

26 March 2019

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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

**Plateau School Gala** - Our Home and School Committee meet tomorrow to evaluate whether we go ahead with our School Gala or cancel it for the second year running. The issue is around parent and community support.

We usually raise \$10k plus towards Home and School Projects at our gala, and to not have this income for the second year in a row means our funding is in a holding pattern. The Signmee is in your inbox now and there are a big list of tasks to be committed to before we decide whether to push ahead with the Gala. I have popped the text from the Home and School Committee below. It would be great if some of our newer parents could commit to joining the Committee and helping with the organisation of the Gala. The meeting is tomorrow night, 6:30 pm at school:

*"The Home & School are in the process of organising our annual school gala, which is due to be held on Sunday 10th November. We did not have one last year due to having a new committee and the time frame involved.*

*In order for our school gala to go ahead this year, we need lots of help with the organisation of it, as it is a huge undertaking... and many hands make light work!*

*You don't have to join our Home & School Committee (although we would love it if you are keen to), we just need lots of helpers to spread the load.*

*The Home & School will be meeting on Wednesday 27th March to make a decision as to whether we have enough offers of help to go ahead with the gala. If you have any questions about what is involved, you can contact Rebecca on 027 420 6887 or email [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz).*

*Unfortunately if we do not have enough people committed to help, we will not be able to run a gala again this year, so any help would be greatly appreciated."*

## Parent-teacher Meetings



Students are welcome along to our Parent-teacher meetings as well, we will be discussing the information you have filled in about your child on the sheet that was sent out, as well as taking a brief look at our online Progression based reporting that will begin next term.

We look forward to welcoming you tonight. Please respect the bell times to ensure our teachers do not get behind in their meeting times as well as to ensure they can leave the class to have their dinner break and to leave in a timely fashion once interviews have finished.

Bookings for today have now closed, however, if you would still like to make an appointment for today, please phone the school office. Thursday will run from 3.20pm - 5.30pm. To book a time that suits you, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and put in the code "r2h5y". It will then prompt you through the process. If you have any difficulties, or would prefer us to book a time for you, please call the office.

**Current School Value Focus: Honesty** - Our goal for the next 2 weeks is to examine the value of Honesty. Honesty is inextricably linked to Integrity;

"Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people." — Spencer Johnson



If you can try and have a discussion with your child about the importance of being honest with yourself and others. Maybe highlight a time you were honest (or not!) and the impact this had - good or bad.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/plateauschool)

There are also two associated Facebook pages and our Flickr page which has a TON of photos from different events for you to peruse:

<https://www.facebook.com/PlateauHomeandSchool/>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/plateauschool/>

We are also on Twitter (@plateauschool)  
And youtube as plateauschoolnz

**Measles** - As you may be aware, there has been several cases of Measles notified in the Auckland area, and also in the South Island. While central New Zealand has been reasonably fortunate and hasn't had too many cases reported, we thought it timely that we give you some information about this disease. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the HVDHB with information. Suzanne has also been contacting parents who we are unsure as to whether their child has been vaccinated. If your child has not been vaccinated against Measles, can you please let the office know so that we have this noted on their file. Thanks.



**Twilight Market** - The Home & School will be holding a Twilight Market on Friday 10th May from 6.30pm - 9pm in our school hall. We are seeking stallholders at this stage, so if you would like a stall, or know someone who would be interested, please contact Rebecca on 027 420 6887 or email [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz).

**School Disco** - The Home & School will be running a school disco on Friday 29th March, 6pm - 7.30pm. Plateau School children only. Cost \$3.00 entry (includes an American Hot Dog - GF options cut off is 9am on Fri 29th). There will also be a treats table for the kids. CASH ONLY.

**Entertainment Books** - We will be running the Entertainment Book fundraiser again this year. The proceeds will go towards next year's Year 5/6 Camp.

Just a reminder that we will only be sending out books to those who have requested them through the Signmee sent out a couple of weeks ago. If you haven't already ordered one online, and would like to receive your hard copy, please complete the Signmee by tomorrow, 27 March. Thanks.

