

28 July 2020

## KIA ORA KOUTOU

Welcome back to what is going to be a busy Term 3! We hope you all had a fantastic holiday and ready for the term ahead.

Just a reminder, we will be sending out newsletters fortnightly via our HERO system, and they will also be available on our school website and through our Facebook page.

## ***BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS***

*Ngā mihi o te tau hou, te wā o Matariki*

Greetings to you all at the start of the Māori New Year. As part of the review of our school charter last year, you told us that you wanted more Te Reo Māori at Plateau. Our teaching staff are starting on a Te Reo Māori journey with the Kura Ahurea programme, which you can read more about in this newsletter. Through this programme, and other actions, we aim to incorporate Te Reo and Tikanga Māori in the everyday life of our school.

### ***We need a new Secretary for our Board of Trustees***

Our current Board Secretary is stepping down. We are looking for someone to take up the role. If you are keen, we would love to hear from you!

The role involves providing administrative support to the Board. This includes:

- Preparing the meeting agenda with the Chairperson and the Principal
- Distributing meeting agendas to board members before meetings
- Attending Board meetings and recording/typing minutes
- Distributing meeting minutes to board members
- Taking minutes for student suspension meetings
- Maintaining confidentiality

We generally have around 10 meetings per year and the Secretary role is paid at \$75 per meeting inclusive of preparation and follow up. If this is something that you are interested in, please email the Board Chair - Kate Hockings-Mackie for more information at [bot@plateau.school.nz](mailto:bot@plateau.school.nz)

**Thank you** - Finally, a thank you to our community. Schools may ask parents or caregivers for donations, which are voluntary contributions to help with running the school. It is not compulsory to pay donations. You can pay them in part, in full or not at all. We are very fortunate at Plateau that so many families contribute with donations. Without these donations we would not be able to provide such a wide range of experiences for our students. You can find out more about school fees and donations from the Ministry of Education [here](#).

**Next Board Meeting** - Our next board meeting will be held in the Board Room (next to the staff room) at 6.30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We will be looking at communication and engagement with our community, health and safety, and student achievement.

## 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 Manawanui/Resilience

- **We are brave**
- **We can be strong again after something bad happens**
- **We keep trying even when things are hard**



**Exciting news!** The students are now voting for their next PB4L school wide reward...I wonder which of their top three selections will win this time? Will it be a Toys and Teddy Day, Movie or an Animal/Pet Day?

At the end of Term 2 each class had representatives that met with Mrs Morris to share their own classes preferred options for the next school wide reward. From this they narrowed it down to seven of the most favourable ideas.

Students then voted for their choice, now it is the top three that the children will use their tokens to vote for.

How does the voting system work?

Every time a student receives a token for being recognised that they are living the values, they receive a point towards a particular value. When they reach a set of five value points for a value they are given a token to cast their vote for their preferred reward. Once any one of the voting boxes is full it is time for the whole school to enjoy the reward that they have earned.

It is with great anticipation as to what the next reward will be as we watch the voting boxes fill with tokens.

We are very proud of our students at Plateau, who are working on our school values and helping make Plateau a more respectful, caring, honest environment where students are encouraged to be resilient and aim high in their learning and behaviour.

## ***KURA AHUREA NEWS***

During our community consultation many of you highlighted that you wished we taught more Te Reo Māori and Tikanga in our school. We have been working hard to fulfill that wish.

Last Friday we started off our new Kura Ahurea programme with a Matariki Celebration. We started in the hall learning about Matariki, we shared waiata and kai and then went to rotations around our whanau groups doing Matariki related activities. These consisted of weaving stars, making kites, learning te rakau and making star boxes. We buddied our older students with our younger students.

Kura Ahurea is a programme which builds year on year to improve and make progression in our knowledge of Ao Māori. There are several elements to this;

1. Learning language in accordance with the Curriculum Guidelines (this will be built on each year so that there is progression across the school).
2. Waiata to help our pronunciation of words and to make connections.

3. Learning tikanga - protocols e.g. learning our mihi and what to do at the marae.

4. Exploring myths and legends in many different ways. Starting with creation and then exploring the myths and legends, and stories about our local environment.

We will be showing what we are learning in many different formats. So expect to see some artwork, drama, slideshows etc during our celebrations on Fridays.

I am particularly excited about this new programme and will be leading the team with this. If you want to know more please feel free to pop in to see me.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Pauline Roberts

## **OTHER NEWS**

**School Camp survey 2021** - Many thanks for the responses to the HERO survey that was sent to year 4 and 5 students' parents last week. We had 29 replies but are still waiting to hear from 27 of you - HERO is available as a very user friendly app on your Apple or Android phone for easily keeping in touch with messages from school.

We have had 28/29 people keen to push ahead with the Nelson Camp next year so far and the person who is a "no" will not be in school then, so it has been great to hear a positive mandate and gives us the confidence to start planning the Camp in earnest and to confirm bookings.

As an interesting aside, the cost of the Nelson Camp is lower than that of our Levin Camp as we run most of the camp ourselves including catering.

If you have not yet responded to the survey and you have a Year 4/5 student at Plateau please check on HERO.

**Reminder on School Drop Off and Pickup** - Just a reminder that after lockdown finished we did a review of our arrangements for drop off and pick up. We noticed our students (especially juniors) were so much more settled and independent with the "kiss and run" arrangement at the school gate in the morning. Also the end of the day was made much more manageable by parents waiting out of the line of sight of the classrooms until the bell goes, when the children are tidying up and getting ready for the end of the day. Parents entering the class or even visible through the windows are a big distraction.

