adult (\$40.00). Please make payment to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000 and use your name and "Hoodie" as a reference.

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 in 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.

The Police are doing random visits to monitor driving and parking habits outside our school. Please ensure you drive slowly down Molloy's Road, watch out for children crossing, and do not stop on the yellow lines (even to drop off your child).

Signmee - Please note that you are able to go back in and change any responses that you have completed on Signmee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

Thursday 27th - Gymfest
Friday 28th - Lockdown Drill

July

Tuesday 2nd - Linc-Ed Reporting Parent Information Evening
- Huttfest Rehearsal (11.30am - 1pm)
- Regional Cross Country
Wednesday 3rd - Huttfest (6pm)

Thursday 4th - Regional Cross Country (postponement day)
Friday 5th - Last Day for Term 2

TERM DATES FOR 2019

Term 2 - Mon 29th April - Fri 5th July (98 half-days)
Term 3 - Mon 22nd July - Fri 27th September (100 half-days)
Term 4 - Mon 14th October - Thur 19th December (94 half-days)

THERE WILL BE A TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 25TH 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 – Soup & Bread (**FREE!**) - Bring a plastic or melamine cup.



STAY SAFE, HEALTHY & HELP OUR PLANET...



COMMUNITY NEWS

Dental Van - The dental van will be at our school in Week 2 next term.

FREE Dental Checks!

Students at your school are due for their *free* annual dental check-ups.

The Dental van will be on the school site this term. Once seen your child will be given a letter that may include details of another appointment which will be mailed to your home address.

Please contact us to change this appointment if required. Please search your child's school bag!

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call 0800 TALK TEETH (825 583).

We look forward to seeing you soon!
The Bee Healthy Team

Parents · Grandparents · Whānau

FREE

CAR SEAT CHECKS

Tuesday 9 July + Wednesday 10 July

Upper Hutt Central Area

(to be confirmed)

Bookings essential as spaces are limited

Most children are restrained when in a vehicle **BUT** around 80% of child restraints are found to be incorrectly installed or not appropriate for the child.

A child restraint installed incorrectly = an unsafe child.

A qualified restraint technician will do a **FREE** safety check.

Is my car seat installed correctly?

Contact Catherine Pulford

UHCC Road Safety Co-ordinator
catherine.pulford@uhcc.govt.nz





New Police Number "105" - The NZ Police recently launched a new **non** emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non emergencies, or you can go online at 105.police.govt.nz to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

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**Upper Hutt Public Library Holiday Events - Beyond the Page - An exciting literary festival for tamariki**  
**6 - 21st July, 2019**

*Featuring well known authors, illustrators, and performers, Beyond the Page is a festival brimming with literary adventures for tamariki and their whānau.*

*Follow Beyond the Page on Facebook, and visit [www.beyondthepage.nz](http://www.beyondthepage.nz) to find out what events are happening in your area*

*All events are free.*