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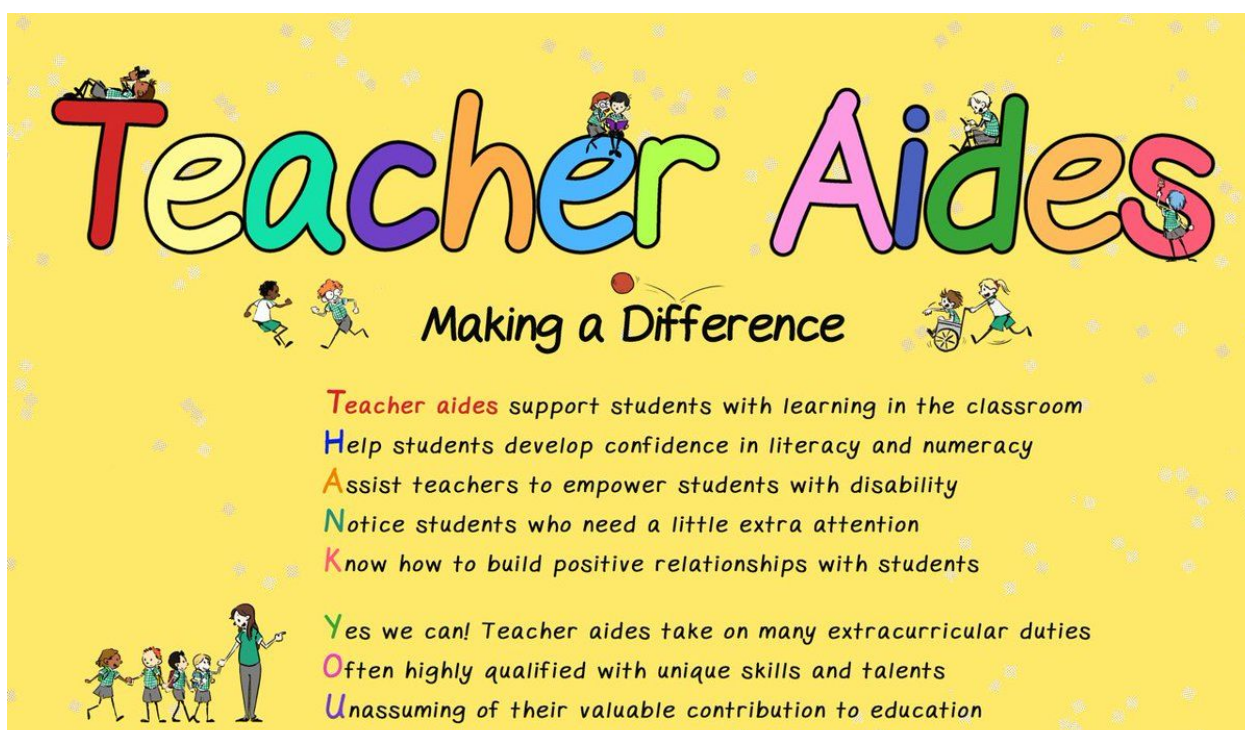
PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Teacher Aide- Jo and Lauren - We farewell Joanne Hodges this Friday. Jo has had all 3 of her children (now all adults) go through our school and has been helping us out at After School Care and during the afternoons. We thank Jo for her contribution and wish her all the best with her new job.

While we have Sarah Swan starting on the 27th August we need someone to fill in until then. The hours would be 12:30-4pm 5 days each week.

As mentioned in a recent newsletter we also are losing Lauren Lim who is moving to Brisbane. Lauren is working in Kea Class as a Teacher Aide. Again we have a gap between Lauren leaving and our new Teacher Aide starting. This role is 9.00-3pm for 5 days each week and will be for 2 weeks from the 19th- 30th August.

If that sounds like you, or you know someone who could help us out who is reliable, please contact the school.



Teacher Aides

Making a Difference

- T**eacher aides support students with learning in the classroom
- H**elp students develop confidence in literacy and numeracy
- A**ssist teachers to empower students with disability
- N**otice students who need a little extra attention
- K**now how to build positive relationships with students

Yes we can! Teacher aides take on many extracurricular duties

- O**ften highly qualified with unique skills and talents
- U**nassuming of their valuable contribution to education

Parent Teacher Meetings - We look forward to welcoming our parents, to discuss your child's progress this year. Bookings for today have closed, but if you would still like to come tonight, please ring the office to see if there are any vacancies. Bookings for Thursday will remain open until 10.30am on Thursday. To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and put in the code z7efq.