We also said that Friday was a good time to engage with your child's teacher if you would like to as we also have celebration as well that morning.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews** - We will be holding our parent teacher interviews next week (Tuesday 4 August, 3.20pm - 7.30pm and Thursday 6 August, 3.20pm - 5.30pm). These meetings will be an opportunity for your child's teacher to discuss their social progress at school, and how they have settled back in, as well as giving you the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have.

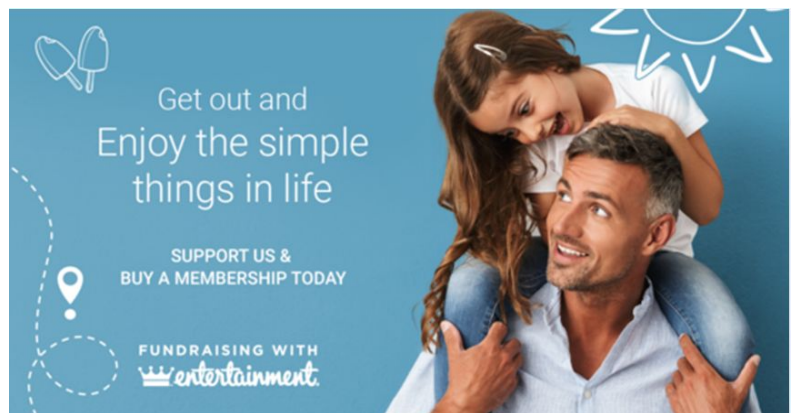
To make a booking to see your child/ren's teacher/s, please log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and put in the code vgkg2. You will then be prompted through the process. If you have any issues, or would prefer us to make a booking for you, please contact the school office. Thanks

**School Photos** - Our annual school photos will be taken on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August. Sue Allman will be the photographer again. This year prepaid envelopes will not be sent home, instead you can order online prior to the school photos being taken. The closing date for orders is 1pm on Tuesday 25th August. Please note that there will be a \$10 charge for late orders received after this date.

The link to the Sue Allman People Google form is: [PLATEAU School Photo Order Form](#)

### **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!

**Mobile Library Bus** - The new mobile library service Parehurehu will be at Plateau fortnightly on Mondays 1:30-3:30. This service began last week.

The bus will be parked just inside the school gates beyond the end of our office, and classes will visit the bus on a timetabled roster - 3 classes each visit. They are able to take books out on a class card.

They can use their own card if they have one. Any overdue or loss fines incurred on personal cards are not the school's responsibility!

**Home & School** - The Home & School will be having an informal meeting this Thursday at 3.15pm in Ruru. They would love some new faces on the team (and fresh ideas), so if you can spare an hour, please come along and see what it's all about, meet new people, and see how you can help support our school and tamariki.

**Daffodil Day** - Once again we will be supporting the annual Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Cancer Society. This will be happening on 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 daffodil and / or sticker. The Cancer Society will also be selling a teddy bear (pictured) for \$10 each. However, there is a very limited supply, so if you would like to buy one, please let the school office know by this Friday so that we can put an order in.  
Thanks.



**Scholastic Book Club** - The latest issue of the Book Club is open now. Orders for this will close on Wednesday 5th August. You can order through the parent loop on the scholastic website - [www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz).

**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:

- Mid August - DP will come to Plateau School to talk to our Year 6 students
- Thur 27 August - Family Information Evening
- Early 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. 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.

<p><b><u>Parking</u></b> - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.</p>
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# ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

## **July**

Thursday 30th - Home & School Meeting, 3.15pm (Ruru)

## **August**

Tuesday 4th - Interschool Basketball Tournament (Years 5 & 6)

Wed 5th - Book Club Orders Close

- Parent / Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)

Thursday 6th - Parent / Teacher Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm)

Monday 10th - Arbor Day Planting (Kea & Ruru)

Thursday 13th - Maidstone Intermediate Visiting Year 6's

Tuesday 18th - BOT Meeting

Friday 21st - Teacher Only Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

Wed 26th - School Photos

Thursday 27th - School Photos

- Maidstone Intermediate Family Information Evening

Friday 28th - Daffodil Day

## **September**

Tuesday 1st - Non-stop Cricket (years 3 - 6)

Thursday 3rd - Non-stop Cricket (postponement date)

Monday 7th - Science Roadshow (Kea & Ruru)

Tuesday 8th - Year 6's Visit Maidstone Intermediate

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



## 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 TWO Teacher Only Days this year (School Closed):

- Friday 21 August
- 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 - Ham & Cheese Toasted Sandwiches**

Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwiches (\$3.00 each)

(A Ham & Cheese Grilled Sandwich in Gluten-Free bread is available).



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**MARRZIPAN DRAMA** - Spaces are available for Marrzipan Drama at Plateau School running Wednesdays in Term 3!

Marrzipan Drama have gained a huge reputation in New Zealand for the development of shy children, especially those with anxiety, autism and selective mutism. Saying that, this is a class for the super crazy and dramatic types too, as we focus on positive leadership and social skills. Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date with weekly emails about what's been covered in class and why, as well as what you can work on at home. We have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions.

We have one class with a few spaces left running 9.15-10am on Wednesdays, Spaces are limited so please get in touch to secure your child a space. Register your interest by contacting Molly on [molly@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:molly@marrzipandrama.co.nz) or 022 436 5608! See you there!