

5 March 2019

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## *PRINCIPAL'S NEWS*

### Cricket Opportunity - Day 1 of the NZ vs Bangladesh Test - FREE

**TICKETS** - Great news cricket fans! We have managed to score 55 tickets for Day 1 of the New Zealand vs Bangladesh test match at the Basin Reserve this Friday 8 March!

The tickets will be available for collection for Plateau parents and students at the box office at the Cambridge Terrace end of the Basin Reserve on the morning of the game. Please advise the ticketing staff of your name & school. The day's play is scheduled to run from 11am - 6pm with breaks scheduled from 1 - 1.40pm (lunch) & 3.40 - 4.00pm (tea). This is subject to the match outcome.



**Donations 2019** - School donations are crucial for small, fairly high decile schools such as ours (we are a decile 8) as higher decile schools receive less government funding per child. The average donation for Decile 8 schools in 2014 was over \$150 per student. Currently, donations at Plateau are as follows:

Families with 1 child at Plateau: \$110

Families with 2+ children at Plateau: \$160

This means we are still asking for donations far below the average for our Decile rating, but we also rely on grants (applied for by the school) and Home and School fundraising to cover the shortfall.

We appreciate your understanding that this has a direct effect on the level of resources and opportunities we can offer your children. We budget for an 80% return on the donations and like most other schools this is used to subsidise items such as; running our school pool, providing Teacher Aide support, buying books and other resources such as art supplies, Sports resources plus much more.

The donations are, as stated, a voluntary donation, but it is worth bearing in mind the positive impact this has on the school when we are able to rely on this income.

**Teachers Paid Union Meeting (PUM) - Our teachers will be attending their meeting on Tuesday the 19th March in the afternoon.**

To enable our teachers to attend this meeting we are asking our parents yet again to support us by **ensuring if at all possible that children will be picked up at 12:15 from school on that day.**

All teachers will be attending, so that means we have very limited ability to provide supervision in the afternoon.

A Signmee has been sent home so that we can work out how many students will not be able to go home for the afternoon. **Please check your emails and let us know ASAP so that we can start to plan for the supervision of the remaining students.**

Many thanks for the ongoing support and wishes in our negotiations, and once again we apologise for any disruption.

**Movin' March- Be in to Win a Bike!** - This month is Movin' March - thanks heaps to Mrs Freemantle who organises the amazing activities!

All children have a Movin' March Passport which they are able to tick off every time they walk to school from the Pou. 10 ticks and they have completed a passport and can start on another one!

The completed passports will go into a draw at assembly at the end of March and the winning passports will receive some great bike accessories.

Following that, we will send our passports into the Movin' March organisers where all entries will go in the draw to win one of six \$300 AVANTI vouchers. The school with the highest percentage of walk or wheel trips in each district will win a \$100 Prezzy card.



There is also a competition for families on the Movin' March Facebook page:

Snap a photo of your family's journey to school during Movin' March. It might highlight a small adventure or wonder discovered along the way, or simply capture a moment in your journey.

Post your photo publicly on Facebook or Instagram with #movinmarch. All entries will go in the daily draw to win a family pass to one of these fun destinations - Wellington Zoo, Zealandia Ecosanctuary, Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe and Space Place

**<https://www.facebook.com/movinmarch/>**

**Wacky Wheels Wednesday!** - Wednesday 6th March is Wacky Wheels Day.

These events support our "Movin' March" efforts (<http://www.movinmarch.com/>) which is about raising awareness about walking/cycling/scooting to school safely:

"Movin' March" is a month-long celebration which encourages schools across the Wellington region to celebrate all the great things about making an active journey to school.

Walking, cycling and scooting to school have many benefits for children. As well as being a great opportunity for regular exercise in the outdoors, they improve independence, physical and mental health, decision making, risk assessment and road safety skills."

The idea is to dress up your wheels to impress and we will have a parade to show them off at the start of the day. Any wheeled transport is encouraged- roller skates, scooters, bikes, buggies etc the wilder the better!

**Reminder: Picnic Time!** - On the 7th March we would like to invite all our families to a picnic on the school field (weather permitting). Bring your dinner along and something to sit on, and we will have games for adults and children afterwards.

We are also planning to have a short presentation in the hall on the new way we will be reporting on your child's progress using goals in an online way. We look forward to seeing you there.

We will be presenting to half our parents at a time - Red and Green whanau parents, then Yellow and Blue parents. This will ensure we have some adults and teachers around outside with the children. The sports trolley will be left outside for games 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](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



**Parent Teacher Interviews** - We will be running parent teacher interviews on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th March. Tuesday will run from 3.20pm - 7.30pm and 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.

**Capital E** - Our Years 4 - 6 will be going to Capital E on Tuesday 12th March, and Years 1 - 3 will be going on Wednesday 20th March. The cost per child is \$22.50. If you haven't paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also if you have not yet signed the Signmee permission, please log on and do this. Thanks.

**Top Schools' Competition** - We are looking for volunteers (both students and adults) for our Top Schools' Competition team on Wednesday 13th March, 5pm - 7.30pm. This is an annual event that takes place at Harcourt Park, with lots of exciting challenges and activities to compete in against other local schools. If you are keen to be a participant, let Cath Brattle know.

