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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Plateau Class Lists 2019 - Attached to this week's newsletter is a PDF document with the classes for 2019. Class lists will also be displayed in Mr Frater's office window.

We have tried to keep class sizes to a minimum in our Junior school, and are operating a dual entry system where we will have 2 New Entrant rooms that will start small and grow through the year. This gives our younger students the very best start to their schooling. We will be again running a teacher swap session this term to allow students to get to know their new teachers. This goes some way to removing the anxiety felt by children when returning to school to start in a new class.

Teacher Strike Action - New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have just voted about what to do to get government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We're agreed - we can't in good conscience accept the Government's latest collective agreement offer because it does not begin to address the crisis. We have therefore voted for an unprecedented second strike, to be held next month. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on Friday 16th November.

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

Through our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, we are asking for:

Smaller classes, so our children can get more one-on-one attention.

More resources and staffing to adequately support children with additional learning needs - this will benefit all children because teachers will be freed to spend more one-on-one time with every student.

A significant increase in teachers' salaries so that they are properly valued for their qualifications and responsibilities, and as a country we can recruit and retain teachers.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>

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

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



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CHALLENGES.
CHALLENGE YOUR
LIMITS.**

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CAMP NEWS

Fundraising for Year 5/6 Camp 2019 - Every Thursday morning this term we will be selling baking for morning tea. We will have gluten free options available. Please look out for the Facebook update each week for a sneak peek preview for what will be on offer. This week we are offering Gingerbread Men, and a variety of muffins. These will all cost \$1.00 each. Please bring your order to school tomorrow as we need to know numbers to make before Thursday. If you require a gluten free muffin / gingerbread man, please note this on your order. Thanks.

We will also be running a Quiz Night at the Tote on Wednesday 28th November, 7.30pm start. More details will follow.

Year 5/6 Camp Signmee - Just a reminder for parents of children attending the Year 5 & 6 camp next year to complete the Signmee (both permission and Health Form).

So far we have not had many responses / permissions for children to attend. If we do not have enough children (or parents) attending, we will have to cancel the camp as it will not be viable for a small number of students.

If you wish to apply to come along as a parent helper you will need to complete the application form by this Friday, 2nd November. Thanks.

Year 3/4 Camp 2018 - This will take place on Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd November, and organisation for this is now in full swing. Invoices will be emailed to you this week, and more information will be sent out shortly.

OTHER NEWS

Science - Our famous Science/Technology/Art evening is on this Thursday night, 1st November. We will start at 5.30 for a sausage sizzle which will be run by Kea/Ruru to raise money for camp. We will start our challenge at 6pm in the hall and we will finish at 7pm. There will be a certificate prize given for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place which will be awarded in Assembly the following day.

Please can you RSVP by 8pm tonight if you are intending on coming to the event so that we can ensure that we have enough materials. Can you also pre order your sausage in bread so that we can ensure we cater for enough people.

Please can you all start saving these materials whether you are coming to our event or not...and bring them to Ruru room.

Juice box or cardboard carton

Cardboard tube

Egg carton

Paper bowl or paper plate

Pipe cleaners

Thank you,

Pauline Roberts and Joanne Schroeder.

HOUSE-KEEPING

Medical Certificates Required - If your child is absent from school due to illness for 5 or more days, we require you to produce a medical certificate for us to keep on file. Thanks.

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 and 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.

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.

Parking - Just a reminder that parking is not permitted in the school grounds between the hours of 8am - 4pm. Thanks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- Thursday 1st - Science / Technology / Art Evening, 5.30pm
- Touch Rugby Postponement Date
- Sunday 4th - Whole School Pool Party (H2O Xtream - 12pm - 1pm)
- Tuesday 13th - Athletics
- Wednesday 14th - BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 15th - Athletics Postponement Date
- Friday 16th - Teachers' Strike Action Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Tuesday 20th - Athletics 2nd Postponement Date
- Thurs 22nd - Fri 23rd - Brookfield Camp (Years 3 & 4)
- Tuesday 27th - Danish Rounders
- Thursday 29th - Danish Rounders Postponement Date

December

- Thursday 6th - Whole School Zoo Trip
- Tuesday 11th - Christmas Concert (5.30pm - 7.30pm)
- Tuesday 18th - Last Day of Term 4

TERM DATES FOR 2019

- Term 1 - Mon 4th February - Friday 12th April (98 half-days)
- Term 2 - Mon 29th April - Fri 7th July (98 half-days)
- Term 3 - Mon 22nd July - Fri 27th September (100 half-days)
- Term 4 - Mon 14th October - TBC (94 half-days)

HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

School Gala - We have decided to not run a school gala this year, but will hopefully be able to run one again next year.



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 – Cheeseburger (\$4.00) or Works Burger (\$5.50).

STAY SAFE / GET FIT / HELP OUR PLANET... TIPS FOR THE WEEK



ROAD SAFETY SPOT: SAFETY OF PLATEAU SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES: Safety Belts - Did you know: Front and back seats in all modern cars must be fitted with safety belts.



PUSH PLAY! - Join your local martial arts group..



COMMUNITY NEWS



ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL



GALA



**56 Palmer Cres
Heretaunga**

**Sunday 4th Nov
From 11.30am**

Rain or shine!