While you are in school please visit the library as the Board of Trustees would like you to call in before or after your appointment to help them out by answering some questions (see the BOT News below).

So come along and meet some of the new Board and give us your thoughts! Look forward to seeing you.



Enrichment 2019 - We have Enrichment starting next week for all students. There are some great options and we look forward to sharing some photos with you of your children taking part. Many thanks to the parents and community members who offered to run enrichment activities this year which means that we can have smaller groups and offer more options.

Lockdown Practice - Following our successful lockdown practice last term, we are planning to hold another practice over the next fortnight to ensure our plans work smoothly.

Year 3/4 Camp Brookfield 21/22 November - We are booked into Brookfield in Wainuiomata for our camp on the 21/22 November. If you would like to come along and support your child and help ensure the camp runs smoothly, now might be a good time to pop it in your diary and book a couple of days leave. A Signmee will come out shortly to register your interest. As Police checks are required for all parents attending camp, we need to get these lodged as soon as possible, due to the time frame they take to come back.

Teacher Only Day 29th October - The School will be closed on Tuesday 29th October. As part of our recent settlement with the Ministry for Education, the accord that accompanies the offer gives schools eight extra teacher-only days across the three-year term of the agreement, without extending the school year to cover them. We will use this day (the Tuesday after Labour Day) to meet and plan together as a staff.

Thumbs Up for PB4L - Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Programme is making an impact, which is great news! We have received the following note from Ineke (our Before and After School Care worker):

"Thumbs up to the learners and staff of Plateau School. I have been working at Before School Care for nearly four years.

Since the PB4L system started last year, I have seen a big improvement in the way the learners treat each other and adults too.

Most children are more caring and respectful to each other. They show more love and aim high to improve their resilience.

Well done - Ineke"

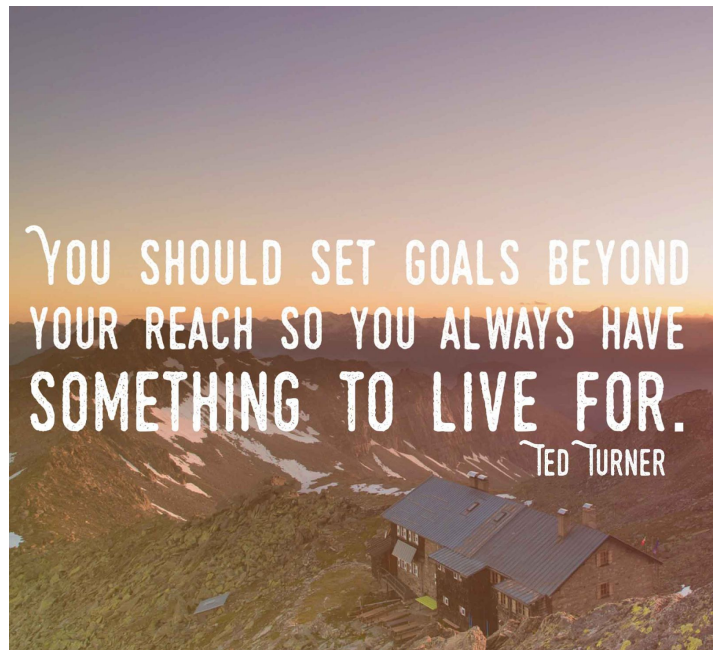
Plateau Facebook - All our blog posts, Flickr photos and recent school news are gathered on our Facebook page making it the "one stop shop" for school events.

www.facebook.com/plateauschool

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

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

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



BOT News

Kia ora koutou

A reminder that members of the Board will be in the library during Parent Teacher interviews this week to get your feedback on the school. You don't need to prepare, just come along and see us, and share your views. We would like to know

- what you want for your child/ren while they are at Plateau School
- what you think we are doing well at Plateau
- what we could do differently or better

We will have pens and paper so you can write down your thoughts. We will collect up these ideas and add them to those of students and teachers to help us determine what our focus should be as a Board and a school over the next 1-3 years.

See you then, ma te wā

OTHER NEWS

Headlice - Headlice seems to be doing the rounds again. Please regularly check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thanks.