**Netball Registrations** - It's nearly netball season again! Registrations are due by **this** Friday the 8th March, a Signmee has been sent out! If your child is interested, please fill in the Signmee asap. Thanks.

If your interested in coaching and umpiring this year please let the office know.

Many thanks - Trace



**Current School Value Focus: CARING**



- WE ARE KIND.
- WE LOOK AFTER PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
- WE ARE GOOD FRIENDS TO OTHERS.





## *OTHER NEWS*

**Hoodies** - Orders close **this** Thursday 7th March. The cost is \$35 (child), \$40 (adult). Sizes for both are S, M, L, XL. If you would like to place an order, please email Suzanne on [office@plateau.school.nz](mailto:office@plateau.school.nz) and let her know the size, and what name you would like written on the back. Please make payment to Plateau School BOT, 01-0771-0207296-000 and use your name and hoodie as a reference. Thanks.

## *HOUSE-KEEPING*

**Hats** - All students are required to wear a hat at school during Terms 1 & 4 when they are outside (break times and PE). School hats can be purchased from the school office for \$17.00.

**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.



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 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





**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).

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

### **March**

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| Wednesday 6th  | - Wacky Wheels Wednesday                                 |
| Thursday 7th   | - Super Eight Cricket                                    |
|                | - School Picnic & Information Evening (5pm - 7pm)        |
| Tuesday 12th   | - Years 4-6 Arts Festival Trip                           |
| Wednesday 13th | - Top Schools Competition, Harcourt Park (5.00 - 7.30pm) |
|                | - BOT Meeting, 7pm                                       |
| Tuesday 19th   | - Teachers' Paid Union Meeting (see above)               |
| Wednesday 20th | - Years 1-3 Arts Festival Trip                           |
|                | - Top Schools Competition Postponement Date              |
| Tuesday 26th   | - Parent Interviews (3.20pm - 7.30pm)                    |
| Wednesday 27th | - Getwise Financial Literacy                             |
| Thursday 28th  | - Parent Interviews (3.20pm - 5.30pm)                    |

### **April**

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| 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              |

### **TERM DATES FOR 2019**

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| Term 1 | - Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> February - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April (98 half-days)     |
| Term 2 | - Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> April - Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July (98 half-days)         |
| Term 3 | - Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> September (100 half-days)   |
| Term 4 | - Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> October - Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> December (94 half-days) |

THERE WILL BE A TEACHER ONLY DAY ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

## SCHOOL LUNCHESES



**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](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** – Macaroni Cheese - (\$4.00)

Please note there is no gluten or dairy free option - sorry.

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



## 10 REASONS TO GET FIT

- 1 Get confident in your own abilities
- 2 Extend life expectancy
- 3 Raise quality of life
- 4 Look and feel better, dressed or not
- 5 Be in a better mood
- 6 Have a stress-free life
- 7 Be more energetic
- 8 Become more productive
- 9 Discover who you are
- 10 Become harder to kill

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**What's in the latest issue of Tots to Teens Magazine** - In this issue, we have great sanity-saving hacks for parents coping with kids back at school, including four ways to save money (and stress!), supporting parents of our new entrants, and eight reasons for kids to consider martial arts as an after-school activity. We have three delicious ways to include "wonder food" turmeric in your everyday family meals, five top tips for busy and tired mums, and help when you're thinking, "Uh-oh... What's my kid looking at online?" (a scary prospect now that our kids spend so much time on YouTube). Check out our amazing Rotorua story and make sure you enter our special competition to win a 4-day action-packed vacay to this great destination. Also, we're investigating why good old-fashioned nursery rhymes never go out of style, and why they may be integral to children's emotional and cognitive development. Click on the link to view: <http://issue1902w.totstoteens.co.nz/>



**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE**  
EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

Come join thousands of kids in NZ's biggest MUD RUN SERIES  
22 May - 22 August

For children School Years 3 to 8  
Enter individually or through your School!

doing our bit for cure kids  
Get Kids Active  
The only way!



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EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

**THE KIDS EVENT**  
Get Kids Active Challenge Day and Event Photographs are included in both the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge series back for 2016 across seven different cities! This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a unique format equally for them. The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will include many of the same amazing perks as the original adult Tough Guy and Gal Challenge along with all competitors receiving a stunning finisher medal, Hal Pizza voucher and the chance to experience the challenging obstacles, incredible views, hot showers and spectators.

**GRADES**  
1 Slow Askle Bites: Open to kids in school years 3 - 4  
2em Little Nippers: Open to kids in school years 5 - 6  
3em Big Rasicals: Open to kids in school years 7 - 8

**Finishers medal for all competitors**

WELLINGTON - Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May  
HAMILTON - Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June  
AUCKLAND - Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July  
HAWKE'S BAY - Monday 29th July  
PALMERSTON NORTH - Friday 2nd August  
TAURANGA (New Venue) - Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th August  
ROTORUA - Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd August

For more info visit: [www.eventpromotions.co.nz](http://www.eventpromotions.co.nz)  
Phone: (07) 348 3301  
or email: [almea@eventpromotions.co.nz](mailto:almea@eventpromotions.co.nz)

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# Plunket Fun Run 2019

The Wellington Plunket Fun Run –  
Saturday 13th April at Rimutaka  
Rail Trail



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