We have received the following information from Entertainment Books about issues with the Android App:

***"As you might be aware, late last year we launched a new version of the Entertainment Digital Membership. You've probably heard feedback, from Android users in particular, that the new App wasn't up to scratch in terms of the user experience they expect of us.***

***To remedy this, last week we rolled back to our previous App while we continue to work on refining the future App experience, to the delight of many Members. We are very sorry for any inconvenience to you or your supporters and have certainly learned what not to do in future!***

***If you or any of your supporters have any other feedback or need any assistance whatsoever, please contact me on 021 420 611 or email [lhorne@entertainmentbook.co.nz](mailto:lhorne@entertainmentbook.co.nz)***

***Thank you for your understanding and patience. We very much value your support of the Entertainment fundraiser."***

***Lance Horne  
District Manager***

To order your book before April (either digital or hard copy), go to [www.entbook.co.nz/10531r1](http://www.entbook.co.nz/10531r1)

Ask all your family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, etc if they wish to purchase one as well!

Thanks.

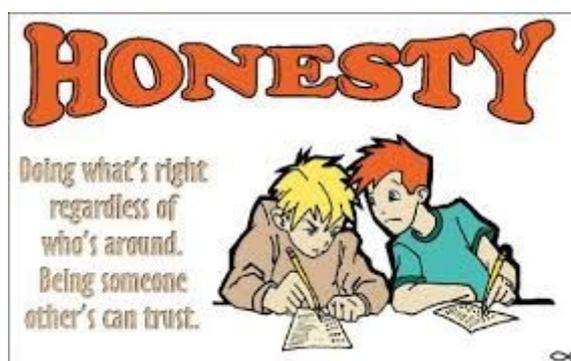
**Board of Trustee Elections** - Our triennial Board of Trustee elections will be held this year in May/June. This is an opportunity for parents to put their name forward to become board members. More information will come out closer to the time, but in the meantime, please consider putting your name forward. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact any of our current board members, Nigel Frater or Sandra Moore.



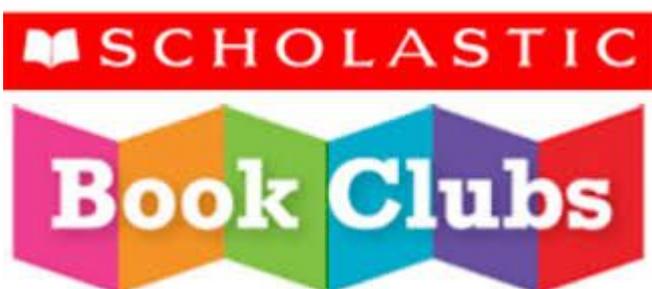
**Current School Value Focus: HONEST**



- WE TELL THE TRUTH.
- WE DO WHAT WE SAY WE WILL.
- WE ARE FAIR.



## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**



The latest issue (# 2) of the Book Club is now open. The last day for ordering is **tomorrow, Wednesday 27th March.**

# ***HOUSE-KEEPING***

**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.

**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).



**Safer  
School  
Runs**

When children arrive at or leave school, how and where you stop, park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility to be able to see each other.

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason - to protect our tamariki.

**CHAOS at the school gate...  
are you part of the problem?**



**Stopping &  
parking near  
a school**

*Everyone is only here for  
"a minute or two", but where  
and how you stop or park matters.*

Stopping on broken yellow lines, across a driveway, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky manoeuvres. They endanger children and other pedestrians and you may get fined if you choose to:

- Stop or park on broken yellow lines . . . . . \$60
- Double park . . . . . \$60
- Stop or park in front of or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance or driveway . . . . . \$40
- Stop or park on the footpath . . . . . \$40
- Stop or park on or near a pedestrian crossing . . . \$60
- Stop or park in a way that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians . . . . \$60



Choose to stop or park safely  
and legally every time.



Please put children's safety first at all times.



## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### ***March***

- Tuesday 26th - Parent Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)
- Wednesday 27th - Getwise Financial Literacy
- Thursday 28th - Parent Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm)

### ***April***

- Tuesday 2nd - Hockey
- Thursday 4th - Hockey Postponement Date
- Wed 10th - Thur 11th - St John's 1st Aid with students
- Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1



# PLATEAU SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
6 - 7:30pm

Cost: \$3

Includes an American hotdog  
GF options preorder only via email  
to [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz)



# PLATEAU SCHOOL'S TWILIGHT MARKET

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**10th MAY 6:30 -9pm**  
(set up from 5:30)

**Where: Plateau School Hall,  
Molloys Rd, Upper Hutt**

**Cost: \$30/table, plus a small donation  
towards a raffle**

**Contact: Rebecca on 0274206887  
email: [hands@plateau.school.nz](mailto:hands@plateau.school.nz)**

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**RAFFLE - A**



**RAFFLE - B**

**RAFFLES** - One of our ex-students, Chance Carroll, is battling cancer and is currently living in Australia. Because of what she is going through, her partner, children and extended whanau are having difficulty with covering the costs of hospital visits and extended periods off work. A family friend (who is also an ex-Plateau Mum), has knitted these baby garments and made up these raffle prizes in order to help them.

If you would like to support the whanau, tickets can be purchased through the school office for \$5 each. There are 2 raffles and 40 tickets available in each. Once all the tickets have been sold, the first three numbers pulled out from lotto on the following Saturday night will be the winners. The first number that gets pulled out will have first choice, 2nd number, 2nd choice; and 3rd number, 3rd choice.

If you would like to buy one or more tickets, please either send your money to school in a named envelope with raffle written on it, call in to the school office, or email either Sandra ([bursar@plateau.school.nz](mailto:bursar@plateau.school.nz)) or Suzanne ([office@plateau.school.nz](mailto:office@plateau.school.nz)) stating how many tickets you would like, and deposit the money into our school account (Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000). Please use your name and raffle as a reference.

What would you do if an earthquake happened now?

# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB EXERCISE

## Upper Hutt Central



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of April**  
10am - 12 noon  
Upper Hutt Primary  
School



Practice our  
community's response  
to an earthquake  
scenario



Help develop the central  
Upper Hutt community  
response plan



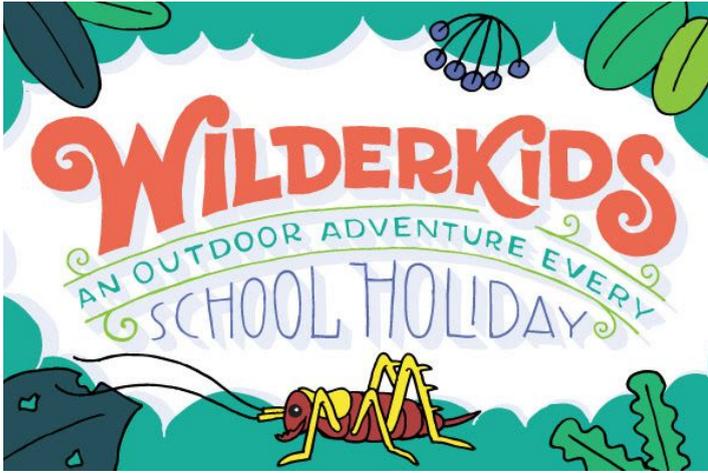
Join us for a BBQ  
afterwards!

For more information, contact  
your local emergency  
management advisor  
[ainslie.ryder@wremo.nz](mailto:ainslie.ryder@wremo.nz)



WELLINGTON REGION  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OFFICE



Kia ora!

We've got some exciting news to share! Bookings for Wilderkids 2019 Easter edition are now open!

And...

You asked and we listened! We are happy to announce that we have a longer day option\* for Wilderkids!

- 8.30am to 3.15pm (\$56 per child, per day)
- 8.30am to 5pm (\$76 per child, per day)

There's a 10% discount for full week bookings (and you can mix and match the length of days).

Also...

After much consideration, we've decided to bring back the \$10 ballot system for CSC holders. Our OSCAR accreditation remains in place if you wish to use this system.

*\*This is being run as a trial - at this stage Sustainability Trust makes no commitment to continuing this system beyond the April programme.*

*Note - Due to both Easter and ANZAC day falling within the April school holidays, we are running a shorter programme than usual. Wilderkids April will run for four days from 15th - 18th April. Future programmes will be the usual two weeks.*

**Sustainability Trust**

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**Visit us at Forresters Lane (off Tory St), Monday to Saturday, 9am to 4.30pm.**