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

August

- Tuesday 6th - Parent Teacher Meetings (3.20pm - 7.30pm)
- Basketball Tournament
- Wednesday 7th - Enrichment Parent Helper Meeting (2.15pm - 2.55pm)
- Thursday 8th - Parent Teacher Meetings (3.20pm - 5.30pm)
- Wednesday 14th - Enrichment Classes start
- Tuesday 20th - Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
- BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Thursday 22nd - Year 5/6 Netball Tournament Postponement Date
- Tuesday 27th - Firewise (Junior School)
- Thursday 29th - Maidstone Intermediate Family Information Evening, 7pm

September

- Tuesday 3rd - Football Tournament
- Wednesday 4th - School Photos
- Thursday 5th - School Photos
- Football Tournament Postponement Date
- Friday 6th - Onesie Day
- Monday 9th - Te Reo Week
- Monday 16th - Conservation Week
- Tuesday 17th - BMX Challenge
- BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Wednesday 18th - Final Enrichment Class
- Wednesday 25th - Lion King Show
- Friday 27th - Last day of Term 3

October

- Monday 14th - First day of Term 4
- Tuesday 15th - BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Friday 25th - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
- Monday 28th - Labour Day - School Closed
- Tuesday 29th - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

TERM DATES FOR 2019

- 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 TWO TEACHER ONLY DAYS IN TERM 4
(FRIDAY 25TH & TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2019 - SCHOOL CLOSED)**

SCHOOL LUNCHES

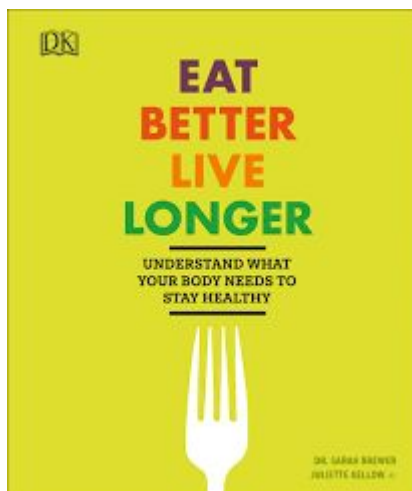


School Lunches – School lunches this week:

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.

Fish & Chips or Hot Dog & Chips (\$5.00 each)

Gluten Free option available (Grilled Fish & Chips - \$5.00 each)



**STAY SAFE,
HEALTHY &
LOOK AFTER
OUR PLANET...**





HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

PLATEAU SCHOOL'S BLACK & WHITE DISCO

Friday 9th August
6:00 to 7:30pm

Come dressed in black
and white

Cost: \$5

Includes an American hotdog. GF options pre order only via email to hands@plateau.school.nz by 3pm 8th August

Please ensure you order your GF American Hotdog before 3pm, 8th August.

COMMUNITY NEWS

House-Sitting - Our Before and After School Care worker, Ineke Kruger, is available for house-sitting over the Christmas / Summer holidays. Now is the time that plans are usually made for summer holidays, so if you require someone to house sit, you can call in and see Ineke or phone the school office and we will get her to get in touch with you.



Maidstone Intermediate

FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 29 August

7.00 pm in the School hall

Redwood Street, Elderslea, Upper Hutt.

Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to come along and see what Maidstone has to offer their children. After a welcome by the Principal and Student Leaders they will go on a tour of the school and see students at work in all the Technology and Arts areas and other students will share their options programmes. The school bands will also be practising and performing.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Quiz Night
Fundraising Event for Akatarawa Scouts
with QuizMaster Anna McMartin

Akatarawa Scouts fundraising quiz at Aston Norwood, Kaitoke, this Saturday night (10 August) at 7pm. Tickets \$10 each (pay at the door). Raising funds to help Akatarawa Scouts re-roof their building. Come along for a great night out!



“The Way Out Wacky Races” Trolley Derby

Saturday 21st September 2019

Rain off date 22nd September 2019

Twin Lakes Road, Te Marua, Upper Hutt

Racing will start at 9.00am

ENTRY FEES

\$2 PER RIDE ON A ROTARY KART

\$5 FOR AN OUTSIDE ENTRY PLUS \$1 PER TRIP

DOWN THE HILL

***A Fun Day out for the whole family
Come and test your skill down the hill***

(Min. age for entry 5 years)



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